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Second quarter report 2003
July 18, 2003

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Ericsson's restructuring well on track for the return to profitability

Second quarter summary

Net sales SEK 27.6 b. book-to-bill above 1 for second consecutive quarter

Net income SEK -2.7 b. adjusted income after fin SEK -0.2 b.

Earnings per share SEK -0.17

Operating expense run rate SEK 42 b. down SEK 5 b. sequentially

Cash flow before financing SEK 5.1 b. significantly strengthened financial position

| SEK b. | Second quarter | | | First quarter | |
|---------------------------------------|----------------|--------|--------|---------------|--------|
| | 2003 | 2002 | Change | 2003 | Change |
| Orders booked, net | 28.3 | 35.3 | -20% | 27.1 | 5% |
| Net sales | 27.6 | 38.5 | -28% | 25.9 | 7% |
| Adjusted gross margin (%) | 35.1% | 32.5% | | 34.1% | |
| Adjusted operating income | -0.2 | -2.5 | | -3.4 | |
| Adjusted income after financial items | -0.2 | -3.1 | | -3.5 | |
| Net income | -2.7 | -2.7 | | -4.3 | |
| Earnings per share | -0.17 | -0.25 | | -0.27 | |
| Cash flow before financing activities | 5.1 | -2.0 | | 0.7 | |
| Opex run rate, annualized | 42 | 57 | -26% | 47 | -11% |
| Number of employees | 57,644 | 76,221 | -24% | 60,940 | -5% |

Book-to-bill was above one for the second consecutive quarter with order bookings increasing by 5% sequentially to SEK 28.3 (35.3) b. Net sales in the second quarter grew 7% sequentially to SEK 27.6 (38.5) b. Foreign currency exchange rate differences have had a negative effect of 9% year-over-year.

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Adjusted gross margin improved sequentially by one percentage point to 35.1% (32.5%) as a result of ongoing restructuring. Operating expense reductions are well on track, reaching an annualized run-rate of SEK 42 (57) b. Adjusted income after financial items was SEK -0.2 (-3.1) b. compared to SEK -3.5 b. in the first quarter. Foreign currency exchange rate differences have had a negative effect of SEK 0.5 b. year-over-year.

Cash flow before financing was SEK 5.1 (-2.0) b. with major contributions from reductions in working capital and customer financing. The financial position continues to strengthen with a net of financial assets and liabilities of SEK 11 b. Payment readiness remains high at SEK 68.8 (33.5) b.

CEO COMMENTS

We remain determined to return to profit during 2003. Over eight quarters we have more than halved our operating expenses and are approaching our earlier announced cost targets. I am impressed with how our employees are carrying out this dramatic downsizing in the middle of the ongoing launches of new technology. We are encouraged by a third quarter of positive cash flow and a strengthened financial position, says Carl-Henric Svanberg, President and CEO of Ericsson.

But we are not satisfied. We see clear potential for further gross margin improvements and by establishing operational excellence we will secure the profitability and cost advantages attainable by the market leader.

Our customers are increasing their focus on end-user benefits and on financial performance. Through development of operational excellence we will secure faster deliveries and quicker response to changing needs.

In the longer-term perspective I remain confident in the market opportunities. The number of subscribers continues to grow, they also talk more and are increasing their use of data services including broadband. Frequent users of data services spend more minutes on voice as well, making such services important to attract and retain the high volume users. This, along with the introduction of more mobile data optimized handsets and new applications, will drive the need for capacity expansion.

Our 2G GSM business is sound with the second consecutive quarter of increased order intake, and, as we approach one million WCDMA subscribers, 3G is now starting to become a commercial reality for the operators. We have supplied equipment for seven of the nine commercially launched 3G networks. In addition, we have supplied the world's first commercial EDGE network, launched by Cingular Wireless. We are clearly in the forefront of both 2G and 3G mobile systems.

The market for professional services continues to develop in our favor. We have the industry's strongest service portfolio built on our large installed base, unique know-how, local presence and proven ability to integrate and manage networks with equipment from multiple vendors, concludes Carl-Henric Svanberg, President and CEO of Ericsson.

MARKET VIEW

The number of mobile subscribers continues to grow on pace to exceed 1.5 billion subscribers within three years. We expect between 165 and 180 million net additions this year with approximately 44 million during the second quarter. In addition, traffic is expected to further grow as operators promote mobile internet and mobile multimedia services.

We expect the market to remain weak in the near term. Operators continue to reduce debt maintaining a cautious view on capital expenditure. We are, however, encouraged by the quick improvement of their overall debt situation.

OUTLOOK

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We maintain our view that the global mobile systems market, measured in USD, could decline by more than 10% this year compared with 2002. We also maintain our view that the addressable market for professional services should continue to show good growth.

We expect to maintain our shares of the mobile systems and professional services markets this year. Due to foreign exchange effects, our reported sales in SEK will decline more than the overall market, which is estimated in USD.

Sales for the third quarter are expected to be flat or slightly down on a sequential basis.

OPERATIONAL REALIGNMENT

Restructuring activities lowered the annualized operating expense run rate to SEK 42 (57) b., a sequential reduction of SEK 5 b. The restructuring also contributed to an improvement of the adjusted gross margin to 35.1% (32.5%) from 34.1% in the first quarter, already within our targets for 2003.

Total restructuring charges were SEK 3.8 b. during the quarter. SEK 2.0 b. relates to previously announced reductions, which are now finalized. SEK 1.5 b. relates to the actions announced in the first quarter. Estimated total restructuring costs for 2003 remain at SEK 16.3 b.

Cash outlays in the quarter were SEK 2.4 b. Total estimated cash outlays for 2003 is estimated to SEK 15 b. and SEK 5 b. for 2004.

During the quarter a contract to outsource the information technology infrastructure to HP was signed as well as a Memorandum of Understanding with IBM to outsource the development, implementation and maintenance of IT-applications. Approximately 2,000 employees will be transferred as a result of these agreements during the coming year.

During the quarter, headcount was reduced by 3,300, bringing the workforce to 57,600 (76,200) by the end of June. Total number of employees will be reduced to approximately 52,000 by year-end and will reach 47,000 during 2004.

CONSOLIDATED ACCOUNTS

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Income

In the second quarter, both orders and sales increased compared to the first quarter with a book-to-bill ratio above 1.0 for the second consecutive quarter.

Orders booked grew 5% sequentially to SEK 28.3 (35.3) b. A 15% increase in Mobile Networks orders was partially offset by lower orders in other areas. Orders declined year-over-year by 20%, approximately half of which was attributable to foreign currency exchange rates, mainly a weaker USD.

Orders in Asia Pacific increased strongly from the first quarter due to large orders in China, Japan and Australia. Good order development in Eastern Europe, Middle East and Africa more than compensated for weaker order intake in Western Europe. In the Americas, the North American market was flat sequentially in spite of the weakening USD while Latin America showed a decline.

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Sales grew 7% sequentially to SEK 27.6 (38.5) b. but declined 28% year-over-year. Approximately one third of the year-over-year decline is related to the weakening USD. Sales in Asia Pacific were flat, with increases in China and Australia offset by lower sales in Japan. Sales in all other regions increased sequentially.

Gross margin adjusted for restructuring improved for the second consecutive quarter to 35.1% (32.5%), a sequential increase of one percentage point from 34.1%. The continued cost reductions and improved capacity utilization offset the effects of price pressure, product mix and the weaker USD.

Adjusted operating expenses were reduced SEK 1.3 b. sequentially to SEK 10.1 (14.5) b. The annualized run-rate was SEK 42 (57) b., down from SEK 47 b. in the first quarter. Operating expenses include a net favorable impact from customer financing of SEK 0.3 b., mainly related to released risk provisions from the sold France Telecom perpetual convertible bonds.

Adjusted operating income was SEK -0.2 (-2.5) b. compared to SEK -3.4 b. the previous quarter. Adjusted income after financial items was SEK -0.2 (-3.1) b. compared to SEK -3.5 b. in the first quarter. Net effects of changes in foreign currency exchange rates on operating income compared to rates one year ago were SEK -0.5 b. Excluding effects from currency hedging contracts this net effect would have been SEK -1.1 b.

A positive adjusted income in Systems of SEK 0.6 b. was offset by a negative result in Other Operations of SEK -0.3 b., SEK -0.2 b. from Sony Ericsson Mobile Communications, and SEK -0.2 b. of unallocated costs.

Net income was SEK -2.7 (-2.7) b. for the quarter and earnings per share was SEK -0.17 (-0.25).

Balance sheet and financing

Working capital was reduced by SEK 4.2 b. to SEK 65.3 (69.6) b. in the quarter. The reduction is mainly attributable to trade receivables and inventory. Days sales outstanding (DSO) for trade receivables were 101 (108), a decrease by eight days sequentially. Inventory turnover was more than 5.3 (4.2) turns.

Customer financing risk exposure was reduced by approximately 40% to SEK 11.8 (27.8) b. in the quarter. This includes sales of the France Telecom bonds and other credits, closed in the quarter but due for payment of SEK 5 b. in the third quarter. The total on-balance sheet receivables were reduced by SEK 5.5 b. Unutilized credit commitments were reduced to SEK 11 (25.3) b.

In the quarter a total of SEK 10 b. were repaid for the convertible bond loan to employees (SEK 4.5 b.) and other borrowings. Through the positive cash flow before financing activities of SEK 5.1 b. net debt improved to SEK -11 (22) b. The equity ratio was 36.0% (28.6%) compared to 34.9% at the end of the previous quarter.

Cash flow

Cash flow before financing activities was positive for the third consecutive quarter and amounted to SEK 5.1 (-2.0) b. This was primarily a result of reductions in working capital in trade receivables, inventory and customer financing, which more than compensated for the SEK -2.7 b. net loss for the period.

Cash flow from investing activities was SEK 0.6 b. Customer financing contributed SEK 3.0 b. Cash flow related to restructuring activities was approximately SEK -2.4 b.

Payment readiness remained high at SEK 68.8 (33.5) b. For the remainder of the year, repayments of approximately SEK 2.3 b. of long-term maturities are planned.

SEGMENT RESULTS

SYSTEMS

| SEK b. | Second quarter | | | First quarter | |
|--------------------------------------|----------------|------|--------|---------------|--------|
| | 2003 | 2002 | Change | 2003 | Change |
| Orders booked | | | | | |
| Mobile Networks | 20.0 | 22.9 | -13% | 17.5 | 15% |
| Fixed Networks | 1.7 | 3.0 | -42% | 2.0 | -13% |
| Professional Services | 4.6 | 5.3 | -14% | 5.5 | -17% |
| Net sales | | | | | |
| Mobile Networks | 18.9 | 27.0 | -30% | 17.6 | 7% |
| Fixed Networks | 2.2 | 3.0 | -27% | 1.9 | 15% |
| Professional Services | 4.1 | 4.8 | -15% | 4.4 | -7% |
| Adjusted operating income | 0.6 | -0.7 | | -2.1 | |
| Adjusted operating margin (%) | 2% | -2% | | -9% | |

Systems orders increased 5% sequentially to SEK 26.3 (31.2) b., including a 3% negative impact of a lower USD. Mobile Networks increased by 15%, driven by orders for GSM and WCDMA. Recurring service business develops according to plan. However, the inflow of additional Professional Services contracts was lower compared to the first quarter. Overall demand for Fixed Networks remains relatively weak.

Systems sales increased 5% sequentially to SEK 25.2 (34.8) b., even with a lower USD. The GSM/WCDMA track increased by 10% sequentially, down 13% year-over-year. Sales of WCDMA equipment and associated network rollout services represented 13% of Mobile Network sales. Total Systems sales were affected by the phase-out of older standards.

Sales of Professional Services were SEK 4.1 (4.8) b. in the quarter, including negative effects of foreign currency exchange rates. Year-to-date growth amount to 4% excluding foreign currency exchange effects.

Adjusted operating income was SEK 0.6 (-0.7) b.

OTHER OPERATIONS

| SEK b. | Second quarter | | | First quarter | |
|---|----------------|------|--------|---------------|--------|
| | 2003 | 2002 | Change | 2003 | Change |
| Orders booked | 2.3 | 4.8 | -52% | 2.6 | -11% |
| Orders booked less divestitures | 2.3 | 3.2 | -28% | 2.6 | -11% |
| Net sales | 2.5 | 4.6 | -44% | 2.4 | 7% |
| Net sales less divestitures | 2.5 | 3.0 | -16% | 2.4 | 7% |
| Adjusted operating income | -0.3 | -1.0 | | -0.5 | |
| Adjusted operating income less divestitures | -0.3 | -0.5 | | -0.5 | |
| Adjusted operating margin (%) | -13% | -21% | | -21% | |
| Adjusted operating margin less divestitures (%) | -13% | -17% | | -21% | |

Other Operations has been restructured, including divestitures, which is reflected in the year-over-year figures with an approximate volume reduction of 50%. Sequentially orders declined 11% and sales increased by 7%.

Adjusted operating income in the quarter improved year-over-year as well as sequentially.

PHONES

The operating results of Sony Ericsson Mobile Communications (SEMC) improved significantly in the quarter and Ericsson's share in earnings before restructuring charges of SEK 0.3 b. was SEK -0.2 (-0.4) b., compared to SEK -0.5 b. in the first quarter. This improvement was due to increased volumes and higher average selling prices. Year-over-year, GSM unit shipments increased 84% and shipments to the Japanese market increased 45% reflecting the successful introduction of new models.

SEMC has decided to increase its focus on GSM and Japanese standards and to exit the American CDMA handset standard. In addition, a research and development unit in Germany will be closed down. The company expects restructuring charges of EUR 70 m. of which EUR 58 m. in the second quarter. The restructuring activities are projected to generate yearly run-rate savings of approximately EUR 120 m. when completed, with some benefit in the second half of 2003. SEMC expects to be profitable in the second half of 2003.

RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Sony Ericsson Mobile Communications (SEMC)

| <u>SEK m.</u> | <u>Second quarter 2003</u> | <u>Second quarter 2002</u> |
|-----------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Sales to SEMC | 934 | 1,315 |
| Royalty from SEMC | 154 | 168 |
| Purchases from SEMC | 488 | 1,156 |
| Receivables from SEMC | 155 | 292 |
| Liabilities to SEMC | 616 | 323 |

PARENT COMPANY INFORMATION

The Parent Company business consists mainly of corporate management and holding company functions. It also includes activities performed on a commission basis by Ericsson Treasury Services AB and Ericsson Credit AB regarding internal banking and customer credit management. The Parent Company has branch and representative offices in 16 (16) countries.

Net sales for the six months period amounted to SEK 0.9 (0.8) b. and income after financial items was SEK 2.8 (1.1) b.

Major changes in the company's financial position for the six months period were:

Increased current and long-term commercial and financial receivables from subsidiaries of SEK 22.6 b.

Decreased current other receivables of SEK 2.8 b.

Decreased cash and short-term cash investments of SEK 2.1 b.

The investments were primarily financed through increased internal borrowings of SEK 24.6 b. During the second quarter repayments of current maturities of long-term loans amounted to SEK 8.7 b. At the end of the quarter, cash and short-term cash investments amounted to SEK 57.2 (59.3) b. Customer financing credits, including France Telecom perpetual convertible bonds, were sold in the quarter with payments of SEK 5 b. to be received in the third quarter.

As per July 1, 2003 test plant lease agreements between the Parent Company and subsidiaries have been transferred to the subsidiary Ericsson Test Environments AB.

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In the second quarter, as decided at the Annual General Meeting, a stock issue and a subsequent stock repurchase was carried out related to the 2003 employee Stock Purchase Plan. 158 million of Ericsson Class C shares were issued and later repurchased as treasury stock. These shares have been converted to Ericsson Class B shares. The stock issue increased the capital stock in restricted stockholders equity by SEK 158 m. and the repurchase reduced non-restricted equity by SEK 158 m.

In accordance with the conditions of the 2001 Stock Purchase Plan for Ericsson employees, 918,200 shares from treasury stock were distributed during the second quarter to employees who left Ericsson. An additional 94,300 shares were sold during the second quarter in order to cover social security costs related to the Stock Purchase Plan. The holding of treasury stock at June 30, 2003, was 309,552,865 Class B shares.

Stockholm, July 18, 2003

Carl-Henric Svanberg

President and CEO

Date for next report: October 30, 2003

AUDITORS REPORT

We have reviewed the report for the six-month period ended June 30, 2003, for Telefonaktiebolaget LM Ericsson (publ.). We conducted our review in accordance with the recommendation issued by FAR. A review is limited primarily to enquiries of company personnel and analytical procedures applied to financial data and thus provide less assurance than an audit. We have not performed an audit and, accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion.

Based on our review, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the second quarter report does not comply with the requirements for interim reports in the Annual Accounts Act.

Stockholm, July 18, 2003

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the information available to us at this time. Such information is subject to change, and we will not necessarily inform you of such changes. These statements are not guarantees of future performance and are subject to risks, uncertainties and assumptions that are difficult to predict. Therefore, our actual results could differ materially and adversely from those expressed in any forward-looking statements as a result of various factors. Important factors that may cause such a difference for Ericsson include, but are not limited to: (i) material adverse changes in the markets in which we operate or in global economic conditions; (ii) increased product and price competition; (iii) further reductions in capital expenditure by network operators; (iv) the cost of technological innovation and increased expenditure to improve quality of service; (v) significant changes in market share for our principal products and services; (vi) foreign exchange rate fluctuations; and (vii) the successful implementation of our business and operational initiatives.

A glossary of all technical terms is available at: <http://www.ericsson.com/about> and in the Annual Report.

To read the full report, please go to: <http://www.ericsson.com/investors/6month03-en.pdf>

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CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT

| SEK million | Apr - Jun | | | Jan - Jun | | |
|---|-----------|--------------------|--------|-----------|--------------------|--------|
| | 2003 | 2002 ¹⁾ | Change | 2003 | 2002 ¹⁾ | Change |
| Net sales | 27,613 | 38,545 | -28% | 53,472 | 75,511 | -29% |
| Cost of sales | -19,011 | -26,469 | -28% | -37,873 | -51,722 | -27% |
| Gross margin | 8,602 | 12,076 | | 15,599 | 23,789 | |
| Research and development and other technical expenses | -6,084 | -6,561 | -7% | -12,981 | -14,185 | -8% |
| Selling expenses | -4,085 | -5,630 | -27% | -7,534 | -11,222 | -33% |
| Administrative expenses | -1,842 | -2,711 | -32% | -3,646 | -5,263 | -31% |
| Operating expenses | -12,011 | -14,902 | | -24,161 | -30,670 | |
| Other operating revenues and costs | 195 | 267 | | 109 | 1,038 | |
| Share in earnings of JV and associated companies | -365 | -524 | | -1,107 | -580 | |
| Operating income | -3,579 | -3,083 | | -9,560 | -6,423 | |
| Financial income | 850 | 640 | 33% | 2,014 | 1,529 | 32% |
| Financial expenses | -856 | -1,210 | -29% | -2,074 | -2,892 | -28% |
| Income after financial items | -3,585 | -3,653 | | -9,620 | -7,786 | |
| Taxes | 820 | 1,116 | | 2,667 | 2,349 | |
| Minority interest | 37 | -182 | | -87 | -250 | |
| Net income | -2,728 | -2,719 | | -7,040 | -5,687 | |

1) In compliance with RR 9, figures are restated to report minority interest net of tax. As a consequence, and in line with the statutory format for income statements, we now cease to report a subtotal Income before taxes.

Other Information

| | | | | |
|---|-------|-------|--------|--------|
| Average number of shares, basic (million) | | | 15,821 | 10,950 |
| Earnings per share, basic (SEK) | -0.17 | -0.25 | -0.44 | -0.52 |
| Earnings per share, diluted (SEK) | -0.17 | -0.25 | -0.44 | -0.52 |

NOTE 1**Items affecting comparability**

| | | | | |
|---|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Non-operational capital gains/losses, net | - 10 | - 3 | - 5 | 99 |
| Restructuring costs, net | -3,799 | -1,482 | -6,992 | -1,482 |
| Capitalization of development expenses, net | 412 | 910 | 1,026 | 1,915 |

| | | | | |
|-------|--------|------|--------|-----|
| Total | -3,397 | -575 | -5,971 | 532 |
|-------|--------|------|--------|-----|

-of which in

| | | | | |
|---|--------|------|--------|------|
| Cost of sales | -1,096 | -438 | -2,909 | -438 |
| Operating expenses | -1,884 | -364 | -2,629 | 641 |
| Other operating revenues and costs | -152 | -3 | - 168 | 99 |
| Share in earnings of JV and associated companies / phones | -265 | 230 | -265 | 230 |

NOTE 2**Key measurements, excluding items affecting comparability**

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| | | | | |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Net sales | 27,613 | 38,545 | 53,472 | 75,511 |
| Adjusted gross margin | 9,698 | 12,514 | 18,508 | 24,227 |
| as percentage of net sales | 35.1% | 32.5% | 34.6% | 32.1% |
| Adjusted operating expenses | -10,127 | -14,538 | -21,532 | -31,311 |
| as percentage of net sales | 36.7% | 37.7% | 40.3% | 41.5% |
| Adjusted other operating revenues and costs | 347 | 270 | 277 | 939 |
| Share in earnings of JV and assoc. companies | -100 | -754 | -842 | -810 |
| | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |
| Adjusted operating income | -182 | -2,508 | -3,589 | -6,955 |
| Adjusted operating margin (%) | -0.7% | -6.5% | -6.7% | -9.2% |
| Adjusted income after financial items | -188 | -3,078 | -3,649 | -8,318 |

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CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET

| SEK million | Jun 30 2003 | Dec 31 2002 ¹⁾ | Jun 30 2002 ¹⁾ |
|---|----------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| ASSETS | | | |
| Fixed assets | | | |
| Intangible assets | | | |
| Capitalized development expenses | 4,226 | 3,200 | 1,915 |
| Goodwill | 7,001 | 8,603 | 9,930 |
| Other | 736 | 806 | 865 |
| Tangible assets | 7,569 | 9,964 | 14,197 |
| Financial assets | | | |
| Equity in JV and associated companies | 2,507 | 1,835 | 2,416 |
| Other investments | 550 | 2,243 | 2,302 |
| Long-term customer financing | 3,960 | 12,283 | 6,589 |
| Deferred tax assets | 28,788 | 26,047 | 24,316 |
| Other long-term receivables | 1,730 | 2,132 | 3,371 |
| | <u>57,067</u> | <u>67,113</u> | <u>65,901</u> |
| Current assets | | | |
| Inventories | 12,845 | 13,419 | 23,697 |
| Receivables | | | |
| Accounts receivable trade | 30,790 | 37,384 | 45,896 |
| Short-term customer financing | 6,088 | 1,680 | 5,843 |
| Other receivables | 20,155 | 23,303 | 30,374 |
| Short-term cash investments, cash and bank | 62,358 | 66,214 | 47,551 |
| | <u>132,236</u> | <u>142,000</u> | <u>153,361</u> |
| Total assets | <u>189,303</u> | <u>209,113</u> | <u>219,262</u> |
| STOCKHOLDERS EQUITY, PROVISIONS AND LIABILITIES | | | |
| Stockholders equity | <u>65,713</u> | <u>73,607</u> | <u>59,338</u> |
| Minority interest in equity of consolidated subsidiaries | <u>2,473</u> | <u>2,469</u> | <u>3,270</u> |
| Provisions | | | |
| Pensions | 11,483 | 10,997 | 10,710 |
| Other provisions | 21,034 | 21,357 | 22,169 |
| | <u>32,517</u> | <u>32,354</u> | <u>32,879</u> |
| Long-term liabilities | <u>34,729</u> | <u>37,066</u> | <u>37,395</u> |

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| | | | |
|--|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Current liabilities | | | |
| Interest-bearing liabilities | 6,465 | 14,321 | 22,211 |
| Accounts payable | 8,987 | 12,469 | 18,018 |
| Other current liabilities | 38,419 | 36,827 | 46,151 |
| | <u>53,871</u> | <u>63,617</u> | <u>86,380</u> |
| Total stockholders equity, provisions and liabilities | 189,303 | 209,113 | 219,262 |
| | <u>189,303</u> | <u>209,113</u> | <u>219,262</u> |
| Of which interest-bearing provisions and liabilities | 51,406 | 61,463 | 69,748 |
| Net debt | -10,952 | -4,751 | 22,197 |
| Assets pledged as collateral | 5,781 | 2,800 | 1,347 |
| Contingent liabilities | 3,103 | 3,116 | 12,307 |

¹⁾ Restated for change in accounting principle regarding financial instruments (RR 27), and all deferred tax assets are reported as long-term.

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

| SEK million | Apr - Jun | | Jan - Jun | | Jan - Dec |
|---|----------------|--------------------|---------------|--------------------|----------------|
| | 2003 | 2002 ¹⁾ | 2003 | 2002 ¹⁾ | 2002 |
| Net income | -2,728 | -2,719 | -7,040 | -5,687 | -19,013 |
| Adjustments to reconcile net income to cash | 1,143 | -2,110 | 1,772 | -4,416 | -1,832 |
| | -1,585 | -4,828 | -5,268 | -10,102 | -20,845 |
| Changes in operating net assets | | | | | |
| Inventories | 1,332 | -794 | 932 | -995 | 8,599 |
| Customer financing, short-term and long-term | 2,976 | -801 | 2,947 | 1,151 | -2,140 |
| Accounts receivable | 2,065 | 1,757 | 6,798 | 6,574 | 9,839 |
| Other | 955 | -74 | 2,856 | -3,142 | -5,541 |
| Cash flow from operating activities | 5,743 | -4,740 | 8,265 | -6,514 | -10,088 |
| Capitalized development expenses | -536 | -947 | -1,273 | -1,997 | -3,442 |
| Other investing activities | -77 | 3,732 | -1,200 | 2,495 | 6,426 |
| Cash flow from investing activities | -613 | 2,785 | -2,473 | 498 | 2,984 |
| Cash flow before financing activities | 5,130 | -1,955 | 5,792 | -6,016 | -7,104 |
| Dividends paid | -14 | 27 | -17 | -23 | -645 |
| Other equity transactions | 1 | | 2 | | 28,942 |
| Other financing activities | -10,040 | -5,567 | -9,535 | -13,970 | -22,700 |
| Cash flow from financing activities | -10,053 | -5,540 | -9,550 | -13,993 | 5,597 |
| Effect of exchange rate changes on cash | 67 | -876 | -98 | -1,364 | -1,203 |
| Net change in cash | -4,856 | -8,371 | -3,856 | -21,373 | -2,710 |
| Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period | 67,214 | 55,922 | 66,214 | 68,924 | 68,924 |
| Cash and cash equivalents, end of period | 62,358 | 47,551 | 62,358 | 47,551 | 66,214 |

¹⁾ Capitalization of development expenses, previously reported in Adjustments to reconcile net income to cash, are as from Q4 2002 included in Investing activities. Figures for 2002 are restated.

ERICSSON**CHANGES IN STOCKHOLDERS EQUITY**

| | <u>Jan - Jun</u> | <u>Jan - Dec</u> | <u>Jan - Jun</u> |
|---|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| <u>SEK million</u> | <u>2003</u> | <u>2002</u> | <u>2002</u> |
| Opening balance | 73,607 | 68,587 | 68,587 |
| Stock issue, net | 158 | 28,940 | |
| Sale of own stock | 2 | 2 | |
| Stock Purchase Plan | 67 | 12 | |
| Repurchase of own stock | -158 | | |
| Changes in cumulative translation effects due to changes in foreign currency exchange rates | -923 | -4,921 | -3,562 |
| Net income | -7,040 | -19,013 | -5,687 |
| Closing balance | 65,713 | 73,607 | 59,338 |

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CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT ISOLATED QUARTERS

| SEK million | 2002 ¹⁾ | | | | 2002 ¹⁾ | | | |
|---|--------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|--------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| | 0203 | 0206 | 0209 | 0212 | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 |
| Net sales | 36,966 | 75,511 | 109,024 | 145,773 | 36,966 | 38,545 | 33,513 | 36,749 |
| Cost of sales | -25,253 | -51,722 | -75,963 | -104,224 | -25,253 | -26,469 | -24,241 | -28,261 |
| Gross margin | 11,713 | 23,789 | 33,061 | 41,549 | 11,713 | 12,076 | 9,272 | 8,488 |
| Research and development and other technical expenses | -7,624 | -14,185 | -22,353 | -30,510 | -7,624 | -6,561 | -8,168 | -8,157 |
| Selling expenses | -5,592 | -11,222 | -16,375 | -21,896 | -5,592 | -5,630 | -5,153 | -5,521 |
| Administrative expenses | -2,552 | -5,263 | -7,492 | -9,995 | -2,552 | -2,711 | -2,229 | -2,503 |
| Operating expenses | -15,768 | -30,670 | -46,220 | -62,401 | -15,768 | -14,902 | -15,550 | -16,181 |
| Other operating revenues and costs | 771 | 1,038 | 1,268 | 773 | 771 | 267 | 230 | -495 |
| Share in earnings of JV and assoc. companies | -56 | -580 | -1,209 | -1,220 | -56 | -524 | -629 | -11 |
| Operating income | -3,340 | -6,423 | -13,100 | -21,299 | -3,340 | -3,083 | -6,677 | -8,199 |
| Financial income | 889 | 1,529 | 2,098 | 4,253 | 889 | 640 | 569 | 2,155 |
| Financial expenses | -1,682 | -2,892 | -3,883 | -5,789 | -1,682 | -1,210 | -991 | -1,906 |
| Income after financial items | -4,133 | -7,786 | -14,885 | -22,835 | -4,133 | -3,653 | -7,099 | -7,950 |
| Taxes | 1,233 | 2,349 | 4,457 | 4,165 | 1,233 | 1,116 | 2,108 | -292 |
| Minority interest | -68 | -250 | -256 | -343 | -68 | -182 | -6 | -87 |
| Net income | -2,968 | -5,687 | -10,684 | -19,013 | -2,968 | -2,719 | -4,997 | -8,329 |

1) In compliance with RR 9, figures are restated to report minority interest net of tax. As a consequence, and in line with the statutory format for income statements, we now cease to report a subtotal Income before taxes.

Other Information

| | | | | | | | | |
|---|--------|--------|--------|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Average number of shares, basic (million) | 10,950 | 10,950 | 11,458 | 12,573 | | | | |
| Earnings per share, basic (SEK) | -0.27 | -0.52 | -0.93 | -1.51 | -0.27 | -0.25 | -0.41 | -0.58 |
| Earnings per share, diluted (SEK) | -0.27 | -0.52 | -0.93 | -1.51 | -0.27 | -0.25 | -0.41 | -0.58 |

NOTE 1Items affecting comparability

| | | | | | | | | |
|---|--------------|------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|-------------|---------------|---------------|
| Non-operational capital gains/losses, net | 102 | 99 | 217 | -42 | 102 | -3 | 118 | -259 |
| Restructuring costs, net | | -1,482 | -5,691 | -11,962 | | -1,482 | -4,209 | -6,271 |
| Capitalization of development expenses, net | 1,005 | 1,915 | 2,556 | 3,200 | 1,005 | 910 | 641 | 644 |
| Total | 1,107 | 532 | -2,918 | -8,804 | 1,107 | -575 | -3,450 | -5,886 |

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| | | | | | | | | |
|---|-------|------|--------|--------|-------|------|--------|--------|
| Cost of sales | | -438 | -2,107 | -5,589 | | -438 | -1,669 | -3,482 |
| Operating expenses | 1,005 | 641 | -1,258 | -3,092 | 1,005 | -364 | -1,899 | -1,834 |
| Other operating revenues and costs | 102 | 99 | 217 | -353 | 102 | -3 | 118 | -570 |
| Share in earnings of JV and associated companies / phones | | 230 | 230 | 230 | | 230 | | |

NOTE 2Key measurements, excluding items affecting comparability

| | | | | | | | | |
|-----------|--------|--------|---------|---------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Net sales | 36,966 | 75,511 | 109,024 | 145,773 | 36,966 | 38,545 | 33,513 | 36,749 |
|-----------|--------|--------|---------|---------|--------|--------|--------|--------|

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|--|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Adjusted gross margin | 11,713 | 24,227 | 35,168 | 47,138 | 11,713 | 12,514 | 10,941 | 11,970 |
| as percentage of net sales | 31.7% | 32.1% | 32.3% | 32.3% | 31.7% | 32.5% | 32.6% | 32.6% |
| Adjusted operating expenses | -16,773 | -31,311 | -44,962 | -59,309 | -16,773 | -14,538 | -13,651 | -14,347 |
| as percentage of net sales | 45.4% | 41.5% | 41.2% | 40.7% | 45.4% | 37.7% | 40.7% | 39.0% |
| Adjusted other operating revenues and costs | 669 | 939 | 1,051 | 1,126 | 669 | 270 | 112 | 75 |
| Share in earnings of JV and assoc. companies | -56 | -810 | -1,439 | -1,450 | -56 | -754 | -629 | -11 |
| | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |
| Adjusted operating Income | -4,447 | -6,955 | -10,182 | -12,495 | -4,447 | -2,508 | -3,227 | -2,313 |
| Adjusted operating margin (%) | -12.0% | -9.2% | -9.3% | -8.6% | -12.0% | -6.5% | -9.6% | -6.3% |
| Adjusted income after financial items | -5,240 | -8,318 | -11,967 | -14,031 | -5,240 | -3,078 | -3,649 | -2,064 |

ACCOUNTING POLICIES AND REPORTING

Interim reports are prepared in accordance with RR 20 Interim Financial Reporting.

CHANGED ACCOUNTING POLICIES AND REPORTING IN 2003

From January 1, 2003, Ericsson has adopted the following new recommendations issued by the Swedish Financial Accounting Standards Council (Redovisningsrådet):

Presentation of financial statements (RR22)

Investment property (RR24)

Segment reporting (RR25)

Events after the balance sheet date (RR26)

Financial instruments: Disclosure and presentation (RR27)

Accounting for government grants (RR28)

These changes have no impact on reported Net Income or Earnings Per Share. The presentation of certain items in the income statement will change and we will no longer report minority interests before tax and Income Before Tax. Instead, we will report Income after financial items and Net Income after deduction of Taxes and Minority interests. Minority interests will be reported net of taxes.

The presentation of the Balance Sheet will not change, however, the reported amounts of certain items will be affected.

RR22 requires compliance with all recommendations issued by the Swedish Financial Accounting Standards Council.

Prior to 2003, Ericsson deviated from the recommendations in two aspects:

In deviation from RR1:00, Consolidated Financial Statements, minority interests were divided in two items; share in income before taxes and share in taxes. From January 1, 2003, in accordance with RR1:00, we will report minority interest net of taxes.

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In deviation from RR9, Income tax, deferred tax assets were prior to 2003 reported as both current and long-term. From January 1, 2003, all deferred taxes are reported as long term in accordance with RR9.

The new recommendation RR25, Segment reporting, has been adopted from January 1, 2003. As a consequence, we have reviewed our segments and decided to transfer internal service units from segment Other Operations to segment Systems, since the major part of the services are provided to Systems. This will reduce orders and sales previously reported in Other Operations and also reduce the amounts of eliminations of inter-segment sales. Employees in such service units will be transferred from Other Operations to Systems.

RR27 introduces changed rules for netting of assets and liabilities. The effect is that certain receivables for which the credit risks have been transferred to third parties can no longer be reported net without a formal three-party agreement. The amount for trade receivables and short-term borrowings will be affected.

ORDERS BOOKED BY SEGMENT BY QUARTER

SEK million

| Isolated quarters | 2002 ¹⁾ | | | | 2003 | |
|----------------------------------|--------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | Q1 | Q2 |
| Systems | 37,701 | 31,197 | 17,938 | 28,505 | 24,996 | 26,336 |
| Mobile Networks | 29,344 | 22,900 | 12,439 | 20,865 | 17,475 | 20,020 |
| Fixed Networks | 2,693 | 2,952 | 1,751 | 1,909 | 1,990 | 1,724 |
| Total Network Equipment | 32,037 | 25,852 | 14,190 | 22,774 | 19,465 | 21,744 |
| Of which Network Rollout | 4,703 | 3,939 | 1,411 | 4,020 | 2,542 | 2,000 |
| Professional Services | 5,664 | 5,345 | 3,748 | 5,731 | 5,531 | 4,592 |
| Other Operations | 4,889 | 4,833 | 3,102 | 2,560 | 2,587 | 2,312 |
| Less: Intersegment Orders | -697 | -765 | -510 | -402 | -523 | -300 |
| Total | 41,893 | 35,265 | 20,530 | 30,663 | 27,060 | 28,348 |

| Sequential change | 2002 ¹⁾ | | | | 2003 | |
|----------------------------------|--------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | Q1 | Q2 |
| Systems | | -17% | -43% | 59% | -12% | 5% |
| Mobile Networks | | -22% | -46% | 68% | -16% | 15% |
| Fixed Networks | | 10% | -41% | 9% | 4% | -13% |
| Total Network Equipment | | -19% | -45% | 60% | -15% | 12% |
| Of which Network Rollout | | -16% | -64% | 185% | -37% | -21% |
| Professional Services | | -6% | -30% | 53% | -3% | -17% |
| Other Operations | | -1% | -36% | -17% | 1% | -11% |
| Less: Intersegment Orders | | 10% | -33% | -21% | 30% | -43% |
| Total | | -16% | -42% | 49% | -12% | 5% |

| Year over year change | 2003 | |
|----------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| | Q1 | Q2 |
| Systems | -34% | -16% |
| Mobile Networks | -40% | -13% |
| Fixed Networks | -26% | -42% |
| Total Network Equipment | -39% | -16% |
| Of which Network Rollout | -46% | -49% |
| Professional Services | -2% | -14% |
| Other Operations | -47% | -52% |
| Less: Intersegment Orders | -25% | -61% |
| Total | -35% | -20% |

| Year to date | 2002 ¹⁾ | | | | 2003 | |
|----------------------------------|--------------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|
| | 0203 | 0206 | 0209 | 0212 | 0303 | 0306 |
| Systems | 37,701 | 68,898 | 86,836 | 115,341 | 24,996 | 51,332 |
| Mobile Networks | 29,344 | 52,245 | 64,684 | 85,549 | 17,475 | 37,495 |
| Fixed Networks | 2,693 | 5,645 | 7,396 | 9,305 | 1,990 | 3,714 |
| Total Network Equipment | 32,037 | 57,890 | 72,080 | 94,854 | 19,465 | 41,209 |
| Of which Network Rollout | 4,703 | 8,642 | 10,053 | 14,073 | 2,542 | 4,542 |
| Professional Services | 5,664 | 11,008 | 14,756 | 20,487 | 5,531 | 10,123 |
| Other Operations | 4,889 | 9,722 | 12,824 | 15,384 | 2,587 | 4,899 |
| Less: Intersegment Orders | -697 | -1,462 | -1,972 | -2,374 | -523 | -823 |
| Total | 41,893 | 77,158 | 97,688 | 128,351 | 27,060 | 55,408 |

| YTD year over year change | 2003 | |
|----------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| | 0303 | 0306 |
| Systems | -34% | -25% |
| Mobile Networks | -40% | -28% |
| Fixed Networks | -26% | -34% |
| Total Network Equipment | -39% | -29% |
| Of which Network Rollout | -46% | -47% |
| Professional Services | -2% | -8% |
| Other Operations | -47% | -50% |
| Less: Intersegment Orders | -25% | -44% |
| Total | -35% | -28% |

¹⁾ Year 2002 restated to present other operations and intersegment orders excluding internal service operations

NET SALES BY SEGMENT BY QUARTER

SEK million

| Isolated quarters | 2002 ¹⁾ | | | | 2003 | |
|----------------------------------|--------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | Q1 | Q2 |
| Systems | 33,323 | 34,781 | 30,612 | 33,239 | 23,961 | 25,224 |
| Mobile Networks | 25,552 | 26,971 | 23,923 | 24,657 | 17,643 | 18,949 |
| Fixed Networks | 3,287 | 2,983 | 2,380 | 3,049 | 1,898 | 2,177 |
| Total Network Equipment | 28,839 | 29,954 | 26,303 | 27,706 | 19,541 | 21,126 |
| Of which Network Rollout | 4,183 | 3,842 | 2,928 | 3,834 | 2,577 | 2,532 |
| Professional Services | 4,484 | 4,827 | 4,309 | 5,533 | 4,420 | 4,098 |
| Other Operations | 4,327 | 4,554 | 3,430 | 3,890 | 2,363 | 2,534 |
| Less: Intersegment Orders | -684 | -790 | -529 | -380 | -465 | -145 |
| Total | 36,966 | 38,545 | 33,513 | 36,749 | 25,859 | 27,613 |

| Sequential change | 2002 ¹⁾ | | | | 2003 | |
|----------------------------------|--------------------|------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | Q1 | Q2 |
| Systems | | 4% | -12% | 9% | -28% | 5% |
| Mobile Networks | | 6% | -11% | 3% | -28% | 7% |
| Fixed Networks | | -9% | -20% | 28% | -38% | 15% |
| Total Network Equipment | | 4% | -12% | 5% | -29% | 8% |
| Of which Network Rollout | | -8% | -24% | 31% | -33% | -2% |
| Professional Services | | 8% | -11% | 28% | -20% | -7% |
| Other Operations | | 5% | -25% | 13% | -39% | 7% |
| Less: Intersegment Orders | | 15% | -33% | -28% | 22% | -69% |
| Total | | 4% | -13% | 10% | -30% | 7% |

| Year over year change | 2003 | |
|----------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| | Q1 | Q2 |
| Systems | -28% | -27% |
| Mobile Networks | -31% | -30% |
| Fixed Networks | -42% | -27% |
| Total Network Equipment | -32% | -29% |
| Of which Network Rollout | -38% | -34% |
| Professional Services | -1% | -15% |
| Other Operations | -45% | -44% |
| Less: Intersegment Orders | -32% | -82% |
| Total | -30% | -28% |

| Year to date | 2002 ¹⁾ | | | | 2003 | |
|----------------------------------|--------------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|
| | 0203 | 0206 | 0209 | 0212 | 0303 | 0306 |
| Systems | 33,323 | 68,104 | 98,716 | 131,955 | 23,961 | 49,185 |
| Mobile Networks | 25,552 | 52,523 | 76,446 | 101,103 | 17,643 | 36,592 |
| Fixed Networks | 3,287 | 6,270 | 8,650 | 11,699 | 1,898 | 4,075 |
| Total Network Equipment | 28,839 | 58,793 | 85,096 | 112,802 | 19,541 | 40,667 |
| Of which Network Rollout | 4,183 | 8,025 | 10,953 | 14,786 | 2,577 | 5,109 |
| Professional Services | 4,484 | 9,311 | 13,620 | 19,153 | 4,420 | 8,518 |
| Other Operations | 4,327 | 8,881 | 12,311 | 16,201 | 2,363 | 4,897 |
| Less: Intersegment Orders | -684 | -1,474 | -2,003 | -2,383 | -465 | -610 |
| Total | 36,966 | 75,511 | 109,024 | 145,773 | 25,859 | 53,472 |

| YTD year over year change | 2003 | |
|----------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| | 0303 | 0306 |
| Systems | -28% | -28% |
| Mobile Networks | -31% | -30% |
| Fixed Networks | -42% | -35% |
| Total Network Equipment | -32% | -31% |
| Of which Network Rollout | -38% | -36% |
| Professional Services | -1% | -9% |
| Other Operations | -45% | -45% |
| Less: Intersegment Orders | -32% | -59% |
| Total | -30% | -29% |

¹⁾ Year 2002 restated to present other operations and intersegment orders excluding internal service operations

ADJUSTED OPERATING INCOME, OPERATING MARGIN AND EMPLOYEES BY SEGMENT BY QUARTER

SEK million

ADJUSTED OPERATING INCOME AND MARGIN

| Year to date | 2002 | | | | 2003 | |
|----------------------------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|
| | 0203 | 0206 | 0209 | 0212 | 0303 | 0306 |
| Systems | -2,799 | -3,495 | -4,604 | -4,907 | -2,097 | -1,523 |
| Phones | | -442 | -992 | -1,331 | -500 | -683 |
| Other Operations | -1,343 | -2,318 | -3,477 | -4,715 | -492 | -834 |
| Unallocated ¹⁾ | -305 | -700 | -1,109 | -1,542 | -318 | -549 |
| Total | -4,447 | -6,955 | -10,182 | -12,495 | -3,407 | -3,589 |

| As percentage of net sales | 2002 | | | | 2003 | |
|-----------------------------|-------------|------------|------------|------------|-------------|------------|
| | 0203 | 0206 | 0209 | 0212 | 0303 | 0306 |
| Systems | -8% | -5% | -5% | -4% | -9% | -3% |
| Phones ²⁾ | | | | | | |
| Other Operations | -31% | -26% | -28% | -29% | -21% | -17% |
| Total | -12% | -9% | -9% | -9% | -13% | -7% |

| Isolated quarters | 2002 | | | | 2003 | |
|----------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|-------------|
| | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | Q1 | Q2 |
| Systems | -2,799 | -696 | -1,109 | -303 | -2,097 | 574 |
| Phones | | -442 | -550 | -339 | -500 | -183 |
| Other Operations | -1,343 | -975 | -1,159 | -1,238 | -492 | -342 |
| Unallocated ¹⁾ | -305 | -395 | -409 | -433 | -318 | -231 |
| Total | -4,447 | -2,508 | -3,227 | -2,313 | -3,407 | -182 |

| As percentage of net sales | 2002 | | | | 2003 | |
|-----------------------------|------|-----|-----|-----|------|----|
| | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | Q1 | Q2 |
| Systems | -8% | -2% | -4% | -1% | -9% | 2% |
| Phones ²⁾ | | | | | | |

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|-------------------------|-------------|------------|-------------|------------|-------------|------------|
| Other Operations | -31% | -21% | -34% | -32% | -21% | -13% |
| Total | -12% | -7% | -10% | -6% | -13% | -1% |

1) Unallocated consists mainly of costs for corporate staffs and non-operational gains and losses

2) Calculation not applicable

NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES

| | 2002 ¹⁾ | | | | 2003 | |
|-------------------------|--------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| | 0203 | 0206 | 0209 | 0212 | 0303 | 0306 |
| Systems | 70,957 | 65,899 | 62,543 | 56,590 | 53,532 | 50,510 |
| Other Operations | 10,659 | 9,876 | 8,774 | 7,646 | 7,047 | 6,786 |
| Unallocated | 396 | 446 | 406 | 385 | 361 | 348 |
| Total | 82,012 | 76,221 | 71,723 | 64,621 | 60,940 | 57,644 |

| Change in percent | 0303 | 0306 |
|--------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Systems | -25% | -23% |
| Other Operations | -34% | -31% |
| Unallocated | -9% | -22% |
| Total | -26% | -24% |

1) Employees with internal service units have been transferred from Other Operations to Systems

ORDERS BOOKED BY MARKET AREA BY QUARTER

SEK million

| <u>Isolated quarters</u> | 2002 | | | | 2003 | |
|------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | Q1 | Q2 |
| Europe, Middle East, Africa* | 19,493 | 17,691 | 9,554 | 18,710 | 14,081 | 14,425 |
| North America | 7,003 | 5,834 | 4,473 | 5,567 | 4,693 | 4,622 |
| Latin America | 4,846 | 3,349 | 1,417 | -37 | 2,621 | 1,669 |
| Asia Pacific | 10,551 | 8,391 | 5,086 | 6,423 | 5,665 | 7,632 |
| Total | 41,893 | 35,265 | 20,530 | 30,663 | 27,060 | 28,348 |
| * Of which Sweden | 2,437 | 2,506 | 1,346 | 1,331 | 1,406 | 1,190 |
| * Of which EU | 8,877 | 12,439 | 3,844 | 8,843 | 8,805 | 6,643 |

| <u>Sequential change</u> | 2002 | | | | 2003 | |
|------------------------------|------|-------------|-------------|------------|-------------|-----------|
| | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | Q1 | Q2 |
| Europe, Middle East, Africa* | | -9% | -46% | 96% | -25% | 2% |
| North America | | -17% | -23% | 24% | -16% | -2% |
| Latin America | | -31% | -58% | -103% | | -36% |
| Asia Pacific | | -20% | -39% | 26% | -12% | 35% |
| Total | | -16% | -42% | 49% | -12% | 5% |
| * Of which Sweden | | 3% | -46% | -1% | 6% | -15% |
| * Of which EU | | 40% | -69% | 130% | 0% | -25% |

| <u>Year over year change</u> | 2003 | |
|------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| | Q1 | Q2 |
| Europe, Middle East, Africa* | -28% | -18% |
| North America | -33% | -21% |
| Latin America | -46% | -50% |
| Asia Pacific | -46% | -9% |
| Total | -35% | -20% |
| * Of which Sweden | -42% | -53% |
| * Of which EU | -1% | -47% |

| <u>Year to date</u> | 2002 | | | | 2003 | |
|---------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| | 0203 | 0206 | 0209 | 0212 | 0303 | 0306 |

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|------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|
| Europe, Middle East, Africa* | 19,493 | 37,184 | 46,738 | 65,448 | 14,081 | 28,506 |
| North America | 7,003 | 12,837 | 17,310 | 22,877 | 4,693 | 9,315 |
| Latin America | 4,846 | 8,195 | 9,612 | 9,575 | 2,621 | 4,290 |
| Asia Pacific | 10,551 | 18,942 | 24,028 | 30,451 | 5,665 | 13,297 |
| Total | 41,893 | 77,158 | 97,688 | 128,351 | 27,060 | 55,408 |
| * Of which Sweden | 2,437 | 4,943 | 6,289 | 7,620 | 1,406 | 2,596 |
| * Of which EU | 8,877 | 21,316 | 25,160 | 34,003 | 8,805 | 15,448 |

| YTD year over year change | 2003 | |
|------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| | 0303 | 0306 |
| Europe, Middle East, Africa* | -28% | -23% |
| North America | -33% | -27% |
| Latin America | -46% | -48% |
| Asia Pacific | -46% | -30% |
| Total | -35% | -28% |
| * Of which Sweden | -42% | -47% |
| * Of which EU | -1% | -28% |

NET SALES BY MARKET AREA BY QUARTER

SEK million

| Isolated quarters | 2002 | | | | 2003 | |
|------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | Q1 | Q2 |
| Europe, Middle East, Africa* | 17,606 | 19,060 | 16,772 | 20,686 | 13,983 | 15,083 |
| North America | 4,072 | 6,063 | 6,381 | 6,552 | 3,940 | 4,217 |
| Latin America | 4,311 | 3,105 | 2,866 | 2,394 | 1,764 | 2,197 |
| Asia Pacific | 10,977 | 10,317 | 7,494 | 7,117 | 6,172 | 6,116 |
| Total | 36,966 | 38,545 | 33,513 | 36,749 | 25,859 | 27,613 |
| * Of which Sweden | 1,974 | 2,585 | 1,676 | 2,068 | 1,403 | 1,437 |
| * Of which EU | 10,867 | 11,068 | 9,193 | 12,268 | 7,885 | 8,070 |

| Sequential change | 2002 | | | | 2003 | |
|------------------------------|------|-----------|-------------|------------|-------------|-----------|
| | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | Q1 | Q2 |
| Europe, Middle East, Africa* | | 8% | -12% | 23% | -32% | 8% |
| North America | | 49% | 5% | 3% | -40% | 7% |
| Latin America | | -28% | -8% | -16% | -26% | 25% |
| Asia Pacific | | -6% | -27% | -5% | -13% | -1% |
| Total | | 4% | -13% | 10% | -30% | 7% |
| * Of which Sweden | | 31% | -35% | 23% | -32% | 2% |
| * Of which EU | | 2% | -17% | 33% | -36% | 2% |

| Year over year change | 2003 | |
|------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| | Q1 | Q2 |
| Europe, Middle East, Africa* | -21% | -21% |
| North America | -3% | -30% |
| Latin America | -59% | -29% |
| Asia Pacific | -44% | -41% |
| Total | -30% | -28% |
| * Of which Sweden | -29% | -44% |
| * Of which EU | -27% | -27% |

| Year to date | 2002 | | | | 2003 | |
|--------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| | 0203 | 0206 | 0209 | 0212 | 0303 | 0306 |

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|------------------------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|
| Europe, Middle East, Africa* | 17,606 | 36,666 | 53,438 | 74,124 | 13,983 | 29,066 |
| North America | 4,072 | 10,135 | 16,516 | 23,068 | 3,940 | 8,157 |
| Latin America | 4,311 | 7,416 | 10,282 | 12,676 | 1,764 | 3,961 |
| Asia Pacific | 10,977 | 21,294 | 28,788 | 35,905 | 6,172 | 12,288 |
| Total | 36,966 | 75,511 | 109,024 | 145,773 | 25,859 | 53,472 |
| * Of which Sweden | 1,974 | 4,559 | 6,235 | 8,303 | 1,403 | 2,840 |
| * Of which EU | 10,867 | 21,935 | 31,128 | 43,396 | 7,885 | 15,955 |

| YTD year over year change | 2003 | |
|------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| | 0303 | 0306 |
| Europe, Middle East, Africa* | -21% | -21% |
| North America | -3% | -20% |
| Latin America | -59% | -47% |
| Asia Pacific | -44% | -42% |
| Total | -30% | -29% |
| * Of which Sweden | -29% | -38% |
| * Of which EU | -27% | -27% |

EXTERNAL ORDERS BOOKED BY MARKET AREA BY SEGMENT

SEK million

| <u>Jan - Jun 2003</u> | <u>Systems</u> | <u>Share of Systems</u> | <u>Other</u> | <u>Share of other</u> | <u>Total</u> | <u>Share of total</u> |
|------------------------------|----------------|-----------------------------|--------------|---------------------------|---------------|---------------------------|
| Europe, Middle East & Africa | 25,166 | 49% | 3,340 | 75% | 28,506 | 51% |
| North America | 8,889 | 18% | 426 | 10% | 9,315 | 17% |
| Latin America | 4,177 | 8% | 113 | 2% | 4,290 | 8% |
| Asia Pacific | 12,715 | 25% | 582 | 13% | 13,297 | 24% |
| Total | 50,947 | 100% | 4,461 | 100% | 55,408 | 100% |
| Share of total | 92% | | 8% | | 100% | |

| <u>Jan - Jun 2002</u> | <u>Systems</u> | <u>Share of Systems</u> | <u>Other</u> | <u>Share of other</u> | <u>Total</u> | <u>Share of total</u> |
|------------------------------|----------------|-----------------------------|--------------|---------------------------|---------------|---------------------------|
| Europe, Middle East & Africa | 30,696 | 45% | 6,488 | 73% | 37,184 | 48% |
| North America | 12,276 | 18% | 561 | 6% | 12,837 | 16% |
| Latin America | 7,533 | 11% | 662 | 7% | 8,195 | 11% |
| Asia Pacific | 17,699 | 26% | 1,243 | 14% | 18,942 | 25% |
| Total | 68,204 | 100% | 8,954 | 100% | 77,158 | 100% |
| Share of total | 88% | | 12% | | 100% | |

| <u>Change</u> | <u>Systems</u> | <u>Other</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|------------------------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|
| Europe, Middle East & Africa | -18% | -49% | -23% |
| North America | -28% | -24% | -27% |
| Latin America | -45% | -83% | -48% |
| Asia Pacific | -28% | -53% | -30% |
| Total | -25% | -50% | -28% |

EXTERNAL NET SALES BY MARKET AREA BY SEGMENT

SEK million

| <u>Jan - Jun 2003</u> | <u>Systems</u> | <u>Share of Systems</u> | <u>Other</u> | <u>Share of other</u> | <u>Total</u> | <u>Share of total</u> |
|------------------------------|----------------|-----------------------------|--------------|---------------------------|--------------|---------------------------|
| Europe, Middle East & Africa | 25,603 | 52% | 3,463 | 77% | 29,066 | 54% |

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|---------------|---------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|
| North America | 7,942 | 16% | 215 | 5% | 8,157 | 15% |
| Latin America | 3,769 | 8% | 192 | 4% | 3,961 | 8% |
| Asia Pacific | 11,659 | 24% | 629 | 14% | 12,288 | 23% |
| Total | 48,973 | 100% | 4,499 | 100% | 53,472 | 100% |

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|----------------|-----|--|----|--|------|--|
| Share of total | 92% | | 8% | | 100% | |
|----------------|-----|--|----|--|------|--|

| <u>Jan - Jun 2002</u> | <u>Systems</u> | <u>Share of Systems</u> | <u>Other</u> | <u>Share of other</u> | <u>Total</u> | <u>Share of total</u> |
|------------------------------|----------------|-------------------------|--------------|-----------------------|---------------|-----------------------|
| Europe, Middle East & Africa | 30,698 | 46% | 5,968 | 74% | 36,666 | 49% |
| North America | 9,703 | 14% | 432 | 5% | 10,135 | 13% |
| Latin America | 6,808 | 10% | 608 | 8% | 7,416 | 10% |
| Asia Pacific | 20,229 | 30% | 1,065 | 13% | 21,294 | 28% |
| Total | 67,438 | 100% | 8,073 | 100% | 75,511 | 100% |

| | | | | | | |
|----------------|-----|--|-----|--|------|--|
| Share of total | 89% | | 11% | | 100% | |
|----------------|-----|--|-----|--|------|--|

| <u>Change</u> | <u>Systems</u> | <u>Other</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|------------------------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|
| Europe, Middle East & Africa | -17% | -42% | -21% |
| North America | -18% | -50% | -20% |
| Latin America | -45% | -68% | -47% |
| Asia Pacific | -42% | -41% | -42% |
| Total | -27% | -44% | -29% |

TOP 10 MARKETS IN ORDERS AND SALES**Year to date second quarter 2003**

| <u>Orders</u> | <u>Share of total orders</u> | <u>Sales</u> | <u>Share of total sales</u> |
|----------------|----------------------------------|----------------|---------------------------------|
| United States | 15% | United States | 14% |
| China | 9% | China | 7% |
| Italy | 7% | Italy | 6% |
| Sweden | 5% | Sweden | 5% |
| Spain | 4% | Saudi Arabia | 4% |
| Brazil | 4% | United Kingdom | 4% |
| Russia | 4% | Russia | 3% |
| India | 3% | Australia | 3% |
| United Kingdom | 3% | Spain | 3% |
| Indonesia | 2% | Japan | 3% |

CUSTOMER FINANCING RISK EXPOSURE

| | <u>Jun 30</u> | <u>Sep 30</u> | <u>Dec 31</u> | <u>Mar 31</u> | <u>Jun 30</u> |
|--|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| <u>(SEK b.)</u> | <u>2002</u> | <u>2002</u> | <u>2002</u> | <u>2003</u> | <u>2003</u> |
| On-balance-sheet credits | 16.6 | 18.9 | 21.1 | 21.1 | 15.6 |
| Off-balance-sheet credits | 11.5 | 6.8 | 1.5 | 1.6 | 1.8 |
| Total credits | 28.1 | 25.7 | 22.6 | 22.7 | 17.4 |
| Less third party risk coverage | -0.3 | -0.8 | -0.8 | -2.6 | -5.6 |
| Ericsson risk exposure | 27.8 | 24.9 | 21.8 | 20.1 | 11.8 |
| On-balance-sheet credits, net book value | 12.4 | 12.7 | 14.0 | 13.6 | 10.0 |
| Off-balance-sheet credits recorded as contingent liabilities | 9.1 | 5.1 | 1.3 | 1.3 | 1.6 |
| Financing commitments | 25.3 | 14.0 | 14.0 | 12.5 | 11.0 |

ERICSSON**OTHER INFORMATION**

| | Jan - Jun | Jan - Dec | Jan - Jun |
|--|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| SEK million | 2003 | 2002 | 2002 |
| Number of shares and earnings per share | | | |
| Number of shares, end of period (million) | 16,132 | 15,974 | 8,066 |
| Number of treasury shares, end of period (million) | 310 | 154 | 157 |
| Number of shares outstanding, basic, end of period (million) | 15,822 | 15,820 | 7,909 |
| Average number of shares, basic (million) ¹⁾ | 15,821 | 12,573 | 10,950 |
| Average number of treasury shares (million) | 231 | 156 | 157 |
| Average number of shares, diluted (million) ^{1,2)} | 15,829 | 12,684 | 11,058 |
| Earnings per share, basic (SEK) ¹⁾ | -0.44 | -1.51 | -0.52 |
| Earnings per share, diluted (SEK) ^{1,2)} | -0.44 | -1.51 | -0.52 |
| Ratios | | | |
| Equity ratio, percent | 36.0 | 36.4 | 28.6 |
| Capital turnover (times) | 0.8 | 1.0 | 1.0 |
| Accounts receivable turnover (times) | 3.1 | 3.0 | 2.9 |
| Inventory turnover (times) | 5.3 | 5.1 | 4.2 |
| Return on equity, percent | -20.2% | -26.7% | -17.8% |
| Return on capital employed, percent | -11.7% | -11.3% | -6.6% |
| Days Sales Outstanding | 101 | 92 | 108 |
| Other | | | |
| Payment readiness, end of period | 68,755 | 66,306 | 33,529 |
| Additions to tangible fixed assets | 791 | 2,738 | 1,587 |
| Of which in Sweden | 264 | 1,195 | 335 |
| Additions to capitalized development expenses | 1,273 | 3,442 | 1,997 |
| Total depreciation on tangible and intangible assets | 4,116 | 6,537 | 3,279 |
| Of which goodwill | 1,213 | 1,064 | 535 |
| Of which capitalized development expenses | 247 | 242 | 82 |
| Orders booked | 55,408 | 128,351 | 77,158 |
| Export sales from Sweden | 34,486 | 86,695 | 45,962 |
| Exchange rates used in the consolidation | | | |
| SEK / EUR average rate | 9.18 | 9.15 | 9.15 |
| closing rate | 9.18 | 9.15 | 9.11 |
| SEK / USD average rate | 8.33 | 9.72 | 10.18 |
| closing rate | 8.04 | 8.78 | 9.13 |

¹⁾ Adjusted for stock dividend element of stock issue in 2002.

²⁾ Potential ordinary shares are not considered when their conversion to ordinary shares would increase earnings per share.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

TELEFONAKTIEBOLAGET LM ERICSSON (PUBL)

By: /s/ CARL OLOF BLOMQVIST

Carl Olof Blomqvist

Senior Vice President and

General counsel

By: /s/ HENRY STÉN SON

Henry Sténson

Senior Vice President

Corporate Communications

Date: July 18, 2003