

Strongest year to date despite weak year-end

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- Earnings per share after tax for 2008 amounted to SEK 7.90 (7.49).
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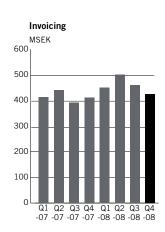
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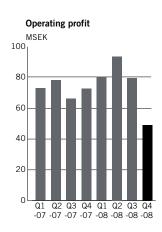
Demand from most customer groups was favorable until the end of October. In November and December, global economic activity deteriorated and Beijer Alma's order bookings declined by 7 percent during the fourth quarter. Despite a weak year-end, 2008 was the company's strongest year to date in terms of invoicing and profit. Invoicing increased by 11 percent and the Group's sales to the company's largest customer group, the engineering industry, were favorable over the course of the full-year, as were our sales to the telecom industry and the aftermarket for vehicles.

During the fourth quarter, Habia's order bookings rose 7 percent to MSEK 1,785 (1,665). Net revenues amounted to MSEK 1,836 (1,654), an increase of 11 percent. The proportion of international sales was unchanged at 80 percent. In 2008, Lesjöfors acquired the spring manufacturer Stece Fjädrar and Habia acquired the cabling company CS Technology. Excluding these corporate acquisitions, order bookings and invoicing increased by 5 and 9 percent, respectively. Operating profit amounted to MSEK 302.4 (289.6) and the operating margin was 16.5 percent (17.5). Profit after financial items totaled MSEK 295.0 (282.7). Earnings per share after tax amounted to SEK 7.90 (7.49).

Cash flow after capital expenditures amounted to MSEK 150.1 (71.0) and net interest-bearing liabilities totaled MSEK 18.4 (32.8) at year-end. Investments in tangible assets amounted to MSEK 89.1 (79.2). The equity ratio was 65.7 percent (62.8).

During the fourth quarter, order bookings totaled MSEK 374 (404), a decline of 7 percent. Net revenues rose 3 percent to MSEK 425 (411). Operating profit amounted to MSEK 48.9 (72.2) and the operating margin was 11.5 percent (17.6). Profit after financial items totaled MSEK 49.5 (71.5). Earnings per share after tax amounted to SEK 1.38 (1.92). Cash flow after capital expenditures totaled MSEK 24.0 (27.4).





SUBSIDIARIES

LESJÖFORS AB

Lesjöfors AB (www.lesjoforsab.com) 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 year, order bookings rose 6 percent to MSEK 1,111 (1,046). Invoicing totaled MSEK 1,151 (1,032), an increase of 12 percent. Excluding Stece Fjädrar, which was acquired during the year, order bookings increased by 4 percent and invoicing by 9 percent. Operating profit amounted to MSEK 251.6 (222.7) and the operating margin was 21.9 percent (21.5).

During the fourth quarter, order bookings totaled MSEK 223 (245), a decline of 9 percent.

Invoicing increased by 2 percent to MSEK 253 (248). Operating profit amounted to MSEK 42.3 (54.5) and the operating margin was 16.7 percent (21.9).

Lesjöfors' operations are conducted in three business areas: Industrial Springs, Flat Strip Components and Chassis Springs. In 2008, order bookings and invoicing increased in all three business areas. Profitability was favorable in all business areas.

HABIA CABLE AB

Habia Cable AB (www.habia.com) is one of Europe's largest manufacturers of custom-designed cables for customers within 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 Latvia.

During the year, order bookings rose 9 percent to MSEK 673 (619). Net revenues amounted to MSEK 685 (622), an increase of 10 percent. In comparable units, order bookings increased by 3 percent and invoicing by 9 percent. Operating profit totaled MSEK 71.8 (89.7) and the operating margin was 10.5 percent (14.4).

During the fourth quarter, order bookings totaled MSEK 150 (160), a decrease of 6 percent. Invoicing rose 7 percent to MSEK 172 (162). Operating profit amounted to MSEK 10.7 (23.9) and the operating margin was 6.2 percent (14.7).

Essentially the entire increase in invoicing reported by Habia during the year was attributable to the telecom sector, which continued to experience price pressure and declining margins. In the fourth quarter, a considerable portion of the company's production of telecom products was moved to China to cope with this price pressure. The full impact of this shift will be felt on Habia's earnings at the beginning of 2009.

PARENT COMPANY

The Parent Company, Beijer Alma AB, is a holding company that does not conduct its own operations or invoicing to external customers. The company's profit after financial items amounted to MSEK 58.4 (207.3), including dividends received from the subsidiaries totaling MSEK 75.0 (232.0).

Revenues and earnings per operating segment

NET REVENUES

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	2008	2008	2008	2008	2007	2007	2007	2007	2008	2007	2006
	Q4	Q3	Q2	Q1	Q4	Q3	Q2	Q1	Full-year	Full-year	Full-year
Lesjöfors	253.3	285.0	323.8	289.1	248.4	242.4	277.3	264.2	1,151.2	1,032.3	923.4
Habia Cable	171.5	174.7	177.4	161.3	162.1	148.5	163.5	147.9	684.9	622.0	564.0
Parent Company and intra-Group	0.1	0.1	0.1	_	_	_	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.4	
Continuing operations	424.8	459.8	501.3	450.5	410.5	390.9	440.8	412.2	1,836.3	1,654.4	1,487.8
Discontinued operations	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	23.0
Total	424.8	459.8	501.3	450.5	410.5	390.9	440.8	412.2	1.836.3	1.654.4	1.510.8

OPERATING PROFIT/LOSS

MSEK

	2008	2008	2008	2008	2007	2007	2007	2007	2008	2007	2006
	Q4	Q3	Q2	Q1	Q4	Q3	Q2	Q1	Full-year	Full-year	Full-year
Lesjöfors	42.3	62.6	82.4	64.3	54.5	48.2	62.6	57.4	251.6	222.7	222.1
Habia Cable	10.7	20.8	18.8	21.5	23.9	21.8	22.9	21.1	71.8	89.7	65.8
Parent Company and intra-Group	-4.1	-3.9	-7.6	-5.4	-6.2	-3.8	-7.3	-5.5	-21.0	-22.8	-19.5
Continuing operations	48.9	79.5	93.6	80.4	72.2	66.2	78.2	73.0	302.4	289.6	268.4
Discontinued operations	_	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-37.1
Total	48.9	79.5	93.6	80.4	72.2	66.2	78.2	73.0	302.4	289.6	231.3

PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT

Despite a weak year-end, 2008 was the strongest year in Beijer Alma's history. The year's economic trends can largely be described as occurring "before" or "after" the collapse of Lehman Brothers investment bank. Although the financial crisis had already begun in 2007, demand in the real economy remained strong until the end of the third quarter of 2008. During the final months of the year, demand declined substantially in most industries. The automotive industry was hit particularly hard, with sales in the car and truck industry plummeting.

For several years, the Beijer Alma Group has shifted its focus toward operations that demand small and medium-sized volumes of specially developed products. At the same time, we have distanced ourselves from volume production of standardized products. This strategy means that the Group has largely avoided the passenger car industry as a customer group, which has benefitted us in recent years. This strategy has also enabled the Group to achieve well-diversified invoicing and to avoid any burdensome changes in capacity utilization caused by a dependency on a small number of major customers.

However, this does not mean that Beijer Alma has not been impacted by the recent financial crisis and economic downturn. Practically all industries have been affected by declining demand. Demand was probably also impacted adversely by the decision of many companies to cut down on their inventories prior to year-end. Our order bookings for the final two months of the year were also weak and considerably lower than our invoicing level. This caused our stock of orders to drop by a total of MSEK 50 during the quarter and resulted in low capacity utilization in our subsidiaries' plants, which in turn resulted in significantly weaker profit for the fourth quarter compared with the preceding year. Profit after financial items for the fourth quarter amounted to MSEK 49.5, which is 31 percent lower than in the preceding year. Compared with their respective periods, the first three quarters of 2008 were the strongest in Beijer Alma's history. This meant that the company's full-year profit amounted to MSEK 295 despite a weak year-end, which is the strongest result reported by the Group to date. Lesjöfors was the main contributor to the Group's favorable profit trend in 2008. Although operating profit for the fourth quarter declined from MSEK 54 to MSEK

42, Beijer Alma's full-year profit rose 22 percent to MSEK 252. This means that the operating margin for the full-year increased to 21.9 percent. All business areas displayed growth.

In 2008, Habia's invoicing increased by 10 percent to MSEK 685. The strongest growth was reported within telecom, while the other business areas remained relatively stable. Although invoicing also increased in the fourth quarter, this was mainly attributable to acquired units. Despite an increase in volume, a decline in profit was reported. During the year, Habia captured market shares within cables used in antennas for base stations, an area in which the company is a global leader. At the same time, the telecom sector was exposed to significant price pressure, which had a negative impact on Habia's margins. Habia's margins. To offset lower prices, the company is moving an increasing proportion of its production operations to China.

The global economic slowdown we are now experiencing is being exacerbated by the crisis in the financial system. Taking into consideration the intensity and breadth of the current recession, we opted to implement fast, powerful cost adjustments within the Group. A decision was made during the fourth quarter to reduce the company's personnel by a total of 200 people. Additional minor personnel reductions were implemented after year-end and our goal is to always adapt our fixed costs to the prevailing demand situation.

Beijer Alma is entering this period of economic decline with a strong financial position. Following several years of favorable profit and positive cash flows, the Group's net debt is close to zero. This gives us the resources to withstand the recession and to take aggressive action when we deem the time to be right.

DIVIDEND PROPOSED BY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors proposes to the Annual General Meeting a dividend of SEK 5,00 per share (5.00).

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2009

The Annual General Meeting will be held in Uppsala on Tuesday, March 31, 2009.

EVENTS AFTER THE END OF THE PERIOD

No significant events occurred after the end of the period.

RISKS AND UNCERTAINTY FACTORS

The Group's material risks and uncertainty factors include business and financial risks. Business risks may 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 60 percent of production takes place within Sweden.

Management of the Group's financial risks is described in Note 29 of the 2007 Annual Report. With regard to business risks, the Group is deemed to have a favorable risk spread across industries and customers. In general, the current weak economic trend has resulted in an increased risk of losses on accounts receivable. Besides this, no material risks arose during the year.

ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLES

GROUP

This interim report was prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards – IFRS as adopted by the European Union. The presentation of the interim report follows IAS 34 Interim Financial Reporting and the Swedish Annual Accounts Act. Accounting principles and terms of calculation are unchanged from those applied in the 2007 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 2.1, Accounting for legal entities. These accounting principles correspond with the preceding year and with the consolidated accounting principles where applicable.

Summary income statement

Group	
MSEK	

	2008	2007	2008	2007	2006
	Q4	Q4	Full-year	Full-year	Full-year
Net revenues	424.8	410.5	1,836.3	1,654.4	1,487.8
Cost of goods sold	-285.3	-251.3	-1,187.6	-1,035.3	-924.6
Gross profit	139.5	159.2	648.7	619.1	563.2
Selling expenses	-51.5	-47.3	-194.1	-178.1	-164.9
Administrative expenses	-38.6	-39.8	-153.7	-152.2	-130.9
Profit from participations in associated companies	-0.5	0.1	1.5	0.8	1.0
Operating profit	48.9	72.2	302.4	289.6	268.4
Interest income	4.1	3.2	7.1	5.6	3.0
Interest expenses	-3.5	-3.9	-14.5	-12.5	-9.2
Profit after financial items	49.5	71.5	295.0	282.7	262.2
Tax on profit for the year	-11.7	-18.7	-78.3	-77.2	-72.4
Net profit from continuing operations	37.8	52.8	216.7	205.5	189.8
Net loss from discontinued operations	_	_	_	_	-37.3
Net profit for the year	37.8	52.8	216.7	205.5	152.5
Earnings per share from continuing operations					
 before and after dilution, SEK 	1.38	1.92	7.90	7.49	6.92
Earnings per share from discontinued operations					
- before and after dilution, SEK	_	_	_	_	-1.36
Net earnings per share for the period					
before and after dilution, SEK	1.38	1.92	7.90	7.49	5.56
Dividend per share, SEK			5.00*	5.00	3.50
Includes amortization and depreciation in the					
amount of	17.8	15.9	68.2	65.3	68.8
*Dividend proposed by Board of Directors					
Parent Company MSEK					
	2008	2007	2008	2007	2007
	Q 4	Q 4	Full-year.	Full-year	Full-year
Administrative expenses	-6.4	-9.0	-31.7	-33.4	-32.2
Other operating income	3.4	3.3	13.7	13.2	12.8
Operating loss	-3.0	-5.7	-18.0	-20.2	-19.4
Profit from participations in Group companies	75.0	232.0	75.0	232	57.2
Interest income and similar revenues	3.0	0.2	9.9	0.5	0.1
Interest expenses and similar expenses	-6.8	-1.1	-8.5	-5.0	-3.4
Profit after financial items	68.2	225.4	58.4	207.3	34.5
Tax on profit for the year	-0.1	1.6	2.5	6.4	6.1
Net profit for the year	68.1	227.0	60.9	213.7	40.6

Summary balance sheet

Group
MSEK

	2008	2007	2006
	Dec. 31	Dec. 31	Dec. 31
ASSETS			
Fixed assets			
Intangible assets	130.8	116.4	70.4
Tangible assets	483.5	434.3	408.2
Financial assets	43.0	57.1	48.2
Total fixed assets	657.3	607.8	526.8
Current assets			
Inventories	325.8	267.4	245.1
Receivables	316.2	308.9	255.4
Cash and cash equivalents	161.5	165.3	191.1
Total current assets	803.5	741.6	691.6
Total assets	1.460.8	1.349.4	1.218.4
SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY AND LIABILITIES			
Shareholders' equity			
Share capital	114.3	114.3	114.3
Other contributed capital	165.3	165.3	165.3
Reserves	28.4	-4.9	-8.0
Retained earnings, including net profit for the period	651.6	572.0	476.2
Shareholders' equity attributable to Parent Company shareholders	959.6	846.7	747.8
Minority interest	3.3	-	-
Total shareholders' equity	962.9	846.7	787.8
Long-term liabilities to credit institutions	80.4	40.4	72.3
Other long-term liabilities	27.3	27.6	28.6
Current liabilities to credit institutions	99.1	157.4	111.6
Current non-interest-bearing liabilities	291.1	277.3	258.1
Total shareholders' equity and liabilities	1,460.8	1,349.4	1,218.4

Parent Company

MSEK

	2008	2007	2006
	Dec. 31	Dec. 31	Dec. 31
ASSETS			
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	1.5	0.9	0.3
Financial assets	210.0	219.7	236.3
Total fixed assets	211.5	220.6	236.6
Current assets			
Receivables	368.4	433.7	295.5
Cash and cash equivalents	0.1	0.1	0.1
Total current assets	368.5	433.8	295.6
Total assets	580.0	654.4	532.2
SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY AND LIABILITIES			
Share capital	114.3	114.3	114.3
Statutory reserve	165.3	165.3	165.3
Retained earnings	209.1	71.9	77.1
Net profit for the period	60.9	213.7	40.7
Total shareholders' equity	549.6	565.2	397.4
Current liabilities to credit institutions	12.1	60.7	85.2
Current non-interest-bearing liabilities	18.3	28.5	49.6
Total shareholders' equity and liabilities	580.0	654.4	532.2

Summary cash-flow statement

MSEK					
	2008	2007	2008	2007	2006
	Q4	Q4	Full-year	Full-year	Full-year
Cash flow from current operations before					
change in working capital and capital expenditures	20.5	57.4	260.0	260.7	241.2
Cash flow from discontinued operations	_	_	_	_	-8.0
Change in working capital, increase (-) decrease (+)	20.5	-4.9	-26.4	-66.0	-33.1
Cash flow from current operations	41.0	52.5	233.6	194.7	200.1
Investing activities	-17.0	-25.1	-60.2	-74.8	-79.1
Acquired operations	_	_	-23.3	-48.9	-
Cash flow after capital expenditures	24.0	27.4	150.1	71.0	121.0
Financing activities	-1.4	53.9	-156.5	-96.8	-56.2
Change in cash and cash equivalents	22.6	81.3	-6.4	-25.8	64.8
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period Cash from acquired/discontinued operations and	136.8	84.0	165.3	191.1	124.4
exchange-rate differences in cash	2.1	_	2.6	_	1.9
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	161.5	165.3	161.5	165.3	191.1
Granted but unutilized committed credit facilities	338.6	221.4	338.6	221.3	301.7
Available liquidity	500.1	386.7	500.1	386.6	492.8

Specification of earnings in discontinued operations

MSEK							
	2008	2007	2008	2007	2006		
	Q4	Q4	Full-year	Full-year	Full-year		
Capital gain/loss	0	0	0	0	-32.5		
Sales income	0	0	0	0	23.0		
Expenses	0	0	0	0	-28.6		
Profit/loss before tax	0	0	0	0	-38.1		
Tax	0	0	0	0	0.8		
Profit/loss after tax	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-37.3		

Specification of changes in shareholders' equity

	2008	2007	2006
	Full-year	Full-year	Full-year
Opening shareholders' equity	846.7	747.8	708.9
Dividend paid	-137.2	-109.7	-100.6
Change in value of hedging reserve	-14.6	-2.3	4.6
Translation difference	48.0	5.4	-17.6
Net profit for the period	216.7	205.5	152.5
Shareholders' equity attributable to Parent Company shareholders	959.6	846.7	747.8
Minority interest	3.3	_	_
Closing shareholders' equity	962.9	846.7	787.8

Specification of shareholders' equity for the period

				Retained earnings,		
		Other		including		
	Share	contributed		net profit	Minority	
MSEK	capital	capital	Reserves	for the period	interest	Total
December 31, 2007	114.3	165.3	-4.9	572.0		846.7
Dividend paid				-137.2		-137.2
Change in hedging reserve			-20.3			-20.3
Tax on hedging reserve			5.7			5.7
Translation differences			48.0			48.0
Net profit for the period				216.7		216.7
December 31, 2008 Shareholders equity						
attributable to Parent Company shareholders	114.3	165.3	28.5	651.5		959.6
Minority interest					3.3	3.3
Shareholder's equity	114.3	165.3	28.5	651.5	_	962.9

Number of shares

	2008	2007	2006
	Dec. 31	Dec. 31	Dec. 31
Number of shares outstanding	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
Average number of shares, after full dilution	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

	2008 Q4	2007 Q4	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
Net revenues, MSEK	424.8	410.5	1,836.3	1,654.4	1,487.8
Operating profit, MSEK	48.9	72.2	302.4	289.6	268.4
Profit before tax, MSEK	49.5	71.5	295.0	282.7	262.2
Earnings per share after tax, SEK	1.38	1.92	7.90	7.49	6.92
Earnings per share after 28% standard tax, SEK	1.30	1.88	7.74	7.42	6.88
Cash flow per share after capital expenditures, SEK	0.87	1.00	5.47	2.59	4.41
Return on shareholders' equity, %	15.4	25.1	23.5	25.5	25.9
Return on capital employed, %	19.1	30.5	28.3	29.9	30.0
Shareholders' equity per share, SEK	34.98	30.87	34.98	30.87	27.26
Equity ratio, %	65.7	62.8	65.7	62.8	61.4
Net debt/equity ratio, %	1.9	3.9	1.9	3.9	-0.9
Cash and cash equivalents,					
including unutilized credit facilities, MSEK	500.1	386.7	500.1	386.7	492.8
Capital expenditures, MSEK	39.6	26.5	89.1	79.2	71.0
Interest-coverage ratio, multiple	15.6	19.1	21.4	23.6	29.6
Number of employees at end of period	1,220	1,163	1,220	1,163	980

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NEXT REPORT DATE:

Interim report, April 28, 2009

The Annual Report for 2008 will be available on the company's website on our about March 16, 2009. The Annual Report will be sent to the shareholders on or about March 18, 2009.

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