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Interim Report January – June 2001

	Qua	rter	January	/ - June
MSEK	2001 Q 2	2001 Q 1	2001	2000
Net turnover	3,031	4,890	7,921	13,369
Operating profit	1,703	689	2,392	1,486
Profit after net financial items	1,697	690	2,387	1,307
Earnings per share, SEK	20.70	4.07	24.77	7.16
 Calculated on average number of shares 	95,157,179	118,373,034	98,990,715 *	118,373,034

* weighted average

- Profit after net financial items increased in the second quarter by MSEK 1,007, compared with the previous quarter. In the first half of 2001, profit after net financial items rose by MSEK 1,080, compared with the first half of the previous year. This improvement is due to the sale of units.
- Operating profit for remaining units excluding Billerud increased by MSEK 11 to MSEK 222, compared with the previous quarter. Operating profit for the first half of 2001 increased by MSEK 3 to MSEK 433, compared with the same period in 2000.
- The sale of the Corrugated & Containerboard business area to the Dutch company Kappa was completed following EU approval in May. As of 1 January 2001, this transaction provided a capital gain (including tax effect) of MSEK 1,870.
- In autumn 2001, the Board of Directors will call an extraordinary general meeting and propose a transfer of approximately MSEK 12,000 to shareholders through redemption of shares.

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Market

Growth in the global economy is expected to remain weak throughout the rest of the year. At present, the decline in the US is expected to reach its lowest point in autumn at the earliest. Since the downturn in Europe started later than in the US, the weakening of the European economy will probably continue.

A relatively stable volume development is expected for AssiDomän's remaining products despite slower demand growth than in the same period last year.

Prices for cartonboard and sawlogs are relatively stable while a continued fall in market prices for sawn timber can be noted.

Sales, results and profitability

The sale of the Corrugated & Containerboard business area was completed in May 2001. In 2001, the business area is included in AssiDomän's consolidated accounts for the period January – April. Completed restructuring may make comparisons between different periods difficult (see below under *Changes in the Group*).

Second quarter

AssiDomän's *net turnover* for the period, MSEK 3,031, decreased compared with the previous quarter by MSEK 1,859 or 38% due to the sale of the Corrugated & Containerboard business area. Turnover for remaining units (excluding Billerud) rose 14%.

Operating profit improved for all remaining units. Earnings were charged with a higher provision for intercompany profits in stocks. In the first quarter, elimination of the intercompany profit reserve had a positive impact on earnings. Taken overall, earnings increased by MSEK 11 compared with the previous quarter and amounted to MSEK 222.

Profit after net financial items amounted to MSEK 1,697, an increase of MSEK 1,007 over the previous quarter. Corrugated & Containerboard, including the effects of the sale in the second quarter, had an impact on the result for the second quarter of MSEK 1,319, compared with MSEK 237 in the first quarter. Capital gains from the sale of properties amounted to MSEK 20 compared with MSEK 3 in the first quarter.

Net financial items amounted to MSEK –6 compared with MSEK 1 in the first quarter. The positive effect of the purchase price received from Kappa during the quarter was neutralised by the share redemption carried out in the first quarter.

January - June

Net turnover for the first six months of 2001, MSEK 7,921, decreased compared with the first half of 2000 by MSEK 5,448 or 41%. This change is essentially attributable to the sale of operations in both 2000 and 2001 as well as the formation of Billerud. Turnover for remaining units was on a par with the previous year.

Operating profit amounted to MSEK 2,392, compared with MSEK 1,486 for the first half of 2000. The overall earnings impact from Corrugated & Containerboard amounted to MSEK 1,610 (495). The results for the previous year included MSEK 318 for units later sold to Frantschach. The capital gain from the sale of properties amounted to MSEK 23 (32).

Operating profit for remaining units increased by MSEK 3 to MSEK 433. Cartonboard in particular, but also Wood Supply & Forestry, noted improved results while the trend for Timber was less favourable. The operating margin amounted to 11% during the period.

Profit after net financial items amounted to MSEK 2,387, compared with MSEK 1,307 in the same period last year. Net financial items improved by MSEK 174. This is mainly due to purchase prices received for sold operations, lower debt as a result of the establishment of Billerud and an additional purchase price from Frantschach of MSEK 52.

Positive *net tax* of MSEK 66 is reported for the period. This reflects a 28% tax charge for remaining operations and a positive tax effect of MSEK 300 from the sale of Corrugated & Containerboard. In the first half of 2000, the tax charge was MSEK 457, corresponding to a tax rate of 35%.

Return on capital employed amounted to 19% during the period and return on equity was 21%, both calculated on a full-year basis.

The number of employees decreased due to the sale of operations and rationalisation measures. The average number of employees in remaining units amounted to 2,255.

Investments, cash flow and financial position

Investments amounted to MSEK 433 in the period January – June. The amount for remaining units was MSEK 171.

Cash flow from operating activities amounted to MSEK 1,927. Interest-bearing net cash amounted to MSEK 4,784 at 30 June 2001, compared with a net debt of MSEK 2,177 at year-end 2000. This change was mainly attributable to liquid assets received from the sale of Corrugated & Containerboard and payment of the MSEK 4,411 share redemption decided in 2000. The establishment of Billerud reduced the interest-bearing net debt by MSEK 1,522.

The Group's visible *equity ratio* was 72% at the end of the period, compared with 62% at the beginning of the year. *The debt/equity ratio* was –0.21 (0.09).

Business areas

Cartonboard

Second quarter

The general market situation for packaging board was characterised by stable but weak demand with short order stocks. Earlier price increases were accepted by the market. AssiDomän's delivery volumes increased slightly during the period. The average price also rose, as a result of earlier price increases and an improved delivery mix.

Operating profit for the quarter amounted to MSEK 56, compared with MSEK 40 in the previous quarter. Higher selling prices, lower raw material prices and increased deliveries contributed to this improvement.

January – June

Operating profit for the period was MSEK 96, an increase of MSEK 68 compared with the same period last year. This improvement was mainly attributable to higher selling prices which were due, among other things, to an improved delivery mix and improved productivity.

Timber

Second quarter

The European market for sawn timber remained uncertain during the quarter with falling prices for both redwood and whitewood products. Although demand remained high, a surplus exists. AssiDomän's deliveries were largely unchanged compared with the previous quarter.

Operating profit for the quarter amounted to MSEK 11 compared with MSEK 2 in the previous quarter. The reasons for this improvement included a favourable foreign exchange trend.

January - June

Operating profit for the first half of the year was MSEK 13, a decrease of MSEK 14 compared with the same period in 2000. Lower selling prices were the main contributor to this decline.

Wood Supply & Forestry

Second quarter

The timber market improved slightly during the period. Prices have stabilised. In southern Sweden, however, there is still a surplus of spruce timber and pulpwood. The market in northern Sweden is more balanced but with a shortage of spruce timber.

Operating profit amounted to MSEK 274, compared with MSEK 235 in the previous quarter. This improvement was mainly due to higher delivery volumes.

January - June

Operating profit amounted to MSEK 509, compared with MSEK 493 in the same period last year. Delivery volumes from the Group's forests remained largely unchanged. Lower costs compensated for the slightly lower prices.

Billerud

Second quarter

Development for market pulp and kraft paper was weak during the period. The market for containerboard was more balanced but with some price reductions.

Operating profit amounted to MSEK 319, a decrease of MSEK 150 compared with the previous quarter. Lower prices for market pulp and the planned annual production shutdown at Skärblacka were the main factors behind this decline. Profit after net financial items amounted to MSEK 292.

Operating profit in the first half of 2001 amounted to MSEK 788, compared with MSEK 515 in the same period in 2000. Higher average prices including a favourable foreign exchange trend contributed to this improvement. Profit after net financial items amounted to MSEK 733.

Changes in the Group

Corrugated & Containerboard

The sale of the Corrugated & Containerboard business area to the Dutch company Kappa was completed in May 2001 following EU approval. The purchase price amounted to MSEK 10,410 on a debt-free basis, of which tax debts account for MSEK 350 and interest-bearing net liabilities for MSEK 4,680.

The overall earnings impact of the sale is shown in the table below.

						Deconsoli- dation of			
	Effect of				Earnings	earnings			
	trans-		Translation of	differences	in sold	in sold		of	of
	action	Interest	until		units	units	Total	which	which
	at 1 Jan	purchase	31 Dec	Jan-Apr	Jan-Apr	Jan-Apr	Jan-Jun	Q 2	Q 1
MSEK	2001	price	2000	2001	2001	2001	2001	2001	2001
Capital gain	1,570						1,570	1,570	-
Transactions 2001		129		-71	345	-226	177	-100	277
Realised trans-									
lation difference			-208	71			-137	-137	-
Operating profit	1,570	129	-208	0	345	-226	1,610	1,333	277
Net financial items					-54		-54	-14	-40
Profit after net									
financial items	1,570	129	-208	0	291	-226	1,556	1,319	237
Tax	300				-65		235	284	-49
Net profit	1,870	129	-208	0	226	-226	1,791	1,603	188

As of 1 January 2001, the transaction has provided a capital gain of MSEK 1,570. In addition to this there are positive tax effects of MSEK 300. Taken overall, this provided a positive earnings impact as of 1 January 2001 of MSEK 1,870.

Interest on the purchase price from 1 January to the day the purchase price was paid was also received and amounted to MSEK 129.

Since the sale was made with transfer of the sold companies as of 1 January 2001, the net profit for 2001 accrues to the purchaser. Before the sale was completed in May, the units' earnings were included in AssiDomän's total result. This net profit for the period January – April amounted to MSEK 226. Following deconsolidation this amount has been eliminated.

Foreign currency translation differences on the sold units' capital during the holding period were previously booked direct against shareholders' equity without going through the profit and loss account in accordance with existing accounting rules. In conjunction with a sale, according to the Swedish Financial Accounting Standards Council's recommendations (RR 8), this translation difference must also be reported via the profit and loss account. At 1 January 2001, this translation difference amounted to MSEK –208. The MSEK 71 translation difference for this year (January-April 2001) is also included.

The total net earnings impact of this transaction in 2001 amounts to MSEK 1,791, of which MSEK 1,603 was reported in the second quarter. The total increase in shareholders' equity

amounts to MSEK 1,999, since the translation difference of MSEK 208 had previously affected shareholders' equity.

Billerud

On 1 January 2001, AssiDomän's pulp and paper mills in Karlsborg and Skärblacka and Stora Enso's pulp and paper mill in Gruvön were merged to form the 50/50 owned company Billerud AB.

AssiDomän's Annual General Meeting in May 2001 resolved, applying the Lex ASEA Swedish legal precedent, to distribute AssiDomän's shareholding in Billerud to shareholders in conjunction with the stock-exchange listing of Billerud in autumn 2001. More information about the terms of the distribution of Billerud will be provided to AssiDomän's shareholders prior to the listing.

Stora Enso intends to sell 40% of its holding in conjunction with the listing (i.e. 20% of Billerud's shares). Ahead of the listing, Stora Enso will place this 20% with financial institutions, alternatively sell it to AssiDomän. If Stora Enso sells to AssiDomän, these shares will also be distributed to AssiDomän's shareholders.

Changed operational focus for AssiDomän

AssiDomän is the largest listed forest owner in Europe with 2.4 million hectares of productive timberland in Sweden. The sale of Corrugated & Containerboard marked a decisive step in the refocusing of AssiDomän as a pure play forestry company. The industrial operations in the Group now comprise the cartonboard mill in Frövi, the sawmill operations and, for the time being, a 50% share in Billerud AB. Efforts to find stronger structures for the remaining industrial operations will continue.

The intention is to adjust the Group's capital structure in line with the character and scope of its remaining operations. AssiDomän's Board of Directors will therefore call an extraordinary general meeting in the autumn which will be asked to approve the transfer of approximately MSEK 12,000 to shareholders through redemption of shares. The terms of the redemption will be published prior to the extraordinary general meeting.

Parent Company

AssiDomän AB owns and manages property and shares in subsidiaries and is responsible for group-wide financing.

Net turnover amounted to MSEK 637 (643). Most of turnover comprised remuneration from the Wood Supply business unit for felling assignments on timberland owned by the Parent Company.

Profit after financial items amounted to MSEK 3,066 (987), of which MSEK 2,922 (467) relates to result from participations in subsidiaries. This result also includes capital gains from the sale of properties of MSEK 23 (32). The average number of employees decreased to 355 (522).

Fixed-asset investments, excluding shares, amounted to MSEK 68 (75). Liquid assets and shortterm investments amounted to MSEK 6,766 (5,288) at 30 June 2001, compared with MSEK 3,893 at year-end 2000. Interest-bearing net cash amounted to MSEK 1,553, compared with an interestbearing net debt of MSEK 4,340 at year-end 2000.

AssiDomän shares

AssiDomän's share price was SEK 230 on 27 July. Since the beginning of the year, the shares have appreciated by 21%. In the same period, the Sweden SX Paper & Forest Products index

increased by 5.4%. The average daily trading volume in the first half of 2001 was 260,529 shares (198,367 in full year 2000).

At 30 June 2001, the total number of shareholders in AssiDomän AB was 210,160. The proportion of institutional ownership was 54% on the same date compared with 49% on 30 June 2000. Foreign ownership fell by 5 percentage points in the first half of 2001 and now amounts to 18%.

The previously decided redemption of shares was completed at the end of March 2001 whereby 23,215,855 shares were redeemed and MSEK 4,411 was transferred to shareholders. The number of shares in AssiDomän subsequently amounts to 95,157,179.

Shareholders

The five largest Swedish shareholders

	30 June 2001
Swedish State	35.3 %
Alecta	6.0 %
SEB mutual funds	4.9 %
Investor	3.4 %
SEB Trygg försäkring	1.7 %
Total	51.3 %

All Swedish shareholders are named in VPC's register while foreign shareholders are usually registered under the names of nominees. Unidentified foreign institutions can therefore be among the largest shareholders.

Ownership structure

	30 June 2001	31 December 2000
Swedish State	35,3 %	35,3 %
Owners of 1-10,000 shares	21,0 %	16,6 %
10 largest Swedish shareholders excl.		
State	19,7 %	16,5 %
Foreign shareholders	18,4 %	23,5 %
Other Swedish shareholders	5,6 %	8,1 %
Total	100,0 %	100,0 %

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This interim report has not been reviewed by the Company's auditors.

Financial calendar

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Accounting principles

AssiDomän follows the recommendations of the Swedish Financial Accounting Standards Council. The accounting principles, as described in the Annual Report for 2000, are unchanged except for a change in the translation method for one subsidiary and adoption of the Swedish Financial Accounting Standards Council's recommendation RR 9 Income Taxes. The effects of these changes are described in the table "Changes in shareholders' equity" below. Comparative periods have been recalculated in a similar manner.

	3	8 months		6 mo	nths	12 ma	onths
Profit and Loss Account	Q 2	Q 1	Q 2	Jan-Jun	Jan-Jun	Jul 2000-	Full year
MSEK	2001	2001	2000	2001	2000	Jun 2001	2000
Net turnover	3,031	4,890	6,809	7,921	13,369	19,195	24,643
Other operating income	1,287	11	39	1,298	98	1,766	566
Raw materials and consumables	-1,196	-1,870	-2,295	-3,066	-4,599	-7,033	-8,566
Change in stocks	-38	41	-100	3	-45	202	154
Other external costs	-878	-1,400	-1,917	-2,278	-3,901	-5,621	-7,244
Staff costs *	-486	-903	-1,305	-1,389	-2,556	-3,290	-4,457
Share of profits of associated							
companies	148	216	0	364	-1	361	-4
Depreciation according to plan	-165	-296	-433	-461	-879	-1,201	-1,619
Operating profit	1,703	689	798	2,392	1,486	4,379	3,473
Financial items	-6	1	-56	-5	-179	-209	-383
Profit after financial items	1,697	690	742	2,387	1,307	4,170	3,090
Taxes	273	-207	-258	66	-457	257	-266
Minority interests	0	-1	-2	-1	-3	-4	-6
Net profit for the period	1,970	482	482	2,452	847	4,423	2,818
Net earnings/share, SEK - calculated on average number of shares, millions * of which, SPP funds **weighted average	20.70 95.2 -	4.07 118.4 -	4.08 118.4 -	24.77 99.0** -	7.16 118.4 -	41.42 101.0** 332	23.81 118.4 332
Balance Sheet MSEK		30 June 2001	30 Jur 200	0 2	Dec 000_		
Fixed assets, non-interest-bearing		22,466	20,40		164		
Stocks		795	2,88	31 2,	305		
Current receivables, etc. non-interest-				,			
bearing		2,038	6,60)5 4,	910		
Liquid assets and interest-bearing		0.040			005		
receivables		6,242			925		
Total assets		31,541	30,62	<u>20</u> 40,	304		
Shareholders' equity		22,559	13,40	08 24,	931		

Shareholders' equity	22,559	13,408	24,931
Minority interests		35	29
Non-interest-bearing liabilities and	7 504		
provisions Interest-bearing liabilities and provisions	7,524	7,850	10,242
	1,458	9,333	5,102
Total shareholders' equity and liabilities	31,541	30,626	40,304

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Cash Flow Statement	Jan-June	Jan-June	Full year
MSEK	2001	2000	2000
Operating surplus	2,672	2,304	4,739
Change in working capital, etc.	-78	-652	-599
Net financial items, taxes, etc.	-667	-517	-921
Cash flow from operating activities	1,927	1,135	3,219
Investments in fixed assets	-433	-768	-1,490
Company acquisitions	-	-	-46
Sale of fixed assets	10,537	156	5,282
Change in interest-bearing receivables	70	-93	16
Cash flow from			
investing activities	10,174	-705	3,762
Cash flow from			
financing activities	-8,714	-1,052	-5,326
Total cash flow	3,387	-622	1,655
Liquid assets at the beginning of the			
year	2,853	1,187	1,187
Exchange differences in liquid assets	0	-5	11
Liquid assets at the end of the period	6,240	560	2,853

	Jan-June	Jan-June	Full year
Changes in shareholders' equity	2001	2000	2000
Opening equity on 1 January			
according to adopted balance sheet	24,843	13,194	13,194
Change in translation method *	95	87	95
Effect of adoption of RR 9 Income Taxes	-7	-	-7
Adjusted opening equity	24,931	13,281	13,282
Redemption of shares **	-4,411	-	-
Dividend	-619	-710	-710
Provision to revaluation reserve	-	-	9,604
Realised translation difference taken up as			
income	137	-	-
Translation difference for the period	135	-59	22
Adjustment for hedging carried out	-66	49	-85
Net profit for the period	2,452	847	2,818
Closing equity at the end of the period	22,559	13,408	24,931

* Starting in 2001, translation of the balance sheets and profit and loss accounts of the subsidiary in St. Petersburg, Russia, is carried out according to the monetary method. The current method was previously applied. Comparative figures for the Russian subsidiary for January – June and the full year 2000 have been recalculated in this interim report and included in the consolidated balance sheet according to the monetary method.

This change was realised in conjunction with the sale to Kappa.

** On 29 March 2001 shareholders' equity decreased through redemption of 23,215,855 shares at SEK 190. The number of shares has thus decreased from 118,373,034 to 95,157,179.

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	Jan-June	Jan-June	Full year
Key Figures *	2001	2000	2000
Operating margin, % 1)	10	11	14
Return on capital employed, % 2)	19	13	14
Return on equity, % 2)	21	13	15
Equity ratio, %	72	44	62
Debt/equity ratio, times	-0.21	0.64	0.09
Interest-bearing net debt, MSEK	-4,784	8,595	2,177
Earnings per share after full tax, SEK 3)	24.77	7.16	23.81
Cash flow per share, SEK 3)	26.09	16.53	40.80
Equity per share, SEK 3)	237	113	210
Average number of employees	7,838	16,452	14,506
Average number of employees in remaining units	2,255	2,475	2,342

1) Excluding capital gain from the sale to Kappa and share of profits of Billerud.

2) Calculated on an annual basis.

3) Second quarter 2001 calculated on 95,157,179 shares, first quarter 2001 and 2000 on 118,373,034 shares.

* Definitions, see Annual Report for 2000

Quarterly breakdown of net turnover by business unit/business area and for the Group

	200)1		200	00			1999	
MSEK	Q 2	Q 1	Q 4	Q 3	Q 2	Q 1	Q 4	Q 3	Q 2
Cartonboard	555	529	494	444	539	473	435	475	424
Timber	623	622	612	501	585	671	730	558	670
Wood Supply & Forestry	1,158	1,225	1,257	964	1,212	1,276	1,206	888	1,227
Other & intra-Group deliveries	-263	-564	-526	-447	-384	-489	-327	-535	-364
Total remaining units	2,073	1,812	1,837	1,462	1,952	1,931	2,044	1,386	1,957
AssiDomän units included in									
Billerud since 1 January 2001	-	-	1,068	928	902	847	789	719	739
Units sold to Kappa	1,066	3,401	3,247	2,906	3,116	2,919	2,804	2,651	2,962
Units sold to Frantschach	-	-	-	502	1,310	1,311	1,138	1,275	1,191
Other & intra-Group deliveries	-108	-323	-336	-340	-471	-448	-363	-268	-474
Total Group	3,031	4,890	5,816	5,458	6,809	6,560	6,412	5,763	6,375

Business areas

Quarterly breakdown of earnings by business area and for the Group

-	200	1			200	00	-		1999	
MSEK	Q 2	Q 1		Q 4	Q 3	Q 2	Q 1	Q 4	Q 3	Q 2
Cartonboard	56	40		46	26	24	4	20	31	-29
Timber	11	2		12	2	14	13	0	-14	-16
Wood Supply & Forestry	274	235		235	162	217	276	247	139	306
Property sales	20 ¹⁾	3	1)	29	200	15	17	7	21	66
Other and eliminations	-139	-69		-108	-53	-121	-29	-94	-78	-56
Total remaining units	222	211		214	337	149	281	180	99	271
SPP funds	-	-		-	332	-	-	-	-	-
Share of profit of Billerud	148	218		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
AssiDomän units included in										
Billerud since 1 January 2001	-	-		285	264	186	98	82	86	17
Units sold to Kappa	1,333 ²⁾	277	2)	324	199	299	196	37	114	184
Units sold to Frantschach	-	-		-	70	184	134	-106	94	38
Other and eliminations	-	-17		-17	-21	-20	-21	-20	-21	-21
Operating profit before										
write-downs	1,703	689		806	1,181	798	688	173	372	489
Write-downs	-	-		-	-	-	-	-1,540	-	-
Operating profit after										
write-downs	1,703	689		806	1,181	798	688	-1,367	372	489
Financial items	-6 ^{2), 3}	³⁾ 1	2), 3)	-118	-86	-56	-123	-133	-134	-111
Profit after financial										
items **	1,697	690		688	1,095	742	565	-1,500	238	378
Taxes	273	-207		98	93	-258	-199	151	-116	-132
Minority interests	0	-1		-2	-1	-2	-1	1	-1	-1
Net profit/loss for the period	1,970	482		784	1,187	482	365	-1,348	121	245
Net earnings/share, SEK	20.70	4.07		6.63	10.02	4.08	3.08	-11.39	1.02	2.08
- excl. write-downs								-0.59		
 calculated on average number 										
of shares, millions	95.2	118.4		118.4	118.4	118.4	118.4	118.4	118.4	118.4
** Non-recurring items and ear	nings from	units	sold	to Ka	рра					
1) capital gains										
property sales	20	3								
earnings from units										
cold to Kanna	1 210	227								

sold to Kappa	1,319	237
3) additional purchase price	13	39
Total	1,352	279

Quarterly breakdown of deliveries and production volumes by business unit

-	200	01		200	00	-		1999	
	Q 2	Q 1	Q 4	Q 3	Q 2	Q 1	Q 4	Q 3	Q 2
Cartonboard									
Deliveries, ktonnes	80	76	71	65	82	75	67	67	65
Production, ktonnes	80	78	76	73	73	72	67	75	63
Timber									
Deliveries, 000 m ³ fo	310	315	312	255	303	325	366	251	339
Production, 000 m ³ fo	315	314	321	246	302	322	333	266	323
Forestry									
Deliveries, 000 sm ³ ub 1)	1,357	1,276	1,531	1,137	1,259	1,376	1,450	1,067	1,563
1) Delivering from Crown forgets									

1) Deliveries from Group forests

Euro appendix 1

AssiDomän Group in euros *) *) Exchange rates used are shown in the Exchange rates table in Euro appendix 4

	3 months			6 mo	nths	12 months	
Profit and Loss Account	Q 2	Q 1	Q 2	Jan-Jun	Jan-Jun	Jul 2000-	Full year
MEUR	2001	2001	2000	2001	2000	Jun 2001	2000
Net turnover	328.6	534.4	798.7	863.0	1,589.3	2,054.8	2,781.1
Other operating income	140.2	1.2	4.5	141.4	11.6	193.7	63.9
Raw materials and consumables	-129.8	-204.3	-269.0	-334.1	-546.7	-754.1	-966.7
Change in stocks	-4.2	4.5	-11.9	0.3	-5.3	23.0	17.4
Other external costs	-95.1	-153.1	-224.6	-248.2	-463.7	-602.1	-817.6
Staff costs *	-52.6	-98.7	-153.1	-151.3	-303.9	-350.4	-503.0
Share of profits of associated							
companies	16.1	23.6	0.0	39.7	-0.1	39.3	-0.5
Depreciation according to plan	-17.9	-32.3	-50.8	-50.2	-104.5	-128.4	-182.7
Operating profit	185.3	75.3	-93.8	260.6	176.7	475.8	391.9
Financial items	-0.6	0.1	-6.5	-0.5	-21.3	-22.4	-43.2
Profit after financial items	184.7	75.4	87.3	260.1	155.4	453.4	348.7
Taxes	29.8	-22.6	-30.3	7.2	-54.3	31.5	-30.0
Minority interests	0.0	-0.1	-0.3	-0.1	-0.4	-0.4	-0.7
Net profit for the period	214.5	52.7	56.7	267.2	100.7	484.5	318.0
Net earnings/share, SEK	2.25	0.45	0.48	2.70	0.85	4.54	2.69
 calculated on average number of 							
shares, millions	95.2	118.4	118.4	99.0**	118.4	101.0**	118.4
* of which, SPP funds	-	-	-	-	-	37.5	37.5
** weighted average							

Balance Sheet	30 June	30 June	31 Dec
MEUR	2001	2000	2000
Fixed assets, non-interest-bearing	2,447.8	2,425.3	3,404.2
Stocks	86.6	342.5	260.1
Current receivables, etc. non-interest-			
bearing	222.1	785.2	554.1
Liquid assets and interest-bearing			
receivables	680.1	87.7	330.1
Total assets	3,436.6	3,640.7	4,548.5
Shareholders' equity	2,457.9	1,593.9	2,813.4
Minority interests	0.0	4.1	3.3
Non-interest-bearing liabilities and			
provisions	819.8	933.2	1,156.0
Interest-bearing liabilities and provisions	158.9	1,109.5	575.8
Total shareholders' equity and liabilities	3,436.6	3,640.7	4,548.5

AssiDomän Group in euros *

* Exchange rates used are shown in the Exchange rates table in Euro appendix 4

Cash Flow Statement	Jan-June	Jan-June	Full year
MEUR	2001	2000	2000
Operating surplus	291.1	273.9	534.8
Change in working capital, etc.	-8.5	-77.5	-67.6
Net financial items, taxes, etc.	-72.7	-61.5	-103.9
Cash flow from operating activities	209.9	134.9	363.3
Investments in fixed assets	-47.1	-91.3	-168.1
Company acquisitions	-	-	-5.2
Sale of fixed assets	1,148.0	18.5	596.1
Change in interest-bearing receivables	7.6	-11.0	1.8
Cash flow from			
investing activities	1,108.5	-83.8	424.6
Cash flow from			
financing activities	-949.4	-125.0	-601.1
Total cash flow	369.0	-73.9	186.8
Liquid assets at the beginning of the	322.0	138.9	138.9
year			
Exchange differences in liquid assets	-11.1	1.6	-3.7
Liquid assets at the end of the period	679.9	66.6	322.0

	Jan-June	Jan-June	Full year
Changes in shareholders' equity	2001	2000	2000
Opening equity on 1 January according to			
adopted balance sheet	2,803.6	1,544.1	1,544.1
Change in translation method 1)	10.4	10.3	10.7
Effect of introduction of RR 9 Income Taxes	-0.6	-	-0.8
Adjusted opening equity	2,813.4	1,554.4	1,554.0
Translation difference in opening equity	-97.0	24.4	-55.1
Dividend	-67.4	-84.4	-80.1
Redemption of shares 2)	-480.6	-	-
Provision to revaluation reserve	-	-	1,083.8
Realised translation difference taken up as			
income	14.9	-	-
Translation difference for the period	14.6	-7.0	2.4
Adjustment of hedging carried out	-7.2	5.8	-9.6
Net profit for the period	267.2	100.7	318.0
Closing equity at the end of the period	2,457.9	1,593.9	2,813.4

 Starting in 2001, translation of the balance sheets and profit and loss accounts of the subsidiary in St. Petersburg, Russia, is carried out according to the monetary method. The current method was previously applied. Comparative figures for the Russian subsidiary for January – June and the full year 2000 have been recalculated in this interim report and included in the consolidated balance sheet according to the monetary method.

This change was realised in conjunction with the sale to Kappa.

2) On 29 March 2001 shareholders' equity decreased through redemption of 23,215,855 shares at SEK 190. The number of shares has thus decreased from 118,373,034 to 95,157,179.

AssiDomän Group in euros *

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	Jan-June	Jan-June	Full year
Key Figures **	2001	2000	2000
Operating margin, % 1)	10	11	14
Return on capital employed, % 2)	19	13	14
Return on equity, % 2)	21	13	15
Equity ratio, %	72	44	62
Debt/equity ratio, times	-0.21	0.64	0.09
Interest-bearing net debt, MEUR	-521.2	1,021.8	245.7
Earnings per share after full tax, EUR 3)	2.70	0.85	2.69
Cash flow per share, EUR 3)	2.84	1.97	4.60
Equity per share, EUR 3)	25.83	13.47	23.68
Average number of employees	7,838	16,452	14,506
Average number of employees in remaining units	2,255	2,475	2,342

1) Excluding capital gain from the sale to Kappa and share of profits of Billerud.

2) Calculated on an annual basis.

3) Second quarter 2001 calculated on 95,157,179 shares, first quarter 2001 and 2000 on 118,373,034 shares.

** Definitions, see Annual Report for 2000

qualities bis bis and bis									
	200)1		200	00			1999	
MEUR	Q 2	Q 1	Q 4	Q 3	Q 2	Q 1	Q 4	Q 3	Q 2
Cartonboard	60.3	57.8	49.2	50.6	63.3	57.0	54.0	54.9	49.1
Timber	67.7	68.0	61.2	56.9	68.4	80.9	89.7	64.5	77.6
Wood Supply & Forestry	125.8	133.8	126.3	109.3	142.0	153.8	149.0	102.8	142.2
Other & intra-Group deliveries	-28.5	-61.6	-53.4	-51.2	-44.9	-58.9	-41.5	-61.6	-42.5
Total remaining units	225.3	198.0	183.3	165.6	228.8	232.8	251.2	160.6	226.4
AssiDomän units included in									
Billerud since 1 January 2001	-	-	108.4	106.3	105.9	102.0	97.2	83.1	85.4
Units sold to Kappa	115.0	371.7	326.2	331.9	365.6	351.8	347.8	306.5	342.9
Units sold to Frantschach	-	-	-14.0	54.9	153.6	158.0	141.7	147.2	138.0
Other & intra-Group deliveries	-11.7	-35.3	-32.3	-38.5	-55.2	-54.0	-45.1	-31.2	-54.5
Total Group	328.6	534.4	571.6	620.2	798.7	790.6	792.8	666.2	738.2

Quarterly breakdown of net turnover by business area, business unit and for the Group

Business areas in euros*)

*) Exchange rates used are shown in the Exchange rates table in Euro appendix 4

Quarterly breakdown of earnings by business area and for the Group									
	2001		2000				1999		
MEUR	Q 2	Q 1	Q 4	Q 3	Q 2	Q 1	Q 4	Q 3	Q 2
Cartonboard	6.1	4.4	5.0	3.0	2.8	0.5	2.3	3.6	-3.4
Timber	1.2	0.2	1.2	0.2	1.6	1.6	-0.1	-1.6	-1.9
Wood Supply & Forestry	29.8	25.7	23.5	18.3	25.3	33.3	30.7	16.3	35.5
Property sales	2.2	¹⁾ 0.3 ¹⁾	2.3	23.4	1.8	2.0	1.1	2.4	7.6
Other and eliminations	-15.2	-7.5	-11.3	-6.0	-14.3	-3.5	-11.4	-9.0	-6.4
Total remaining units	24.1	23.1	20.7	38.9	17.2	33.9	22.6	11.7	31.4
SPP funds	-	-	-1.5	39.0	-	-	-	-	-
Share of profits of Billerud	16.1	23.8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
AssiDomän units included in									
Billerud since 1 January 2001	-	-	29.7	30.5	22.0	11.8	9.7	9.8	1.9
Units sold to Kappa	145.1	²⁾ 30.3 ²⁾	33.5	22.6	35.2	23.6	5.3	13.2	21.2
Units sold to Frantschach	-	-	-1.7	7.7	21.7	16.1	-12.0	10.8	4.3
Other and eliminations	-	-1.9	-1.8	-2.4	-2.3	-2.5	-2.8	-2.5	-2.4
Operating profit before									
write-downs	185.3	75.3	78.9	136.3	93.8	82.9	22.8	43.0	56.4
Write-downs	-	-	-	-	-	-	-180.0	-	-
Operating profit after									
write-downs	185.3	75.3	78.9	136.3	93.8	82.9	-157.2	43.0	56.4
Financial items	-0.6	^{2), 3)} 0.1 ^{2),3}	-12.1	-9.8	-6.5	-14.8	-16.4	-15.5	-12.9
Profit after financial									
items **	184.7	75.4	66.8	126.5	87.3	68.1	-173.6	27.5	43.5
Taxes	29.8	-22.6	12.7	11.6	-30.3	-24.0	16.9	-13.4	-15.2
Minority interests	0.0	-0.1	-0.2	-0.1	-0.3	-0.1	0.1	-0.1	-0.1
Net profit /loss for the period	214.5	52.7	79.3	138.0	56.7	44.0	-156.6	14.0	28.2
Net earnings/share, EUR	2.25	0.45	0.66	1.18	0.48	0.37	-1.32	0.12	0.24
- excl. write-downs							-0.06		
- calculated on average number									
of shares, millions	95.2	118.4	118.4	118.4	118.4	118.4	118.4	118.4	118.4
** Non requiring items and ear		•.							

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Quarterly breakdown of earnings by business area and for the Group

** Non-recurring items and earnings from units sold to Kappa

1) capital gains property sales 0.3 2.2 2) earnings from units 143.6 25.9 sold to Kappa 3) additional purchase price 1.4 Total 147.2 30.5

Exchange rates	EUR 1 =
30 June 2001	SEK 9.178000
31 March 2001	SEK 9.151000
31 December 2000	SEK 8.861000
30 September 2000	SEK 8.521000
30 June 2000	SEK 8.412000
31 March 2000	SEK 8.298000
31 December 1999	SEK 8.545000
30 September 1999	SEK 8.719800
30 June 1999	SEK 8.752500
31 March 1999	SEK 8.880600

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