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Continued strong margins despite weak demand

- Net revenues totaled MSEK 866 M (952) for the first six months of the year and MSEK 420 M (501) for the second quarter.
- Profit after financial items amounted to MSEK 122.2 (168.3) during the first six months and MSEK 56.5 (90.4) during the second quarter.
- Operating margin totaled 14.8 percent (18.3) for the first six months and 14.1 percent (18.7) during the second quarter.
- Cash flow after capital expenditure totaled MSEK 90.0 (73.7) during the first six months and MSEK 62.1 (67.8) during the second quarter.
- Earnings per share after tax amounted to SEK 3.28 (4.48) for the first six months of the year and SEK 1.51 (2.39) for the second quarter.

Group

The weak industrial conditions were partially offset by increased volume in other customer categories. Chassis Springs reported favorable growth while the sales trend in the telecom sector and engineering industry remained weak. In total, the company reported a nominal decrease of 9 percent in sales. Adjusted for the weak SEK, the volume decline was approximately 18 percent. To cope with the lower demand, cost reductions were implemented, which partially offset the lower contribution margin and the operating margin reached 14.8 percent (18.3) during the first six months.

During the first six months, order bookings declined 12.6 percent to MSEK 849 (971). Invoicing amounted to MSEK 866 (952), down 9 percent. Operating profit amounted to MSEK 128.0 (174.0) and the operating margin was 14.8 percent (18.3). Profit after financial items amounted to MSEK 122.2 (168.3) and earnings per share after tax totaled SEK 3.28 (4.48).

Capital expenditure amounted to MSEK 39.4 (37.6) and depreciation was MSEK 38.4 (33.5). Cash flow after capital expenditure amounted to MSEK 90.0 (73.7). At mid-year, net indebtedness was MSEK 65.2 (101.2) and the net debt/equity ratio was 7.0 percent (12.2). The equity ratio was 65.4 percent (57.8).

During the second quarter, order bookings totaled MSEK 418 (499), a decline of 16.2 percent. Invoicing totaled MSEK 420 (501), down 16.2 percent. Operating profit amounted to MSEK 59.3 (93.6) and the operating margin was 14.1 percent (18.7). Profit after financial items amounted to MSEK 56.5 (90.4) and earnings per share after tax totaled SEK 1.51 (2.39). Capital expenditures amounted to MSEK 11.9 (15.2). Cash flow after capital expenditures totaled MSEK 62.1 (67.8).

Lesjöfors AB

Lesjöfors AB is a full-range supplier of standard and specially produced industrial springs, wire and flat strip components. The company is a dominating player in the Nordic Region and one of the largest companies in its industry in Europe. Lesjöfors has manufacturing operations in Sweden, Denmark, Finland, Latvia, the UK and China.

During the first six months, order bookings for Lesjöfors declined 6.7 percent to MSEK 566 (607). Invoicing amounted to MSEK 586 (613), down 4.4 percent. Operating profit totaled MSEK 129.3 (146.7) and the operating margin was 22.1 percent (23.9).

During the second quarter, order bookings totaled MSEK 290 (319), a decline of 9.1 percent. Invoicing decreased 8.3 percent to MSEK 297 (324). Operating profit amounted to MSEK 70.8 (82.4) and the operating margin was 23.8 percent (25.4).

Lesjöfors conducts operations in three business areas: Industrial Springs, Flat Strip Components and Chassis Springs. Invoicing decreased for Industrial Springs and Flat Strip Components, while Chassis Springs, which sells to the aftermarket for vehicles, reported increased invoicing.

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Habia Cable AB

Habia Cable AB is one of Europe's largest manufacturers of custom-designed cable for customers in telecom, transport, nuclear power, defense and other industries. Manufacturing and product development are conducted in Sweden, with additional manufacturing carried out in Germany, China and Poland.

During the January to June period, order bookings declined 22.5 percent to MSEK 282 (364). Invoicing totaled MSEK 280 (339), down 17.4 percent. Operating profit amounted to MSEK 8.5 (40.3) and the operating margin was 3.1 percent (11.9).

During the second quarter, order bookings totaled MSEK 127 (180), a decline of 29.4 percent. Invoicing decreased 30.5 percent to MSEK 123 (177). An operating loss of MSEK 5.3 (profit: 18.8) and a negative operating margin of 4.3 percent (pos: 10.6) were reported.

The weak economic trend had a negative impact on Habia's sales to all customer groups. The telecom sector, where sales grew during the first months of the year, was also weak during the second quarter.

PARENT COMPANY

The Parent Company, Beijer Alma AB, is a holding company that does not conduct its own operations or have external invoicing.

During the January – June period, an operating loss of MSEK 9.8 (loss: 11.7) was reported. The operating loss for the second quarter was MSEK 6.3 (loss: 6.9).

Revenues and earnings per operating sector/segment

Net revenues

MSEK	2009	2009	2008	2008	2008	2008	2008	2007
	Q2	Q1	Q4	Q3	Q2	Q1	Full-year	Full-year
Lesjöfors	296.9	289.1	253.3	285.0	323.8	289.1	1 151.2	1 032.3
Habia Cable	123.3	156.4	171.5	174.7	177.4	161.3	684.9	622.0
Parent Company and intra-Group	–	0.1	–	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1
TOTAL	420.2	445.6	424.8	459.8	501.3	450.5	1 836.3	1 654.4

Operating profit

MSEK	2009	2009	2008	2008	2008	2008	2008	2007
	Q2	Q1	Q4	Q3	Q2	Q1	Full-year	Full-year
Lesjöfors	70.8	58.5	42.3	62.6	82.4	64.3	251.6	222.7
Habia Cable	–5.3	13.8	10.7	20.8	18.8	21.5	71.8	89.7
Parent Company and intra-Group	–6.2	–3.6	–4.1	–3.9	–7.6	–5.4	–21.0	–22.8
Total	59.3	68.7	48.9	79.5	93.6	80.4	302.4	289.6

President's statement

The difficult economic trend continued during the second quarter. In the preceding quarters, primarily traditional industry was affected by falling demand. During the second quarter, demand from telecom customers fell significantly. Habia, which has a significant share of its sales in the telecom sector, was

particularly impacted by this. The weak economic trend also affected Lesjöfors' Industrial Springs and Flat Strip Components operations. However, this was offset to a certain extent by growth in the area of Chassis Springs. For the Beijer Alma Group, operating profit totaled nearly MSEK 60 and the operating margin exceeded 14 percent during the second quarter. Cash flow continued to perform well and totaled MSEK 62 during the second quarter. The Group's financial position was thus strengthened additionally and net indebtedness decreased to MSEK 65, giving a debt/equity ratio of only 7 percent. The strong balance sheet provides the Beijer Alma Group with excellent preparedness for a continued weak economic climate and the strength to act aggressively when the opportunity arises.

Lesjöfors' invoicing decreased 8 percent during the second quarter. The Industrial Springs operations, which are highly dependent on industrial conditions, reported declining invoicing. However, stabilization in this business area could be noted at the end of the period. Chassis Springs performed well during the year and also increased during the recent quarter. Operating profit totaled MSEK 71 and the operating margin amounted to 24 percent during the second quarter.

Habia faced a more difficult demand situation, and all business areas reported falling sales. The telecom operations, which lifted sales in the first quarter, reported a weak trend during the second quarter. In total, this means that invoicing fell 31 percent compared with the year-earlier period. The expenditure adaptations that were implemented were insufficient to offset the weak demand and the result for the quarter declined to a loss of MSEK 5.

Lesjöfors is entering its third quarter with continued strong demand in Chassis Springs, although it should be noted that the second half of the year is seasonally weaker than the first half. A stabilization of the Industrial Springs segment can be noted. Nevertheless, Habia is not reporting corresponding indications of an improvement. The engineering industry was closed for the vacation period to a greater extent than in previous years, which could have a negative impact on demand in the third quarter. On the whole, the third quarter is thus expected to be weaker than the second quarter.

EVENTS AFTER THE END OF THE PERIOD

No significant events occurred after the end of the period.

RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES

The Group's material risks and uncertainties include business and financial risks. Business risks include major customer exposure to individual industries or companies. Financial risks primarily pertain to foreign currency risks that arise because more than 80 percent of the company's sales are conducted outside Sweden, while approximately 55 percent of production takes place in Sweden.

Management of the Group's financial risks is described on pages 8–9 and in Note 28 of the 2008 Annual Report. The business risks are described on pages 8–9 of the 2008 Annual Report. The Group's risks are deemed to be favorably client spread across industries and companies. The prevailing economic trend generally means that the companies' financial strength has weakened, resulting in an increased risk of individual companies not being able to fulfill their payment commitments.

Besides this, the assessment is that no material risks arose during the year.

ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Group

This interim report was prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) as adopted by the European Union (EU). The presentation of the interim report complies with IAS 34 Interim Financial Reporting and the Swedish Annual Accounts Act.

The following standards and amendments came into force during 2009: IFRS 8 Operating Segments. IFRS 8 replaces IAS 14 Segment Reporting and applies from January 1, 2009. This standard has not resulted in any changes to Beijer Alma's identified segments. Operations are conducted in two business areas, which, as in earlier years, comprise the Group's segments.

IAS 1 (Revised) Presentation of Financial Statements. This revised standard does not permit the presentation of income and expense items in the statement of changes in shareholders' equity. Instead, these items are to be recognized as other comprehensive income. Beijer Alma recognizes income and expenses in its statement of consolidated comprehensive income. Comprehensive income for the period and changes in shareholders' equity pertaining to transactions with shareholders are recognized in the statement of changes in shareholders' equity.

In all other respects, the accounting policies and terms of calculation are unchanged from those applied in the 2008 Annual Report.

PARENT COMPANY

The Parent Company, Beijer Alma AB, applies the Swedish Annual Accounts Act and the Swedish Financial Reporting Board's recommendation RFR 2.2 Accounting for legal entities. These accounting policies correspond with those used in the year-earlier period and with the consolidated accounting policies where applicable.

Consolidated comprehensive income

Condensed income statement

Group							
MSEK	2009	2008	2009	2008	2008	2007	2006
	Q2	Q2	Jan.-Jun.	Jan.-Jun.	Full-year	Full-year	Full-year
Net revenues	420.2	501.3	865.8	951.7	1 836.3	1 654.4	1 487.8
Cost of goods sold	-269.4	-314.8	-556.7	-601.5	-1 187.6	-1 035.3	-924.6
Gross profit	150.8	186.5	309.1	350.2	648.7	619.1	563.2
Selling expenses	-50.6	-50.6	-103.4	-97.0	-194.1	-178.1	-164.9
Administrative expenses	-40.8	-43.1	-77.6	-81.2	-153.7	-152.2	-130.9
Loss from participations in associated companies	-0.1	0.8	-0.1	2.0	1.5	0.8	1.0
Operating profit	59.3	93.6	128.0	174.0	302.4	289.6	268.4
Interest income	0.1	0.9	0.5	1.6	7.1	5.6	3.0
Interest expenses	-2.9	-4.1	-6.3	-7.3	-14.5	-12.5	-9.2
Profit after financial items	56.5	90.4	122.2	168.3	295.0	282.7	262.2
Tax on profit for period	-15.0	-24.7	-32.1	-45.4	-78.3	-77.2	-72.4
Net profit from continuing operations	41.5	65.7	90.1	122.9	216.7	205.5	189.8
Net loss from discontinued operations	-	-	-	-	-	-	-37.3
Net profit attributable to: Parent Company shareholders	41.5	65.7	90.1	122.9	216.7	205.5	152.5
Other comprehensive income							
Income/expenses recognized directly against shareholders' equity							
Cash-flow hedges	6.1	-5.8	10.9	-	-14.6	-2.3	4.6
Translation differences	5.1	5.4	12.7	-4.4	48.0	5.4	-17.6
Total other comprehensive income after tax	11.2	-0.4	23.6	-4.4	33.4	3.1	-13
Total comprehensive income attributable to: Parent Company shareholders	52.7	65.3	113.7	118.5	250.1	208.6	139.5

MSEK	2009 Q2	2008 Q2	2009 Jan.-Jun.	2008 Jan.-Jun.	2008 Full-year	2007 Full-year	2006 Full-year
Earnings per share from continuing operations							
before and after dilution, SEK	1.51	2.39	3.28	4.48	7.90	7.49	6.92
Earnings per share from discontinued operations							
before and after dilution, SEK	–	–	–	–	–	–	–1.36
Net earnings per share							
before and after dilution, SEK	1.51	2.39	3.28	4.48	7.9	7.49	5.56
Dividend per share, SEK	–	–	–	–	5.00	5.00	4.00
Includes amortization and depreciation in the amount of, MSEK	20.4	16.9	38.4	33.5	68.2	65.3	68.8

Parent Company

MSEK	2009 Q2	2008 Q2	2009 Jan.-Jun.	2008 Jan.-Jun.	2008 Full-year	2007 Full-year	2006 Full-year
Administrative expenses	–9.7	–10.3	–16.6	–18.5	–31.7	–33.4	–32.2
Other operating income	3.4	3.4	6.8	6.8	13.7	13.2	12.8
Operating loss	–6.3	–6.9	–9.8	–11.7	–18.0	–20.2	–19.4
Income from participations in Group companies	–	–	–	–	75.0	232.0	57.2
Interest income and similar revenues	1.4	3.2	3.2	4.2	9.9	0.5	0.1
Interest expenses and similar expenses	–1.0	–0.6	–2.3	–1.6	–8.5	–5	–3.4
Profit/loss after financial items	–5.9	–4.3	–8.9	–9.1	58.4	207.3	34.5
Tax on profit for the period	1.6	1.3	2.3	2.5	2.5	6.4	6.1
Net profit/loss	–4.3	–3.0	–6.6	–6.6	60.9	213.7	40.6

Condensed balance sheet**Group**

MSEK	2009 Jun. 30	2008 Jun. 30	2008 Dec. 31	2007 Dec. 31	2006 Dec. 31
Assets					
Fixed assets					
Intangible assets	127.3	118.5	130.8	116.4	70.4
Tangible assets	490.7	444.9	483.5	434.3	408.2
Financial assets	37.7	43.7	42.9	57.1	48.2
Total fixed assets	655.7	607.1	657.2	607.8	526.8
Current assets					
Inventories	294.7	300.4	325.8	267.4	245.1
Receivables	390.1	440.8	316.3	308.9	255.4
Cash and bank balances	91.7	83.0	161.5	165.3	191.1
Total current assets	776.5	824.2	803.6	741.6	691.6
Total assets	1 432.2	1 431.3	1 460.8	1 349.4	1 218.4

MSEK	2009 Jun. 30	2008 Jun. 30	2008 Dec. 31	2007 Dec. 31	2006 Dec. 31
Shareholders' equity and liabilities					
Shareholders' equity					
Share capital	114.3	114.3	114.3	114.3	114.3
Other contributed capital	165.3	165.3	165.3	165.3	165.3
Reserves	51.9	-9.4	28.4	-4.9	-8.0
Retained earnings, including net profit for the period	604.5	557.8	651.6	572.0	476.2
Shareholders' equity attributable to Parent Company shareholders	936.0	828.0	959.6	846.7	747.8
Minority interest	3.3	-	3.3	-	-
Total shareholders' equity	939.3	828.0	962.9	846.7	747.8
Long-term liabilities to credit institutions	74.7	90.5	80.7	40.4	72.3
Other long-term liabilities	21.2	22.7	26.9	27.6	28.6
Current liabilities to credit institutions	82.1	93.3	99.1	157.4	111.6
Current non-interest-bearing liabilities	314.9	396.8	291.2	277.3	258.1
Total shareholders' equity and liabilities	1 432.2	1 431.3	1 460.8	1 349.4	1 218.4
Parent Company					
MSEK	2009 Jun. 30	2008 Jun. 30	2008 Dec. 31	2007 Dec. 31	2006 Dec. 31
Assets					
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	1.4	1.5	1.5	0.9	0.3
Financial assets	208.3	216.1	210.0	219.7	236.3
Total fixed assets	209.7	217.6	211.5	220.6	236.6
Current assets					
Receivables	214.1	225.4	368.4	433.7	295.5
Cash and cash equivalents	0.1	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.1
Total current assets	214.2	225.7	368.5	433.8	295.6
Total assets	423.9	443.3	580	654.4	532.2
MSEK	2009 Jun. 30	2008 Jun. 30	2008 Dec. 31	2007 Dec. 31	2006 Dec. 31
Shareholders' equity and liabilities					
Share capital	114.3	114.3	114.3	114.3	114.3
Statutory reserve	165.3	165.3	165.4	165.3	165.3
Retained earnings	132.8	151.4	209.0	71.9	77.1
Net profit for the period	-6.6	-6.6	60.9	213.7	40.7
Total shareholders' equity	405.8	424.4	549.6	565.2	397.4
Current liabilities to credit institutions	7.6	4.8	12.1	60.7	85.2
Current non-interest-bearing liabilities	10.5	14.1	18.3	28.5	49.6
Total shareholders' equity and liabilities	423.9	443.3	580	654.4	532.2

Summary cash-flow statement

MSEK	2009	2008	2009	2008	2008	2007	2006
	Q2	Q2	Jan.-Jun.	Jan.-Jun.	Full-year	Full-year	Full-year
Cash flow from operating activities							
before change in working capital and capital expenditures	83.3	97.6	153.6	172.3	260.0	260.7	241.2
Cash flow from discontinued operations	–	–	–	–	–	–	–8.0
Change in working capital, increase (–)							
decrease (+)	–9.9	–15.1	–24.2	–64.3	–26.4	–66.0	–33.1
Cash flow from operating activities	73.4	82.5	129.4	108.0	233.6	194.7	200.1
Investing activities	–11.3	–14.7	–39.4	–34.3	–60.2	–74.8	–79.1
Acquired operations	–	–	–	–	–23.3	–48.9	–
Cash flow after capital expenditures	62.1	67.8	90.0	73.7	150.1	71.0	121.0
Financing activities	–141.9	–161.5	–159.8	–156.1	–156.5	–96.8	–56.2
Change in cash and cash equivalents	–79.8	–93.7	–69.8	–82.4	–6.4	–25.8	64.8
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	171.5	176.6	161.5	165.3	165.3	191.1	124.4
Cash from acquired/discontinued operations							
and exchange-rate differences in cash	–	0.1	–	0.1	2.6	–	1.9
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	91.7	83.0	91.7	83.0	161.5	165.3	191.1
Approved but unutilized committed credit facilities	436.4	392.0	436.4	392.0	338.6	221.3	301.7
Available liquidity	528.1	475.0	528.1	475.0	500.1	386.6	492.8

Specification of earnings in discontinued operations

MSEK	2009	2008	2009	2008	2008	2007	2006
	Q2	Q2	Jan.-Jun.	Jan.-Jun.	Full-year	Full-year	Full-year
Capital gain/loss	–	–	–	–	–	–	–32.5
Sales income	–	–	–	–	–	–	23.0
Expenses	–	–	–	–	–	–	–28.6
Loss before tax	–	–	–	–	–	–	–38.1
Tax	–	–	–	–	–	–	0.8
Loss after tax	–	–	–	–	–	–	–37.3

Specification of changes in shareholders' equity

MSEK	2009	2008	2007	2006
	Jun. 30	Full-year	Full-year	Full-year
Opening shareholders' equity attributable to Parent Company shareholders	959.6	846.7	747.8	708.9
Comprehensive income for the period		113.6	250.1	139.5
Dividend paid		–137.2	–137.2	–100.6
Closing shareholders' equity attributable to Parent Company shareholders	936.0	959.6	846.7	747.8
Minority interest		3.3	3.3	–
Total closing shareholders' equity	939.3	962.9	846.7	747.8

Specification of shareholders' equity for the period

	Share capital	Other contributed capital	Reserves	Retained earnings incl. net profit for the period	Total
31/12 2008	114.3	165.3	28.4	651.6	959.6
Comprehensive income for the period	–	–	23.5	90.1	113.6
Dividend paid	–	–	–	–137.2	–137.2
30/6 2009	114.3	165.3	51.9	604.5	936.0

Number of shares outstanding

	2009 Jun. 30	2008 Dec. 31	2007 Dec. 31	2006 Dec. 31
Number of shares outstanding	27 431 100	27 431 100	27 431 100	27 431 100
Total number of shares, after full dilution	27 431 100	27 431 100	27 431 100	27 431 100
Average number of shares, after full dilution	27 431 100	27 431 100	27 431 100	27 431 100

Of the total number of shares outstanding, 3,330,000 are Class A shares and the remaining shares are Class B shares.

Key figures

	2009 Q2	2008 Q2	2009 Jan.-Jun.	2008 Jan.-Jun.	2008 Full-year	2007 Full-year	2006 Full-year
Number of shares outstanding	27 431 100	27 431 100	27 431 100	27 431 100	27 431 100	27 431 100	27 431 100
Net revenues, MSEK	420.2	501.3	865.8	951.7	1 836.3	1 654.4	1 487.8
Operating profit, MSEK	59.3	93.6	128.0	174.0	302.4	289.6	268.4
Profit before tax, MSEK	56.5	90.4	122.2	168.3	295.0	282.7	262.2
Earnings per share after tax, SEK	1.51	2.39	3.28	4.48	7.90	7.49	6.92
Earnings per share after 26.3% standard tax, SEK	1.52	2.37	3.28	4.42	7.74	7.42	6.88
Cash flow per share after capital expenditures, SEK	2.26	2.47	3.28	2.69	5.47	4.37	4.41
Return on shareholders' equity, %	18.3	30.1	19.8	28.9	23.5	25.5	25.9
Return on capital employed, %	22.2	35.8	25.3	34.2	28.3	29.9	30.0
Shareholders' equity per share, SEK	34.12	30.18	34.12	30.18	34.98	30.87	27.26
Equity ratio, %	65.4	57.8	65.4	57.8	65.7	62.8	61.4
Net debt/equity ratio, %	7.0	12.2	7.0	12.2	1.9	3.9	–0.9
Cash and cash equivalents, including unutilized credit facilities, MSEK	528.1	475.0	528.1	475.0	500.1	386.7	492.8
Capital expenditures, MSEK	11.9	15.2	39.4	37.6	89.1	79.2	71.0
Interest-coverage ratio, multiple	20.6	22.8	20.2	24.0	21.4	23.6	29.6
Number of employees at end of period	1 170	1 307	1 170	1 307	1 220	1 163	980

It is our opinion that the interim report for the period from January to June 2009 provides a fair overview of the Parent Company's and the Group's operations, financial position and results of operations and describes the material risks and uncertainties to which the Parent Company and the companies included in the Group are exposed.

Uppsala, Wednesday, August 19, 2009

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Auditors' report

We have reviewed the interim report of Beijer Alma AB (publ) for the period January 1, to June 30, 2009. 2008. The Board of Directors and President are responsible for the preparation and presentation of this interim report in accordance with IAS 34 and the Swedish Annual Accounts Act. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the interim financial information based on our review. We conducted our review in accordance with the Standard on Review Engagements SÖG 2410, Review of Interim Financial Information Performed by the Independent Auditor of the Entity issued by FAR. A review consists of making inquiries, primarily of persons responsible for financial and accounting matters, and applying analytical and other review procedures. A review has a different focus and a substantially more limited scope compared with the focus and scope of an audit conducted in accordance with Standards on Auditing in Sweden RS and other generally accepted auditing practices. The procedures performed in a review do not enable us to obtain a level of assurance that would make us aware of all significant circumstances that might be identified in an audit. Therefore, the opinion expressed on the basis of a review does not provide the same level of assurance as a conclusion expressed on the basis of an audit.

Based on our review, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the interim report has not, in all material aspects, been prepared in accordance with IAS 34 Interim Reporting and the Swedish Annual Accounts Act.

Stockholm, August 19, 2009

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