Press release



SKF First-quarter report 2011

Tom Johnstone, President and CEO:

"The SKF Group has had a strong start to the year with records in sales, operating profit and operating margin and a good cash flow. We saw a very positive sales development in all regions and divisions with a similar demand pattern as at the end of last year. The steps which we have taken to reduce our cost base and to offset the higher raw material costs are clearly seen in the operating result of the Group. The integration of Lincoln Industrial into the SKF Group and the development of our total lubrication systems business is going according to plan.

During the quarter we saw no real impact in terms of demand or supply from the terrible tragedy in Japan. However we do expect to see some negative effect in the second quarter primarily in our sales to the car industry although this is very difficult to quantify. We do not see any material impact at this stage on demand in other segments of our business so we expect demand in total to be slightly higher sequentially for the Group. We will continue to work on our initiatives to strengthen the Group going forward and to invest in our business to support our long-term financial targets."

	Q1	Q1
	2011	2010
Net sales, SEKm	16,702	14,446
Operating profit, SEKm	2,504	1,702
Operating margin, %	15.0	11.8
Operating margin excl. one-off items, %	15.0	12.4
Profit before taxes, SEKm	2,318	1,504
Net profit, SEKm	1,620	1,070
Basic earnings per share, SEK	3.44	2.27

The increase of 15.6% in net sales for the quarter, in SEK, was attributable to: volume 20.1%, structure 5.0%, price/mix 1.3% and currency effects -10.8%.

Outlook for the second quarter of 2011

Demand compared to the second quarter last year

The demand for SKF products and services is expected to be significantly higher for the Group and all geographical regions. It will be significantly higher for Industrial Division and the Service Division and slightly higher for Automotive Division.

Demand compared to the first quarter 2011

The demand is expected to be slightly higher for the Group, higher in Asia and Latin America, slightly higher in North America and relatively unchanged in Europe. The Industrial Division and the Service Division are expected to be slightly higher and the Automotive Division relatively unchanged.

Manufacturing level

The manufacturing level will be significantly higher year on year and relatively unchanged compared to the first quarter.



Sales in the first quarter compared to the same period last year

Sales in local currencies were significantly higher for the Group and for all main regions and divisions.

The manufacturing level was significantly higher than in the first quarter last year.

Financial

	31 March	31 December	31 March
Key figures	2011	2010	2010
Inventories, % of annual sales	20.1	21.1	21.0
ROCE for the 12-month period, %	25.6	24.0	11.9
ROE for the 12-month period, %	30.7	28.4	13.0
Equity/assets ratio, %	37.0	36.0	36.2
Gearing, %	47.2	48.6	48.3
Net debt/equity, %	74.2	80.5	65.5
Registered number of employees	44,784	44,742	41,055

In line with SKF's ambition to invest for growth, around 600 new employees were added in the quarter. The reported number of registered employees is affected mainly by the divestment of Officine Meccaniche Villar Perosa SpA (OMVP).

Cash flow, after investments and before financing, was SEK 372 million (32) for the first quarter 2011. The financial net in the first quarter was SEK -186 million (-198).

Exchange rates, the effects of translation and transaction flows, had a negative effect of around SEK 200 million on SKF's operating profit in the first quarter, compared to the corresponding period last year. It is estimated that there will be a negative effect of SEK 400 million on operating profit in the second quarter and for the full year a negative effect of SEK 1.2 billion based on current assumptions and exchange rates and compared to the corresponding period last year.

Highlights

- SKF was awarded a contract worth around SEK 500 million with Goldwind, one of the leading turbine manufacturers in China. Goldwind selected the SKF Nautilus bearing as the main shaft arrangement for their new 2.5 MW direct drive turbine. Deliveries will be made during 2011 and the first quarter of 2012.
- SKF signed a three-year strategic partnership agreement worth SEK 335 million with Sandvik Mining and Construction.
- SKF and Konkola Copper Mines Plc in Zambia signed a three-year contract worth USD 2 million covering a Predictive Maintenance solution.
- SKF signed a strategic partnership agreement with CITIC Pacific Special Steel Co., Ltd, which includes cooperation in purchasing, new product and technology development and human resources development.
- SKF announced a new factory in Jinan, in the Shandong Province, China. This new investment of around SEK 590 million will support the rapid growth of SKF's business in China and Asia. The factory will initially employ about 500 people and primarily manufacture tapered roller bearings for the truck industry.
- SKF signed an agreement to remain as the main partner to the Gothia Cup, the world's largest youth football tournament, for an additional three years. SKF will also continue to run the "Meet the World" qualifying tournaments held in around 20 countries globally.



- SKF completed two agreements in line with its strategy to divest non-core component manufacturing:
 - On 1 February 2011, the forging business OMVP, in Villar Perosa, Italy to the German based company Neumayer Tekfor Holding GmbH. OMVP has about 550 employees and net sales of around EUR 100 million, mainly to SKF.
 - At the beginning of the second quarter the cage factory in Gothenburg to the Japanese component manufacturer Nakanishi Metal Works CO., Ltd. The factory has 130 employees and will continue to supply SKF.

Divisions

Comments on sales are based on local currencies and compared to the corresponding period for 2010. The operating margin has been calculated on sales including intra-Group sales.

Industrial Division

The operating profit for the first quarter amounted to SEK 1,177 million (727), resulting in an operating margin of 13.6% (10.2) on sales including intra-Group sales. Sales including intra-Group sales for the quarter were SEK 8,629 million (7,120).

Net sales for the first quarter amounted to SEK 5,956 million (4,753). The increase of 25.3% for the quarter was attributable to:

organic growth 20.8%, structure 16.1% and currency effects -11.6%.

Sales in local currency for the first quarter were significantly higher in all regions and in all main segments.

Service Division

The operating profit for the first quarter amounted to SEK 861 million (632), resulting in an operating margin of 14.9% (12.3). Sales including intra-Group sales for the quarter were SEK 5,782 million (5,123).

Net sales for the first quarter amounted to SEK 5,682 million (5,035). The increase of 12.9% for the quarter was attributable to:

organic growth 22.5% and currency effects -9.6%.

Sales in local currency for the first quarter were significantly higher in Europe, North America, Asia and Latin America. In Middle East and Africa they were slightly higher.

Automotive Division

The operating profit for the first quarter amounted to SEK 507 million (373), resulting in an operating margin of 9.0% (7.1). Sales including intra-Group sales for the quarter were SEK 5,636 million (5,229).

Net sales for the first quarter amounted to SEK 4,702 million (4,362). The increase of 7.8% for the quarter was attributable to:

organic growth 19.8%, structure -1.0% and currency effects -11.0%.

Sales in local currencies to all geographical regions as well as to all segments were significantly higher.



Previous outlook statement:

Outlook for the first quarter of 2011

Development compared to the first quarter last year

The demand for SKF products and services is expected to be significantly higher for the Group, the divisions and for the different geographical regions.

<u>Development compared to the fourth quarter 2010 and adjusted for normal seasonality</u>

The demand is expected to be slightly higher for the Group and for the different geographical regions. The Industrial Division and the Service Division are expected to be slightly higher and the Automotive Division higher.

Manufacturing level

The manufacturing level will be significantly higher year on year and slightly higher compared to the fourth quarter, adjusted for normal seasonality.

Risks and uncertainties in the business

The SKF Group operates in many different industrial, automotive and geographical segments that are at different stages of the economic cycle. A general economic downturn at global level, or in one of the world's leading economies, could reduce the demand for the Group's products, solutions and services for a period of time. In addition, terrorism and other hostilities, as well as disturbances in worldwide financial markets and natural disasters, could have a negative effect on the demand for the Group's products and services. There are also political and regulatory risks associated with the wide geographical presence. Regulatory requirements, taxes, tariffs and other trade barriers, price or exchange controls or other governmental policies could limit the SKF Group's operations.

The SKF Group is subject to both transaction and translation of currency exposure. For commercial flows the SKF Group is primarily exposed to the USD and to US dollar-related currencies. As the major part of the profit is made outside Sweden, the Group is also exposed to translational risks in all the major currencies. The parent company performs services of a common Group character. The financial position of the parent company is dependent on the financial position and development of the subsidiaries. A general decline in the demand for the products and services provided by the Group could mean lower dividend income for the parent company, as well as a need for writing down values of the shares in the subsidiaries.

Cautionary statement

This report contains forward-looking statements that are based on the current expectations of the management of SKF. Although management believes that the expectations reflected in such forward-looking statements are reasonable, no assurance can be given that such expectations will prove to have been correct. Accordingly, results could differ materially from those implied in the forward-looking statements as a result of, among other factors, changes in economic, market and competitive conditions, changes in the regulatory environment and other government actions, fluctuations in exchange rates and other factors mentioned in SKF's latest annual report (available on www.skf.com) under the Administration Report; "Important factors influencing the financial results", "Financial risks" and "Sensitivity analysis", and in this full-year report under "Risks and uncertainties in the business."

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Tom Johnstone President and CEO



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Enclosures:

Financial statements

- 1. Consolidated income statements
- Consolidated statements of comprehensive income and consolidated statements of changes in shareholders' equity
- 3. Consolidated balance sheets
- 4. Consolidated statements of cash flow

Other financial statements

- 5. Consolidated financial information yearly and quarterly comparisons
- 6. Segment information yearly and quarterly comparisons
- Parent company income statements, statements of comprehensive income, balance sheets and footnote

The consolidated financial statements of the SKF Group are prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards as adopted by EU. The SKF Group applies the same accounting policies and methods of computation in the interim financial statements as compared with the Annual Report 2010 including Sustainability Report. No new or amended IFRS effective 2011 had any significant impact on the Group.

The consolidated quarterly report has been prepared in accordance with IAS 34. The report for the parent company has been prepared in accordance with the Annual Accounts Act and RFR 2. The report has not been reviewed by the company's auditors.

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Thursday, 28 April 2011 in Gothenburg, Sweden.

The SKF Half-year report 2011 will be published on Friday, 15 July 2011.

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CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENTS (SEKm)

	Jan-Mar 2011	Jan-Mar 2010
Net sales	16,702	14,446
Cost of goods sold	-12,007	-10,701
Gross profit	4,695	3,745
Selling and administrative expenses	-2,151	-2,032
Other operating income/expenses - net	-40	-7
Profit/loss from jointly controlled and		
associated companies	0	-4
Operating profit	2,504	1,702
Operating margin, %	15.0	11.8
Financial income and expense - net	-186	-198
Profit before taxes	2,318	1,504
Taxes	-698	-434
Net profit	1,620	1,070
Net profit attributable to		
Shareholders of the parent	1,568	1,033
Non-controlling interests	52	37
Basic earnings per share, SEK*	3.44	2.27
Diluted earnings per share, SEK*	3.44	2.27
Additions to property, plant and equipment	397	389
Number of employees registered	44,784	41,055
Return on capital employed for the 12-month period ended 31 March, %	25.6	11.9

^{*} Basic and diluted earnings per share are based on net profit attributable to shareholders of the parent.

NUMBER OF SHARES	March 2011	March 2010
Total number of shares - whereof A shares - whereof B shares	455,351,068 44,630,604 410,720,464	455,351,068 45,166,004 410,185,064
Total number of diluted shares outstanding	455,351,068	455,351,068
Total weighted average number of diluted shares	455,351,068	455,351,068



CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (SEKm)

	Jan-Mar 2011	Jan-Mar 2010
Net profit	1,620	1,070
Other comprehensive income		
Exchange differences arising on translation of		504
foreign operations	-939	-531
Available-for-sale assets	-20	-3
Cach flow hadres	-15	-97
Cash flow hedges	-15	-97
Actuarial gains and losses	92	-301
Income tax relating to components of other		
comprehensive income	-57	44
Other comprehensive income, net of tax	-939	-888
Total comprehensive income	681	182
Total comprehensive income attributable to		
Shareholders of AB SKF	695	119
Non-controlling interests	-14	63

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY (SEKm)

	March 2011	March 2010
Opening balance 1 January	19,894	18,280
Total comprehensive income	681	182
Cost for performance share programme	7	1
Total cash dividends	-6	-1
Closing balance	20,576	18,462



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CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS (SEKm)	March 2011	December 2010
Goodwill	5,913	6,309
Other intangible assets	3,839	4,164
Property, plant and equipment	12,432	12,922
Deferred tax assets	1,543	1,695
Other non-current assets	1,293	1,411
Non-current assets	25,020	26,501
Inventories	12,729	12,879
Trade receivables	11,211	9,859
Other current assets	2,771	2,839
Other current financial assets	3,922	3,146
Current assets	30,633	28,723
TOTAL ASSETS	55,653	55,224
Equity attributable to shareholders of AB SKF	19,636	18,935
Equity attributable to non-controlling interests	940	959
Long-term financial liabilities	10,676	10,850
Provisions for post-employment benefits	6,886	7,093
Provisions for deferred taxes	1,938	2,132
Other long-term liabilities and provisions	1,746	1,622
Non-current liabilities	21,246	21,697
Trade payables	5,047	4,476
Short-term financial liabilities	1,231	1,325
Other short-term liabilities and provisions	7,553	7,832
Current liabilities	13,831	13,633
TOTAL EQUITY AND LIABILITIES	55,653	55,224



CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOW (SEKm)

	Jan-Mar 2011	Jan-Mar 2010
Operating activities:		
Operating profit	2,504	1,702
Depreciation and amortization	445	464
Net loss/gain (-) on sales of intangible assets, PPE and		
businesses	-32	12
Taxes	-610	-516
Other including financial and non-cash items	43	-668
Changes in working capital	-1,563	-617
Net cash flow from operations	787	377
Investing activities:		
Payments for intangible assets and PPE	-405	-400
Sales of PPE and businesses	-10	55
Net cash flow used in investing activities	-415	-345
Net cash flow after investments before financing	372	32
Financing activities:		
Change in short- and long-term loans	-22	-5
Payment for finance lease liabilities	-3	-6
Cash dividends	-6	-1
Investments in short-term financial assets	-54	-42
Sales of short-term financial assets	98	134
Net cash flow used in financing activities	13	80
NET CASH FLOW	385	112
Change in cash and cash equivalents:		
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 January	2,395	4,430
Cash effect excl. sold businesses	458	112
Cash effect of sold businesses	-73	0
Exchange rate effect	-90	8
Cash and cash equivalents at 31 March	2,690	4,550

Change in net interest- bearing liabilities	Opening T balance	ranslation effect	Cash change	Businesses sold	Other non cash	Closing balance
	1 January				changes	31 March
	2011					2011
Loans, long- and short-term	11,796	-159	-22	0	-38	11,577
Post-employment benefits, net	7,047	-223	-120	0	141	6,845
Financial assets, others	-1,013	50	44	0	-74	-993
Cash and cash equivalents	-2,395	90	-458	73	0	-2,690
Net interest-bearing						
liabilities	15,435	-242	-556	73	29	14,739



CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL INFORMATION – YEARLY AND QUARTERLY COMPARISONS

(SEKm unless otherwise stated)

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	1/10	2/10	3/10	4/10	2010	1/11
Net sales		45 700	45.475	45 400		44 700
Cost of goods sold	14,446	15,709	15,465	15,409	61,029	16,702
Gross profit	-10,701	-11,336	-11,040	-11,139	-44,216 14,913	-12,007
Gross profit	3,745	4,373	4,425	4,270	16,813	4,695
Gross margin, % Selling and administrative	25.9	27.8	28.6	27.7	27.5	28.1
expenses Other operating income/	-2,032	-2,128	-2,042	-2,020	-8,222	-2,151
expenses - net Profit/loss from jointly	-7	-7	-76	-49	-139	-40
controlled and associated companies	-4	1	2	1	0	0
Operating profit	1,702	2,239	2,309	2,202	8,452	2,504
opolating prom	1,702	2,237	2,507	2,202	0,432	2,304
Operating margin, % Financial income and	11.8	14.3	14.9	14.3	13.8	15.0
expense - net	-198	-192	-359	-154	-903	-186
Profit before taxes	1,504	2,047	1,950	2,048	7,549	2,318
Profit margin before taxes,%	10.4	13.0	12.6	13.3	12.4	13.9
Taxes	-434	-596	-525	-698	-2,253	-698
Net profit	1,070	1,451	1,425	1,350	5,296	1,620
Net profit attributable to						
Shareholders of the parent	1,033	1,405	1,389	1,311	5,138	1,568
Non-controlling interests	37	46	36	39	158	52
Basic earnings per share, SEK*	2.27	3.09	3.05	2.87	11.28	3.44
Diluted earnings per share, SEK*	2.27	3.09	3.05	2.87	11.28	3.44
Dividend per share, SEK	-	3.50	-	-	3.50	-
Return on capital employed						
for the 12-month period, %	11.9	16.8	20.7	24.0	24.0	25.6
Gearing, %**	48.3	47.4	47.6	48.6	48.6	47.2
Equity/assets ratio, %	36.2	36.0	36.0	36.0	36.0	37.0
Net worth per share, SEK*	38	38	37	42	42	43
Additions to property, plant and equipment	389	433	369	460	1,651	397
Registered number of employees	41,055	41,644	42,475	44,742	44,742	44,784

^{*} Basic and diluted earnings per share and Net worth per share are based on net profit attributable to shareholders of the parent.

^{**} Current- plus non-current loans plus provisions for post-employment benefits, net, as a percentage of the sum of current- plus non-current loans, provisions for post-employment benefits, net, and shareholders equity, all at end of interim period/year end.



SEGMENT INFORMATION - YEARLY AND QUARTERLY COMPARISONS**

(SEKm unless otherwise stated)

(SEXIII dilless otherwise stated)					Full year	
	1/10	2/10	3/10	4/10	2010	1/11
Industrial Division						
Net sales	4,753	4,938	5,037	4,964	19,692	5,956
Sales incl. intra-Group sales	7,120	7,529	7,559	7,457	29,665	8,629
Operating profit	727	1,013	889	911	3,540	1,177
Operating margin*	10.2%	13.5%	11.8%	12.2%	11.9%	13.6%
Operating margin excl. restructuring*	11.4%	13.5%	11.8%	12.2%	12.2%	13.6%
Assets and liabilities, net	15,424	15,938	14,822	23,392	23,392	22,492
Registered number of employees	17,696	17,710	17,878	19,925	19,925	20,155
Service Division						
Net sales	5,035	5,569	5,553	5,603	21,760	5,682
Sales incl. intra-Group sales	5,123	5,659	5,655	5,703	22,140	5,782
Operating profit	632	737	792	834	2,995	861
Operating margin*	12.3%	13.0%	14.0%	14.6%	13.5%	14.9%
Operating margin excl. restructuring*	12.3%	13.0%	14.0%	14.6%	13.5%	14.9%
Assets and liabilities, net	5,332	5,650	5,048	5,121	5,121	5,360
Registered number of employees	5,736	5,715	5,777	5,834	5,834	5,924
Automotive Division						
Net sales	4,362	4,850	4,528	4,491	18,231	4,702
Sales incl. intra-Group sales	5,229	5,831	5,499	5,436	21,995	5,636
Operating profit	373	470	567	445	1,855	507
Operating margin*	7.1%	8.1%	10.3%	8.2%	8.4%	9.0%
Operating margin excl. restructuring*	7.1%	8.1%	10.3%	8.2%	8.4%	9.0%
Assets and liabilities, net	8,443	8,507	7,980	8,036	8,036	7,973
Registered number of employees	13,569	14,002	14,399	14,474	14,474	13,987

^{*} Operating margin is calculated on sales including intra-Group sales.

Reconciliation to profit before tax for the Group**

	Jan-Mar 2011	Jan-Mar 2010
Operating profit:		
Industrial Division	1,177	727
Service Division	861	632
Automotive Division	507	373
Other operations outside the divisions	93	69
Unallocated Group activities and adjustments, net	-134	-99
Financial net	-186	-198
Profit before tax for the Group	2,318	1,504

^{**} Previously published amounts have been restated to conform to the current Group structure in 2011. The structural changes include business units being moved between the divisions and between other operations/Group activities and divisions.



PARENT COMPANY INCOME STATEMENTS (SEKm)

	Jan-Mar 2011	Jan-Mar 2010
Net sales	470	369
Cost of services provided	-470	-369
Gross profit	0	0
Administrative expenses	-27	-71
Other operating income/expenses – net	-2	4
Operating loss	-29	-67
Financial income and expenses - net	-64	-47
Loss before taxes	-93	-114
Taxes	31	29
Net loss	-62	-85

PARENT COMPANY STATEMENTS of COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (SEKm)

	Jan-Mar 2011	Jan-Mar 2010
Net loss	-62	-85
Other comprehensive income		
Available-for-sale assets	-20	-3
Other comprehensive income, net of tax	-20	-3
Total comprehensive income	-82	-88

PARENT COMPANY BALANCE SHEETS (SEKm)

	Note	March 2011	December 2010
Investments in subsidiaries		22,259	22,257
Receivables from subsidiaries		10,503	10,591
Other non-current assets		668	689
Non-current assets		33,430	33,537
Receivables from subsidiaries		1,684	2,616
Other receivables		190	136
Current assets		1,874	2,752
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TOTAL ASSETS		35,304	36,289
Shareholders' equity	1	11,393	11,490
Untaxed reserves		1,417	1,417
Provisions		167	165
Non-current liabilities		10,490	10,581
Current liabilities		11,837	12,636
TOTAL SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY,			
PROVISIONS AND LIABILITIES		35,304	36,289
Assets pledged		0	0
Contingent liabilities		5	5

Note 1. Shareholders' equity (SEKm)

	March 2011	March 2010
Opening balance 1 January	11,490	10,207
Total comprehensive income	-82	-88
Exercise of shares and cost for performance share		
programme, net	-15	1
Closing balance	11,393	10,120