## Interim Report January-September 2007

|  | Quarter |  |  | January-September |  | Full year |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| MSEK | $\mathbf{3 - 0 7}$ | $2-07$ | $3-06$ | $\mathbf{2 0 0 7}$ | 2006 | 2006 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Net turnover | $\mathbf{4 6 3 7}$ | 4662 | 4521 | $\mathbf{1 4 0 8 6}$ | 13762 | 18592 |
| Operating profit | $\mathbf{6 4 2}$ | 529 | 610 | $\mathbf{1 8 0 4}$ | 1714 | 2303 |
| Profit after tax | $\mathbf{4 3 8}$ | 329 | 382 | $\mathbf{1 1 6 4}$ | 1090 | 1459 |
| Earnings per share, SEK | $\mathbf{5 . 2}$ | 3.9 | 4.5 | $\mathbf{1 3 . 7}$ | 12.9 | 17.2 |
| Return on equity, \% | $\mathbf{1 0 . 6}$ | 8.2 | 9.5 | $\mathbf{9 . 5}$ | 9.0 | 9.0 |

- The Group’s net turnover for January-September 2007 amounted to MSEK 14086 (JanuarySeptember 2006: 13 762).
- Profit after tax was MSEK 1164 (1 090).
- Earnings per share amounted to SEK 13.7 (12.9). Return on equity was 9.5\% (9.0).
- The operating profit was MSEK 1804 (1714). The result was favourably affected by higher newsprint prices, while it was adversely affected by higher costs of wood and recovered paper, extensive maintenance and rebuilding stops and lower deliveries.

The operating profit for the third quarter amounted to MSEK 642, which was MSEK 113 higher than for the second quarter. The profit includes MSEK 105 on the sale of shares. Moreover, the result was adversely affected by costs and loss of production associated with a stop for rebuilding at the board mill in Iggesund.

- The market situation for newsprint in Europe has been affected by lower demand and higher imports. Holmen Paper's deliveries were 1\% lower than in January-September 2006. The prices of Holmen Paper's products were on average some $3 \%$ higher than during the corresponding period last year.

The market situation for virgin fibre board in Europe was firm during the third quarter. Demand for Iggesund Paperboard's products remained good but deliveries decreased by 4\% in relation to January-September 2006 owing to the stop for rebuilding. Price increases have had some impact during the third quarter.

- Holmen's Board has decided to invest in a sawmill adjacent to the Braviken paper mill in Norrköping.

| Holmen Paper | Quarter |  |  |  | January-September |  |  | Full year |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | :---: | :---: |
| MSEK | $\mathbf{3 - 0 7}$ | $2-07$ | $3-06$ | $\mathbf{2 0 0 7}$ | 2006 | 2006 |  |  |
| Net turnover | $\mathbf{2 5 5 6}$ | 2461 | 2547 | $\mathbf{7 5 4 7}$ | 7486 | 10140 |  |  |
| Operating costs | $\mathbf{- 2 0 8 8}$ | -2117 | -2078 | $\mathbf{- 6} 343$ | -6149 | -8472 |  |  |
| Depreciation according to plan | $\mathbf{- 2 2 7}$ | -229 | -224 | $\mathbf{- 6 8 7}$ | -678 | -913 |  |  |
| Operating profit | $\mathbf{2 4 1}$ | 115 | 245 | $\mathbf{5 1 6}$ | 659 | 754 |  |  |
| Capital expenditure | $\mathbf{1 1 7}$ | 180 | 90 | $\mathbf{4 7 1}$ | 403 | 686 |  |  |
| Operating capital | $\mathbf{1 1 7 6 2}$ | 11711 | 11912 | $\mathbf{1 1 7 6 2}$ | 11912 | 11541 |  |  |
| Operating margin, $\%$ | $\mathbf{9}$ | 5 | 10 | $\mathbf{7}$ | 9 | 7 |  |  |
| Return on operating capital, \% | $\mathbf{8}$ | 4 | 8 | $\mathbf{6}$ | 7 | 6 |  |  |
| Production, 1 000 tonnes | $\mathbf{4 9 9}$ | 498 | 519 | $\mathbf{1 5 1 2}$ | 1530 | 2044 |  |  |
| Deliveries, 1000 tonnes | $\mathbf{5 0 3}$ | 477 | 505 | $\mathbf{1 4 6 9}$ | 1488 | 2021 |  |  |

The market situation for newsprint in Europe has been affected by lower demand and higher imports. Deliveries of standard newsprint to Europe declined by $1 \%$ in relation to January-September 2006. At the same time the share of European consumption held by imports from North America rose from 3\% to 6\%. Demand for SC paper in Europe grew by 4\% and for coated printing paper by $4 \%$.

Holmen Paper's deliveries declined by $1 \%$ in relation to January-September 2006. Owing to the market situation it was not possible to utilise production capacity to the full. The prices of Holmen Paper’s products were on average some 3\% higher than during the corresponding period last year.

Holmen Paper's operating profit for JanuarySeptember was MSEK 516 (659). Despite higher newsprint prices in Europe, the result declined as a consequence of higher prices of wood, recovered paper and pulp, as well as costs associated with stops for maintenance and rebuilding. A weak US dollar and low prices resulted in a deterioration in the profitability of sales to non-European markets.

In relation to the second quarter, the result increased by MSEK 126 to MSEK 241. In the third quarter, personnel and maintenance costs were seasonally lower, whereas the second quarter result was affected by an extensive stop for maintenance at the Hallsta mill.

| Iggesund Paperboard MSEK | Quarter |  |  | January-September |  | Full year |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 3-07 | 2-07 | 3-06 | 2007 | 2006 | 2006 |
| Net turnover | 1239 | 1297 | 1294 | 3862 | 3924 | 5240 |
| Operating costs | -1 037 | -1 033 | -995 | -3101 | -3 115 | -4 133 |
| Depreciation according to plan | -88 | -86 | -89 | -263 | -266 | -356 |
| Operating profit | 115 | 178 | 210 | 499 | 543 | 752 |
| Capital expenditure | 209 | 120 | 40 | 430 | 221 | 351 |
| Operating capital | 4149 | 4088 | 3973 | 4149 | 3973 | 3935 |
| Operating margin, \% | 9 | 14 | 16 | 13 | 14 | 14 |
| Return on operating capital, \% | 11 | 17 | 21 | 16 | 18 | 19 |
| Production, paperboard, 1000 tonnes | 116 | 135 | 143 | 386 | 408 | 542 |
| Deliveries, paperboard, 1000 tonnes | 125 | 130 | 136 | 389 | 404 | 536 |

The market situation for virgin fibre board in Europe remained firm during the third quarter. Deliveries from European producers to Europe were 6 \% higher than in January-September 2006, mainly owing to strong growth in Eastern Europe. Capacity utilisation was high.

Demand for Iggesund Paperboard’s products remained good, but deliveries decreased by $4 \%$ in relation to January-September 2006 owing to the stop for rebuilding at the mill in Iggesund.

Iggesund Paperboard’s operating profit for JanuarySeptember was MSEK 499 (543). The change is due to higher costs and lower deliveries as a consequence of the stop for rebuilding.

The result declined by MSEK 63 to MSEK 115 in relation to the second quarter. The decline is mainly due to the stop for rebuilding, while personnel costs were seasonally low. Price increases have had some impact during the third quarter.

| Holmen Timber | Quarter |  |  | January-September |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| MSEK | $\mathbf{3 - 0 7}$ | $2-07$ | $3-06$ | $\mathbf{2 0 0 7}$ | 2006 | 2006 |
| Net turnover | $\mathbf{1 2 4}$ | 164 | 105 | $\mathbf{4 3 8}$ | 337 | 465 |
| Operating costs | $\mathbf{- 8 4}$ | -116 | -82 | $\mathbf{- 3 1 1}$ | -265 | -361 |
| Depreciation according to plan | $\mathbf{- 6}$ | -6 | -6 | $\mathbf{- 1 7}$ | -18 | -24 |
| Operating profit | $\mathbf{3 5}$ | 43 | 17 | $\mathbf{1 0 9}$ | 53 | 80 |
| Capital expenditure | $\mathbf{1 0}$ | 9 | 2 | $\mathbf{2 4}$ | 4 | 5 |
| Operating capital | $\mathbf{2 3 6}$ | 219 | 198 | $\mathbf{2 3 6}$ | 198 | 208 |
| Operating margin, $\%$ | $\mathbf{2 8}$ | 26 | 16 | $\mathbf{2 5}$ | 15 | 17 |
| Return on operating capital, \% | $\mathbf{6 1}$ | 79 | 33 | $\mathbf{6 7}$ | 33 | 38 |
| Production, $1000 \mathrm{~m}^{3}$ | $\mathbf{5 7}$ | 72 | 48 | $\mathbf{2 0 0}$ | 181 | 247 |
| Deliveries, $1000 \mathrm{~m}^{3}$ | $\mathbf{5 3}$ | 74 | 55 | $\mathbf{1 9 8}$ | 183 | 248 |

The market situation for sawn timber, which has been very strong during the past year, weakened slightly during the third quarter.

Holmen Timber's operating profit for JanuarySeptember was MSEK 109 (53). The improvement in the result is due to higher prices and increased deliveries. At the same time raw material costs rose.

In relation to the second quarter the result declined by MSEK 8 to MSEK 35. A normal production stop in July and higher timber costs had an adverse effect on the result. However, this was to some extent offset by higher prices.

| Holmen SkogMSEK | Quarter |  |  | January-September |  | Full year |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 3-07 | 2-07 | 3-06 | 2007 | 2006 | 2006 |
| Net turnover | 1074 | 1200 | 880 | 3440 | 2974 | 4042 |
| Operating costs | -932 | -1 070 | -774 | -3 018 | -2 618 | -3 485 |
| Depreciation according to plan | -6 | -6 | -7 | -19 | -20 | -28 |
| Earnings from operations | 135 | 124 | 99 | 402 | 336 | 528 |
| Change in value of forests | 10 | 85 | 57 | 107 | 99 | 115 |
| Operating profit | 145 | 209 | 156 | 509 | 435 | 643 |
| Capital expenditure | 5 | 4 | 3 | 16 | 18 | 29 |
| Operating capital | 9126 | 9097 | 8961 | 9126 | 8961 | 9001 |
| Return on operating capital, \% | 6 | 9 | 7 | 8 | 7 | 7 |
| Harvesting company forests, $1000 \mathrm{~m}^{3}$ | 642 | 672 | 655 | 1847 | 1852 | 2618 |

Holmen Skog's operating profit for JanuarySeptember was MSEK 509 (435). Earnings from operations increased by MSEK 66 to MSEK 402 as a consequence of higher wood prices. Biological assets (forests) are valued at fair value. The change in value, i.e. the increase in the value of the forests less harvesting during the period, was MSEK 107 (99). This change in value includes a revaluation of some MSEK 70, which was for the most part carried out in
the second quarter, as a consequence of higher wood prices.

In relation to the second quarter, the result declined by MSEK 64 to MSEK 145, which is mainly explained by the revaluation of the company's forests in the second quarter.

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| Holmen Energi | Quarter |  |  |  | January-September |  |  |  | Full year |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| MSEK | $\mathbf{3 - 0 7}$ | $2-07$ | $3-06$ | $\mathbf{2 0 0 7}$ | 2006 | 2006 |  |  |  |
| Net turnover | $\mathbf{3 5 2}$ | 344 | 395 | $\mathbf{1 1 2 8}$ | 1246 | 1691 |  |  |  |
| Operating costs | $\mathbf{- 3 0 7}$ | -295 | -401 | $\mathbf{- 9 1 6}$ | -1123 | -1476 |  |  |  |
| Depreciation according to plan | $\mathbf{- 4}$ | -4 | -4 | $\mathbf{- 1 3}$ | -13 | -17 |  |  |  |
| Operating profit | $\mathbf{4 0}$ | 45 | -10 | $\mathbf{1 9 9}$ | 110 | 197 |  |  |  |
| Capital expenditure | $\mathbf{3}$ | 2 | 1 | $\mathbf{7}$ | 1 | 6 |  |  |  |
| Operating capital | $\mathbf{2 9 4 7}$ | 2940 | 2943 | $\mathbf{2 9 4 7}$ | 2943 | 2965 |  |  |  |
| Return on operating capital, \% | $\mathbf{5}$ | 6 | -1 | $\mathbf{9}$ | 5 | 7 |  |  |  |
| Production of hydro power, GWh | $\mathbf{2 4 9}$ | 272 | 110 | $\mathbf{9 1 7}$ | 635 | $\mathbf{9 3 4}$ |  |  |  |

Holmen Energi's operating profit for JanuarySeptember was MSEK 199 (110). As a consequence of ample supply of water, the production was some $15 \%$ higher than is normal for the period.

In relation to the second quarter the result declined by MSEK 5 to MSEK 40.

## Group Central and other

During the third quarter the holding of shares in Norrköpings Hamn och Stuveri AB was sold to the Municipality of Norrköping. Capital gains on the divestment amounted to MSEK 105, which was taken into the accounts at Group level in the third quarter. Payment was received after the end of the reporting period.

## Net financial items and financing

Net financial costs for January-September 2007 were MSEK 196 (cost 186). The increase is due to higher market interest rates.

The cash flow from current operations amounted to MSEK 1660 and the cash flow absorbed by investment activities was MSEK 937. During the year a dividend of MSEK 1017 has been paid out.

Since the beginning of the year the Group's financial net debt has increased by MSEK 392 and was MSEK 6377 on 30 September 2007. The debt/equity ratio was 0.38 . The equity ratio was $51 \%$.

Financial liabilities amounted to MSEK 6 938, of which MSEK 4147 was short term. Liquid funds and financial receivables amounted to MSEK 562. The Group has unutilised long-term committed credit facilities of some MSEK 5550.

## Tax

The Group's tax charge for January-September amounted to MSEK 444 (charge 437), which corresponds to $28 \%$ of the pre-tax profit. The tax rate has been affected by the fact that the profit on the sale of shares in Norrköpings Hamn och Stuveri AB is not liable to taxation.

## Hedging of exchange rates and electricity prices

The result of currency hedges was a profit of MSEK 47 (profit 23), which is stated in the operating result. For the remainder of 2007 the main part of the Group's currency flows has been hedged. For 2008 around $90 \%$ of the Group's estimated flows in Euro and $15 \%$ in sterling have been hedged at average rates of 9.25 and 13.34 respectively. For 2009 some $30 \%$ of the flows in Euro have been hedged at an average rate of 9.37.

The price of the Group's estimated net consumption of electricity in Sweden has been hedged in full for the remainder of 2007. For the 2008-2012 period the prices of $85-95 \%$ of the net consumption have been hedged and for the 2013-2015 period some 70\%.

## Capital expenditure

The Group's capital expenditure during JanuarySeptember amounted to MSEK 950 (648).
Depreciation according to plan amounted to MSEK 1000 (1 002).

## Employees

The average number of employees in the Group was 4956 (4 996).

## Share buy-back

At the AGM held on 28 March 2007 Holmen's shareholders renewed the mandate for the Board to make decisions to buy back up to $10 \%$ of the company's shares. This mandate has not been exercised.

## Significant risks and uncertainty factors

The Group's and parent company's significant risks and uncertainty factors relate primarily to changes in the prices of its products and important input goods, and to changes in exchange rates. Apart from the risks described on pages 29-30 and in Note 30 in Holmen’s Annual Report for 2006, it is assessed that no significant risks have emerged.

## New sawmill

Holmen's Board has decided to invest in a sawmill adjacent to the Braviken paper mill in Norrköping. The investment involves a sawmill with the highest possible productivity and cost efficiency. The integration of the sawmill with the paper mill is expected to generate valuable synergies in wood procurement and infrastructure, as well as possibilities for effective energy solutions. The sawmill will have the capacity to produce 750,000 cubic metres of whitewood sawn timber a year. Production start is planned for the autumn of 2009. It is estimated that the investment cost will amount to approximately SEK 1.1 billion.

Stockholm, 26 October 2007
Holmen AB (publ)

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## Review Report

## Introduction

We have reviewed Holmen AB's interim report as per September 30, 2007 and the nine-month reporting period ending on that date. The Board of Directors and the CEO are responsible for the preparation and presentation of this interim report in accordance with IAS 34 and the Annual Accounts Act. Our responsibility is to express a conclusion on this interim report based on our review.

## Focus and scope of the review

We conducted our review in accordance with the Standard on Review Engagements SÖG 2410, "Review of Interim Financial Information Performed by the Independent Auditors of the Entity". A review consists of making inquiries, primarily to persons responsible for financial and accounting matters, and applying analytical and other review procedures. A review has a different focus and is substantially less in scope than an audit conducted in accordance with Standards on Auditing in Sweden RS and other generally accepted auditing practices in Sweden. The procedures performed in a review do not enable us to
obtain a level of assurance that would make us aware of all significant matters that might be identified in an audit. Therefore, the conclusion expressed on the basis of a review does not give the same level of assurance as a conclusion expressed on the basis of an audit.

## Conclusion

Based on our review, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the interim report is not, in all material respects, prepared for the Group in accordance with IAS 34 and the Annual Accounts Act, and for the Parent Company, in accordance with the Annual Accounts Act.

Stockholm, 26 October 2007
KPMG Bohlins AB

Thomas Thiel
Authorised Public Accountant

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## Accounting principles

The interim report for the Group is made up in accordance with IAS 34 Interim Reporting and the Annual Accounts Act and for the parent company it is made up in accordance with the Annual Accounts Act. The Parent company's and the Group's accounting principles used in the report are unchanged in relation to the latest published annual report. The figures in tables are rounded.

## The Group

| Income statement, MSEK | Quarter |  |  | January-September |  | Full year |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 3-07 | 2-07 | 3-06 | 2007 | 2006 | 2006 |
| Net turnover | 4637 | 4662 | 4521 | 14086 | 13762 | 18592 |
| Other operating income | 220 | 95 | 132 | 450 | 390 | 501 |
| Change in value of biological assets | 10 | 85 | 57 | 107 | 99 | 115 |
| Change in inventory of finished products and work in progress | -24 | 63 | 82 | 159 | 164 | 91 |
| Capitalised work on own account | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 5 |
| Raw materials, goods for resale and consumables | -2 413 | -2 479 | -2 418 | -7504 | -7 316 | -9 666 |
| Personnel costs | -601 | -700 | -583 | -1965 | -1904 | -2 538 |
| Other operating costs | -858 | -866 | -852 | -2 534 | -2 498 | -3 462 |
| Depreciation according to plan | -332 | -332 | -330 | -1 000 | -1 002 | -1 346 |
| Interest in earnings of associated companies | 3 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 13 | 11 |
| Operating profit | 642 | 529 | 610 | 1804 | 1714 | 2303 |
| Financial income | 5 | 4 | 3 | 12 | 9 | 15 |
| Financial costs | -73 | -69 | -69 | -208 | -195 | -262 |
| Profit before tax | 573 | 464 | 543 | 1608 | 1527 | 2056 |
| Tax | -135 | -135 | -162 | -444 | -437 | - 597 |
| Profit for the period | 438 | 329 | 382 | 1164 | 1090 | 1459 |
| Earnings per share, SEK | 5.2 | 3.9 | 4.5 | 13.7 | 12.9 | 17.2 |
| Average number of shares (million) | 84.8 | 84.8 | 84.8 | 84.8 | 84.8 | 84.8 |
| Operating margin, \% | 13.8 | 11.3 | 13.5 | 12.8 | 12.4 | 12.3 |
| Return on capital employed, \% | 11.2 | 9.2 | 10.6 | 10.5 | 9.9 | 10.0 |
| Return on equity, \% | 10.6 | 8.2 | 9.5 | 9.5 | 9.0 | 9.0 |

Earnings per share before and after dilution are the same since there are no outstanding warrants or convertibles that can cause dilution.

| Account of stated income and | January-September |  | Full year |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| costs, MSEK | 2007 | 2006 | 2006 |
| Income and costs stated direct in equity |  |  |  |
| Cash flow hedges |  |  |  |
| Revaluation of derivatives stated in equity | -34 | 166 | 306 |
| Brought forward from equity to the income statement | -41 | -67 | -142 |
| Brought forward from equity to fixed assets | 1 | - | 1 |
| Actuarial revaluation of pension liability | 7 | 2 | 47 |
| Translation difference on foreign operation | -84 | -19 | -88 |
| Hedge of currency risk in foreign operation | 74 | 17 | 53 |
| Tax attributable to items stated direct in equity | -9 | -33 | -75 |
| Total stated direct in equity | -86 | 66 | 102 |
| Profit for the period stated in the income statement | 1164 | 1090 | 1459 |
| Total stated income and costs | 1078 | 1156 | 1561 |
| Other change in equity |  |  |  |
| Effect on equity due to change of accounting principle as per 2006-01-01 | - | -72 | -72 |
| Dividend paid to the parent company's shareholders | -1 017 | -932 | -932 |

## The Group

| Balance sheet, MSEK | 2007 | 2006 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 30 Sept | 31 Dec |
| ASSETS |  |  |
| Fixed assets |  |  |
| Intangible fixed assets | 610 | 627 |
| Tangible fixed assets | 13805 | 13782 |
| Biological assets | 8927 | 8830 |
| Shares in associated companies | 1737 | 1731 |
| Other shares and participations | 12 | 11 |
| Long-term financial receivables | 108 | 110 |
| Other long-term receivables | 11 | 19 |
| Deferred tax receivables | 328 | 354 |
| Total fixed assets | 25537 | 25464 |
| Current assets |  |  |
| Inventories | 2915 | 2606 |
| Short-term operating receivables | 3616 | 3531 |
| Short-term financial receivables | 36 | 55 |
| Liquid funds | 417 | 484 |
| Total current assets | 6984 | 6676 |
| Total assets | 32521 | 32141 |
| EQUITY AND LIABILITIES |  |  |
| Equity | 16697 | 16636 |
| Long-term liabilities |  |  |
| Long-term financial liabilities | 2482 | 2503 |
| Deferred tax liabilities | 5085 | 5030 |
| Pension provisions | 309 | 356 |
| Other provisions | 656 | 626 |
| Total long-term liabilities | 8532 | 8515 |
| Short-term liabilities |  |  |
| Short-term financial liabilities | 4147 | 3775 |
| Operating liabilities | 3146 | 3215 |
| Total short-term liabilities | 7293 | 6990 |
| Total liabilities | 15825 | 15505 |
| Total equity and liabilities | 32521 | 32141 |
| Debt/equity ratio | 0.38 | 0.36 |
| Equity ratio, \% | 51.3 | 51.8 |
| Operating capital | 27831 | 27297 |
| Capital employed | 23073 | 22621 |
| Financial net debt | 6377 | 5985 |
| Pledged assets | 92 | 93 |
| Contingent liabilities | 905 | 941 |

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## The Group

| Cash flow analysis, MSEK | January-September |  | Full year |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2007 | 2006 | 2006 |
| Current operations |  |  |  |
| Profit before tax | 1608 | 1527 | 2056 |
| Adjustments for items not included in cash flow* | 812 | 898 | 1225 |
| Paid income tax | -343 | -537 | -664 |
| Cash flow from current operations before changes in working capital | 2077 | 1888 | 2617 |
| Cash flow from changes in working capital |  |  |  |
| Change in inventories | -308 | -37 | -89 |
| Change in operating receivables | -101 | -407 | -117 |
| Change in operating liabilities | -9 | -82 | -53 |
| Cash flow from current operations | 1660 | 1362 | 2358 |
| Investment activities |  |  |  |
| Acquisition of fixed assets | -950 | -648 | -1 079 |
| Sale of fixed assets | 12 | 106 | 132 |
| Cash flow from investment activities | -937 | -542 | -947 |
| Financing activities |  |  |  |
| Change in financial liabilities and receivables | 229 | 37 | -566 |
| Dividend paid to the parent company's shareholders | -1 017 | -932 | -932 |
| Cash flow from financing activities | -788 | -895 | -1498 |
| Cash flow for the period | -66 | -75 | -87 |
| Opening liquid funds | 484 | 580 | 580 |
| Currency difference in liquid funds | -1 | -4 | -9 |
| Closing liquid funds | 417 | 501 | 484 |

* The adjustments consist primarily of depreciation according to plan, change in value of biological assets, currency effects and revaluations of financial instruments as well as capital gains/losses on sales of fixed assets

| Change in financial net debt, MSEK | January-September |  | $\begin{array}{r} \hline \text { Full year } \\ 2006 \end{array}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2007 | 2006 |  |
| Opening financial net debt | -5985 | -6 639 | -6 639 |
| Cash flow |  |  |  |
| Current operations | 1660 | 1362 | 2358 |
| Investment activities | -937 | -542 | -947 |
| Dividend paid | -1 017 | -932 | -932 |
| Actuarial revaluation of pension provision | 7 | 2 | 47 |
| Currency effects and changes in fair value | -103 | 50 | 128 |
| Closing financial net debt | -6 377 | -6 699 | -5 985 |


| Share structure <br> Share | Number of <br> shares | Number of <br> votes |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| A | 10 | 22623234 | 226232340 |
| B | 1 | $\underline{62132928}$ | $\underline{62132928}$ |
| Total number of shares |  | 84756162 | 288365268 |

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## Parent company

| Income statement, MSEK | Quarter |  |  | January-September |  | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Full year } \\ 2006 \end{array}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 3-07 | 2-07 | 3-06 | 2007 | 2006 |  |
| Operating income | 3575 | 3532 | 3452 | 10778 | 10684 | 14442 |
| Operating costs | -3 198 | -3180 | -3014 | -9 665 | -9 483 | -12830 |
| Operating profit | 377 | 353 | 437 | 1113 | 1201 | 1612 |
| Net financial items* | 86 | 62 | -29 | 90 | -54 | -43 |
| Profit after net financial items | 463 | 415 | 408 | 1203 | 1148 | 1569 |
| Appropriations | -128 | -145 | -137 | -416 | -405 | -486 |
| Profit before tax | 335 | 270 | 271 | 788 | 743 | 1083 |
| Tax | -71 | -69 | -78 | -196 | -217 | - 314 |
| Profit for the period | 265 | 201 | 193 | 592 | 526 | 769 |

* Net financial items includes result from hedging equity in foreign subsidiaries. In the Group, this result is stated directly against equity.

| Balance sheet, MSEK | $\begin{array}{r} 2007 \\ 30 \text { Sept } \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 2006 \\ 31 \mathrm{Dec} \end{array}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Fixed assets | 22238 | 17268 |
| Current assets | 5797 | 9306 |
| Total assets | 28035 | 26574 |
| Equity | 11627 | 11697 |
| Untaxed reserves | 3014 | 2599 |
| Provisions | 920 | 935 |
| Liabilities | 12475 | 11343 |
| Total equity and liabilities | 28035 | 26574 |
| Pledged assets | 6 | 6 |
| Contingent liabilities | 846 | 858 |

During January-September 2007 Holmen AB converted short-term internal loans to Group companies into equity, as a result of which fixed assets increased by MSEK 4138 and current assets declined by the same amount.

Holmen AB's investments in fixed assets (excluding shares) amounted to MSEK 17 (17) for JanuarySeptember 2007.

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## The Group

| Quarterly figures, MSEK | 2007 |  |  | 2006 |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Q3 | Q2 | Q1 | Q4 | Q3 | Q2 | Q1 | Full year |
| Income statement |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Net turnover | 4637 | 4662 | 4787 | 4830 | 4521 | 4661 | 4579 | 18592 |
| Operating costs | -3666 | -3802 | -3 818 | -3 894 | -3 582 | -3 843 | -3 634 | -14 954 |
| Depreciation according to plan | -332 | -332 | -336 | -344 | -330 | -336 | -336 | -1 346 |
| Interest in earnings of associated companies | 3 | 1 | 1 | -3 | 0 | 3 | 10 | 11 |
| Operating profit | 642 | 529 | 634 | 590 | 610 | 485 | 619 | 2303 |
| Net financial items | -68 | -65 | -62 | -60 | -66 | -63 | -57 | -247 |
| Profit before tax | 573 | 464 | 571 | 529 | 543 | 422 | 562 | 2056 |
| Tax | -135 | -135 | -174 | -160 | -162 | -119 | -156 | -597 |
| Profit for the period | 438 | 329 | 397 | 369 | 382 | 303 | 406 | 1459 |
| Earnings per share, SEK | 5.2 | 3.9 | 4.7 | 4.4 | 4.5 | 3.6 | 4.8 | 17.2 |
| Net turnover |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Holmen Paper | 2556 | 2461 | 2530 | 2654 | 2547 | 2576 | 2364 | 10140 |
| Iggesund Paperboard | 1239 | 1297 | 1326 | 1316 | 1294 | 1291 | 1339 | 5240 |
| Holmen Timber | 124 | 164 | 149 | 129 | 105 | 119 | 112 | 465 |
| Holmen Skog | 1074 | 1200 | 1165 | 1067 | 880 | 1019 | 1076 | 4042 |
| Holmen Energi | 352 | 344 | 433 | 445 | 395 | 360 | 491 | 1691 |
| Intra-group sales | -708 | -804 | -815 | -781 | -699 | -704 | -803 | -2 986 |
| Group | 4637 | 4662 | 4787 | 4830 | 4521 | 4661 | 4579 | 18592 |
| Operating profit |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Holmen Paper | 241 | 115 | 160 | 95 | 245 | 185 | 229 | 754 |
| Iggesund Paperboard | 115 | 178 | 206 | 209 | 210 | 157 | 176 | 752 |
| Holmen Timber | 35 | 43 | 32 | 27 | 17 | 20 | 16 | 80 |
| Holmen Skog | 145 | 209 | 155 | 208 | 156 | 128 | 151 | 643 |
| Holmen Energi | 40 | 45 | 114 | 87 | -10 | 33 | 87 | 197 |
| Group central costs and other | 66 | -61 | -34 | -37 | -8 | -38 | -40 | -123 |
| Group | 642 | 529 | 634 | 590 | 610 | 485 | 619 | 2303 |
| Operating margin, \% |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Holmen Paper | 9.4 | 4.7 | 6.3 | 3.7 | 9.6 | 7.1 | 9.2 | 7.3 |
| Iggesund Paperboard | 9.3 | 13.7 | 15.6 | 15.9 | 16.2 | 12.1 | 13.1 | 14.3 |
| Holmen Timber | 27.5 | 25.8 | 20.8 | 20.8 | 16.0 | 16.0 | 14.2 | 16.9 |
| Group | 13.8 | 11.3 | 13.2 | 12.3 | 13.5 | 10.3 | 13.3 | 12.3 |
| Return on operating capital, \% |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Holmen Paper | 8.2 | 3.9 | 5.5 | 3.3 | 8.1 | 6.1 | 7.7 | 6.3 |
| Iggesund Paperboard | 11.1 | 17.4 | 20.6 | 21.1 | 21.0 | 15.5 | 17.6 | 18.8 |
| Holmen Timber | 61.4 | 79.3 | 59.6 | 53.1 | 33.2 | 37.0 | 29.3 | 37.9 |
| Holmen Skog | 6.4 | 9.2 | 6.9 | 9.3 | 7.0 | 5.8 | 6.8 | 7.2 |
| Holmen Energi | 5.4 | 6.1 | 15.5 | 11.8 | -1.4 | 4.5 | 11.7 | 6.7 |
| Group | 9.3 | 7.7 | 9.4 | 8.6 | 8.7 | 6.9 | 8.9 | 8.3 |
| Key figures |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Return on capital employed, \% | 11.2 | 9.2 | 11.1 | 10.4 | 10.6 | 8.3 | 10.8 | 10.0 |
| Return on equity, \% | 10.6 | 8.2 | 9.7 | 9.0 | 9.5 | 7.5 | 10.0 | 9.0 |
| Deliveries |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Newsprint and magazine paper, 1000 tonnes | 503 | 477 | 489 | 533 | 505 | 511 | 472 | 2021 |
| Paperboard, 1000 tonnes | 125 | 130 | 134 | 132 | 136 | 131 | 137 | 536 |
| Sawn timber, $1000 \mathrm{~m}^{3}$ | 53 | 74 | 72 | 65 | 55 | 66 | 62 | 248 |

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## The Group

| Full year review, MSEK | 2006 | 2005 | 2004 | 2003 | 2002 | 2001 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Income statement |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Net turnover | 18592 | 16319 | 15653 | 15816 | 16081 | 16655 |
| Operating costs | -14954 | -13205 | -12570 | -12306 | -12205 | -12460 |
| Depreciation according to plan | -1346 | -1167 | -1156 | -1166 | -1153 | -1126 |
| Interest in earnings of associated companies | 11 | 20 | 25 | -6 | -10 | -3 |
| Items affecting comparability | - | - | - | - | - | -620 |
| Operating profit | 2303 | 1967 | 1952 | 2338 | 2713 | 2446 |
| Net financial items | -247 | -233 | -206 | -212 | -149 | -152 |
| Profit before tax | 2056 | 1734 | 1746 | 2126 | 2564 | 2294 |
| Tax | -597 | -478 | -471 | -675 | -605 | -108 |
| Profit for the year | 1459 | 1256 | 1275 | 1451 | 1959 | 2186 |

## Operating profit by business area

| Holmen Paper | 754 | 631 | 487 | 747 | 1664 | 2410 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Iggesund Paperboard | 752 | 626 | 809 | 1001 | 818 | 455 |
| Holmen Timber | 80 | 13 | 5 | 18 | -6 | -79 |
| Holmen Skog | 643 | 537 | 586 | 516 | 450 | 455 |
| Holmen Energi | 197 | 301 | 178 | 193 | -26 | 49 |
| Group central costs | -123 | -141 | -113 | -137 | -187 | -224 |
| Items affecting comparability | - | - | - | - | - | -620 |
| Group | 2303 | 1967 | 1952 | 2338 | 2713 | 2446 |
| Balance sheet |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Fixed assets | 25354 | 25793 | 23381 | 20940 | 21357 | 19150 |
| Current assets | 6138 | 5709 | 5149 | 4743 | 4922 | 5366 |
| Financial receivables | 649 | 712 | 459 | 675 | 688 | 432 |
| Total assets | 32141 | 32214 | 28989 | 26358 | 26967 | 24948 |
| Equity | 16636 | 16007 | 15635 | 15366 | 15185 | 14072 |
| Deferred tax liability | 5030 | 5143 | 5177 | 4557 | 4370 | 4014 |
| Financial liabilities | 6634 | 7351 | 5335 | 4044 | 4496 | 3593 |
| Operating liabilities | 3841 | 3713 | 2842 | 2391 | 2916 | 3269 |
| Total equity and liabilities | 32141 | 32214 | 28989 | 26358 | 26967 | 24948 |

## Cash flow

| Current operations | 2358 | 2471 | 2331 | 2443 | 3498 | 3786 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Investment activities | -947 | -3029 | -1195 | -726 | -1810 | -1669 |
| Cash flow after capital expenditure | 1411 | -558 | 1136 | 1717 | 1688 | 2117 |

## Key ratios

|  | 10 | 9 | 10 | 12 | 16 | 18 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Return on capital employed, \% | 9 | 8 | 8 | 10 | 14 | 16 |
| Return on equity, \% | 0.36 | 0.41 | 0.31 | 0.22 | 0.25 | 0.22 |
| Debt/equity ratio | 17.2 | 14.8 | 15.1 | 17.5 | 23.6 | 26.4 |
| Earnings per share, SEK | 12 | 11 | 10 | 10 | 11 | 10 |
| Ordinary dividend, SEK | - | - | - | 30 | - | - |
| Extra dividend, SEK |  |  |  |  |  |  |

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## Holmen in brief

Holmen is a forest products industry group with the capacity to produce 2.7 million tonnes of paper and paperboard per year. Europe, which accounts for some $90 \%$ of the Group’s turnover, is by far the largest market.

The business area Holmen Paper produces paper for the printing of daily newspapers, magazines, directories and advertising matter at three Swedish mills and one Spanish mill. Iggesund Paperboard produces board for packaging and graphic purposes at one Swedish and one English mill. Holmen Timber produces sawn timber at one Swedish sawmill. Holmen Skog manages the Group's one million hectares of forests and the annual volume harvested in company forests is some 2.5 million cubic metres. Holmen's annual wood consumption is some 4.9 million cubic metres. Holmen Energi produces in a normal year some 1100 GWh of electric power at wholly and partly owned hydro power stations in Sweden. Over and above this back pressure power of some 550 GWh is generated at the mills. Holmen's annual power consumption is around 5100 GWh .

## Press and analysts conference and teleconference

In connection with the publication of the interim report for January-September 2007 a press and analysts conference will be held at 14.30 hrs CEST on Friday 26 October in Strindbergssalen, Berns Conference Centre, Berzelii Park, Stockholm. The conference can also be accessed via Holmen's website www.holmen.com and/or by telephone, in which case the call should be placed by no later than 14.25 hrs CET on +46 (0)8 50520110 (Sweden) or +44 (0)20 71620025 (rest of Europe).

A teleconference will be held in English at 16.30 hrs CEST. It can be accessed via Holmen's website www.holmen.com and/or by telephone on +44 (0) 2071620025 (Europe) or +1 3343236201 (US). The call should be placed by no later than 16.25 hrs CEST.

Financial reports and Annual General Meeting in 2008

| 6 February | Year-end Report for 2007 |
| :--- | :--- |
| 2 April | Annual General Meeting |
| 7 May | Interim Report, January-March |
| 13 August | Interim Report, January-June |
| 12 November | Interim Report, January-September |

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