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## INTERIM REPORT January – March 2003

- Order bookings during the first quarter were SEK 6 billion and order backlog amounted thereby to more than SEK 45 billion.
- Sales SEK 4,033 m. (3,530), an increase of 14%.
- Operating income SEK 226 m. (146) and income after financial items SEK 178 m. (98).
- Earnings per share SEK 1.12 (0.73).

### Statement by the CEO

"The underlying demand in our markets is growing and Saab continues to grow with it. Both order bookings and sales have increased compared with the corresponding period last year and order backlog is now on a record level of 45 billion SEK, corresponding to almost three years of sales. The largest single order during the quarter came from Hungary, which expanded the leasing deal already signed with the Swedish Government. For our part, this means a further 2 billion SEK in modification orders, making a total of 3 billion SEK. Gripen has thus established its breakthrough in the NATO market.

Other important orders during the first quarter included laser simulator systems for helicopters and extensive export orders for anti-armor weapons. Order bookings continue to be dominated by contracts from customers outside Sweden and the share of foreign market contracts in the order backlog rose to 62 per cent.

As already mentioned, notice of personnel cutbacks in the underwater sector has been issued during the first quarter as a result of a diminishing workload. There is also a need to adapt resources in other areas, especially at SaabTech and Aerospace, partly because that few domestic development programs have been started during the last few years.

As a result of the normal variation in income over the year and the costs we have incurred for structural measures in the underwater sector, income for the first quarter has, as expected, been relatively weak also this year. However, in line with my earlier assessment, I expect continued growth as well as improvement in operating income and margin for the whole year, although the margin will probably not reach our long-term 10 percent objective until next year."

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#### Major events and structural changes

On 17 January, Bengt Halse announced his decision to utilize his option of leaving the post of President and CEO of Saab on reaching the age of 60. The Board has appointed Åke Svensson, currently head of business area Saab Aerospace, as his successor from 14 July 2003.

In March, a new organization was presented for business area Saab Aerospace. From 14 July, the present three business units will become two - Saab Aerosystems with a clear orientation towards the defense market and Saab Aerostructures focusing on fuselages and other structures for both the Gripen and commercial programs. The change is a step in the adaptation of the aircraft operation to the trend we now see in this field. External financial reporting will continue to be on the business area level of Saab Aerospace.

### Operations

Saab is one of the world's leading high-technology companies, with its main activities focusing on aerospace and defense. The operations cover clearly defined areas within defense electronics, missile systems and space electronics as well as military and civil aviation. Saab also focuses on high technology services and maintenance. Saab comprises the business areas **Saab Systems and Electronics, Saab Aerospace, Saab Technical Support and Services**. For a brief description of the business areas, see the end of the report.

### Sales, income and orders

#### Sales

Group sales increased organically by 14 percent to SEK 4,033 m. (3,530). Seventy-eight (70) percent of sales was related to defense. Sales to foreign markets increased to 49 (40) percent.

Sales of most operations in Systems & Electronics have increased compared with the same period last year. The increase in Aerospace is attributable to defense. Sales included 5 (3) Gripen aircraft. Sales of the operations in Technical Support and Services were in line with the same period last year. The increase in Dynamics is mainly attributable to higher volumes for air defense system RBS 70 and development work on MBTLAW, next generation light anti-armor weapon. The situation in the commercial telecom market continues to be difficult which affects the space business. The decrease in Aviation Services is a result of the general situation for air travel and thereby lower utilization of the aircraft fleet.



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#### Income and profitability

Operating income amounted to SEK 226 m. (146), corresponding to a margin of 5.6 percent (4.1). Income from defense-related operations has continued to improve compared with the previous year and the space business reached break-even. During the first quarter this year a provision of SEK 75 m. was made for structural measures in the underwater sector. Corresponding period the previous year a provision of SEK 40 m. was made for structural measures in the space business.

Both operating income and margin for Systems & Electronics have improved mainly as a result of volume increases for Saab Training Systems and Saab Barracuda and due to changes in the product mix. Operating income for Aerospace has improved as a result of volume increases. The increased operating income for Technical Support and Services is a result of improved margins mainly due to higher utilization ratio and cost reductions. The improvement in income for Dynamics is mainly due to volume increases and a more favorable product mix. The structural and rationalization work in Space has continued and resulted in break-even even though a further provision for project overrun was made during the quarter. Lower volumes have affected operating income for Corporate/Other Operations has improved, but was negatively affected during the first quarter of the SEK 75 m. provision made for structural measures in the in the underwater sector.

Administration and marketing expenses are on par with previous year. The period's internally funded investments in research and development amounted to SEK 216 m. (175), of which SEK 119 m. (55) has been capitalized and SEK 97 m. (120) has been charged to income. Other operating income during both the present and previous years consist mainly of capital gains, currency gains and income from secondary activities. Other operating expenses consist mainly of currency and capital losses. The present year also include the provision made for structural changes in the underwater sector of SEK 75 m. and the previous year also included a corresponding provision of SEK 40 m. for the space business. Project interest on non-utilized advance payments reduced the financial net by SEK 36 m. (44) and is reported in gross income.

Net financial income and expenses amounted to SEK -48 m. (-48). The average return on external investments was 3.79 percent (2.84). Compared with the previous year, the financial net has been positively affected by higher return and lower interest rate on pension debt but negatively affected by lower average liquidity. Income after financial items amounted to SEK 178 m. (98). Current and deferred taxes amounted to SEK -57 m. (-32). Net income for the period was SEK 119 m. (78). This corresponds to earnings per share of SEK 1.12 (0.73). The pre-tax return on capital employed was 12.1 percent (9.3). The after-tax return on shareholders' equity was 11.3 percent (8.8).

#### Orders

Group order bookings rose by 4 percent to SEK 6,316 m. (6,060). Of order bookings, 75 percent came from customers outside Sweden. Order bookings during the first quarter included further modifications of the Gripen fighters for Hungary, laser simulator systems for helicopters, further orders for command and control systems, separate orders and spare parts for Gripen and anti-armor weapons. The order backlog at the end of the period amounted to SEK 45,254 m. compared to SEK 43,082 m. at the beginning of the year.



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### Liquidity, finance and investments

#### Finance and liquidity

Liquid funds less liabilities to credit institutions compared to the beginning of the year have decreased by SEK 256 m. to 3,507 m. (3,763). The decrease is mainly related to utilization of previously received advances. The Group's net liquidity after deduction of provisions for pensions decreased to SEK 66 m. from SEK 352 m. at the beginning of the year.

Group equity/assets ratio amounted to 24.6 percent (23.2), compared to 24.3 percent at the beginning of the year. Shareholders' equity amounted to SEK 6,921 m. (6,723), corresponding to SEK 64.98 (63.15) per share, compared with SEK 64.17 at the beginning of the year.

#### Cash flow

Operating cash flow was negative during the first quarter; SEK -271 m. Working capital has increased mainly due to utilization of previously received advances. Operating cash flow of SEK -271 m. is distributed between cash flow from operations of -140 m. and from the regional aircraft business SEK -131 m.

#### **Capital expenditures**

The period's capital expenditures in property, plant and equipment, excluding lease assets, amounted to SEK 111 m. (126).

#### Personnel

At the end of the period, the number of employees in the Group was 13,807, compared with 14,036 at the beginning of the year.

#### Ownership

Saab's principal owners are BAE SYSTEMS, Investor AB, the Wallenberg foundations, AMF, Robur funds, Eikos fund, Skandia, SEB funds, GMO International Funds, Pictet & Cie, SHB/SPP funds, FPG/AMFK and several U.S. and U.K funds.

#### Accounting Principles

The Group follows all the recommendations of the Swedish Financial Accounting Standards Council, which are applicable to 2003. The new recommendations have not had any material impact on the Group's financial results and position; the only effect is additional disclosures.

Linköping, April 14, 2003

Bengt Halse President and Chief Executive Officer

This Interim Report has not been subject to review by the Company's auditors.



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### **Income statement**

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	•		April 2002	4.0
	3 mos.	3 mos.	to Mar	12 mos.
SEK m.	2003	2002	2003	2002
Sales	4,033	3,530	17,041	16,538
Cost of goods sold	-3,070	-2,690	-12,876	-12,496
Gross margin	963	840	4,165	4,042
Margin	23.9%	23.8%	24.4%	24.4%
Marketing expenses	-305	-303	-1,327	-1,325
Administrative expenses	-256	-260	-1,039	-1,043
Research and development costs	-97	-120	-434	-457
Other operating income	18	53	247	282
Other operating expenses	-95	-64	-305	-274
Share in income of assoc. comp.	-2	-	-7	-5
Operating income <sup>1)</sup>	226	146	1,300	1,220
Margin	5.6%	4.1%	7.6%	7.4%
Result from financial investments	-48	-48	-227	-227
Income after financial items	178	98	1,073	993
Taxes	-57	-32	-298	-273
Minority interest	-2	12	-2	12
Net income	119	78	773	732
Earnings per share, SEK 2)	1.12	0.73	7.26	6.87
after full conversion, SEK <sup>3)</sup>	1.09	0.71	7.08	6.70
<sup>1)</sup> Includes depreciation of	-308	-303	-1,173	-1,168
of which depr. on leasing assets	-155	-135	-548	-528
of which goodwill amortization	-43	-44	-175	-176

<sup>2)</sup> Average number of shares Jan - Mar 2003: 106,510,374 and 2002: 106,459,675 <sup>3)</sup> after full conversion 109,247,175

## Sales by business area

,	-			April	
	3 mos.	3 mos.		2002 to	12 mos.
SEK m.	2003	2002	Change	Mar 2003	2002
Saab Systems & Electr	981	893	10%	4,587	4,499
Saab Aerospace	1,145	1,086	5%	4,841	4,782
Saab Tech Supp & Serv	676	671	1%	2,927	2,922
Saab Bofors Dynamics	882	580	52%	3,127	2,825
Saab Ericsson Space	149	135	10%	619	605
Saab Aviation Services	267	362	-26%	1,233	1,328
Corporate/Other	98	136		455	493
Internal sales	-165	-333		-748	-916
Saab Group	4,033	3,530	14%	17,041	16,538



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## Sales by market

	3 mos.	% of	3 mos.	% of	12 mos.	% of
SEK m.	2003	sales	2002	sales	2002	sales
Sweden	2,042	51%	2,148	61%	9,707	59%
Rest of EU	1,000	24%	570	16%	3,280	20%
Rest of Europe	152	4%	113	3%	616	4%
North America	240	6%	264	8%	1,267	8%
Latin America	75	2%	38	1%	185	1%
Asia	234	6%	135	4%	536	3%
Australia, etc.	288	7%	259	7%	937	5%
Other	2	-	3	-	10	
Saab Group	4,033	1 <b>00</b> %	3,530	100%	16,538	100%

## Operating income by business area

SEK m.	3 mos. 2003	% of sales	3 mos. 2002	% of sales	Apr '02 – Mar '03	% of sales	12 mos. 2002	% of sales
Saab Systems & Electr	51	5.2%	34	3.8%	328	7.2%	311	6.9%
Saab Aerospace	158	13.8%	133	12.2%	604	12.5%	579	12.1%
Saab Techn Supp & Serv	59	8.7%	41	6.1%	225	7.7%	207	7.1%
Saab Bofors Dynamics	39	4.4%	-5	neg	146	4.7%	102	3.6%
Saab Ericsson Space	0	-	-42	neg	-20	neg	-62	neg
Saab Aviation Services	19	7.1%	29	8.0%	126	10.2%	136	10.2%
Corporate/Other	-100	N/a	-44	N/a	-109	N/a	-53	N/a
Saab Group	226	5.6%	146	4.1%	1,300	7.6%	1,220	7.4%

Quarterly information	<b>1</b> Janu	ary - Maro	ch		April -	June	
SEK m.	2003	•	2002		2003	2002	
Sales							
Saab Systems & Electr	981		893			1,245	
Saab Aerospace	1,145		1,086			1,502	
Saab Techn Supp & Serv	676		671			795	
Saab Bofors Dynamics	882		580			777	
Saab Ericsson Space	149		135			165	
Saab Aviation Services	267		362			336	
Corporate/Other	98		136			127	
Internal sales	-165		-333			-193	
	4,033		3,530			4,754	
Operating income							
Saab Systems & Electr	51	5.2%	34	3.8%		72	5.8%
Saab Aerospace	158	13.8%	133	12.2%		173	11.5%
Saab Techn Supp & Serv	59	8.7%	41	6.1%		54	6.8%
Saab Bofors Dynamics	39	4.4%	-5	-0.9%		17	2.2%
Saab Ericsson Space	0	-	-42	-31.1%		2	1.2%
Saab Aviation Services	19	7.1%	29	8.0%		32	9.5%
Corporate/Other	-100	N/a	-44	N/a		-22	N/a
	226	5.6%	146	4.1%		328	6.9%
Net financial income	-48		-48			-52	
Income after financial net	178		98			276	
Net income	119		78			185	
Earnings per share <sup>1)</sup>	1.12		0.73			1.74	



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## Quarterly information, cont.

July - September		October - December			
SEK m.	2003	2002		2003 2002	
Sales					
Saab Systems & Electr		879		1,482	
Saab Aerospace		977		1,217	
Saab Techn Supp & Serv		550		906	
Saab Bofors Dynamics		581		887	
Saab Ericsson Space		107		198	
Saab Aviation Services		321		309	
Corporate/Other		93		137	
Internal sales		-84		-306	
		3,424		4,830	
Rörelseresultat					
Saab Systems & Electr		20	2.3%	185	12.5%
Saab Aerospace		111	11.4%	162	13.3%
Saab Techn Supp & Serv		44	8.0%	68	7.5%
Saab Bofors Dynamics		49	8.4%	41	4.6%
Saab Ericsson Space		-20	-18.7%	-2	-1.0%
Saab Aviation Services		23	7.2%	52	16.8%
Corporate/Other		-23	N/a	36	N/a
		204	6.0%	542	11.2%
Net financial income		15		-142	
Income after financial net		219		400	
Net income		147		322	
Earnings per share <sup>1)</sup>		1.38		3.02	
<sup>1)</sup> Average number of shares 200	3· 106 510 374 a	nd 2002 · 106	487 407		

<sup>1)</sup> Average number of shares 2003: 106,510,374 and 2002: 106,487,407

#### Total depreciation/amortization by business area

SEK m.	3 mos. 2003	3 mos. 2002	12 mos. 2002
Saab Systems & Electronics	49	59	198
Saab Aerospace	36	35	143
Saab Technical Support & Services	28	27	113
Saab Bofors Dynamics	21	24	97
Saab Ericsson Space	8	9	35
Saab Aviation Services - leasingtillg	155	135	528
Saab Aviation Services - övrigt	3	3	15
Corporate/Other	8	11	39
Saab Group	308	303	1.168

#### Of which goodwill amortization by business area

SEK m.	3 mos. 2003	3 mos. 2002	12 mos. 2002
Saab Systems & Electronics	24	23	95
Saab Aerospace	2	3	10
Saab Technical Support & Services	9	9	36
Saab Bofors Dynamics	7	7	29
Saab Ericsson Space	-	-	1
Saab Aviation Services	-	-	1
Corporate/Other	1	2	4
Saab Group	43	44	176



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### **Balance sheet**

	March 31,	Dec. 31,	March 31
SEK m.	2003	2002	2002
Assets			
Goodwill and other intangible assets	2,370	2,297	2,090
Property, plant and equipment, etc.	4,305	4,325	4,201
Lease assets	5,521	5,672	5,991
Long-term interest bearing receivables	1,006	1,053	1,250
Shares, etc.	401	413	470
Deferred tax receivables	1,212	1,279	1,485
Inventories, etc.	3,773	3,745	3,945
Short-term interest bearing receivables	51	55	276
Other receivables	5,539	5,413	4,779
Cash and marketable securities	3,961	3,857	4,485
Total assets	28,139	28,109	28,972
Shareholders' equity and liabilities			
Shareholders' equity	6,921	6,833	6,723
Minority interest in subsidiaries	113	110	139
Provision for pensions	3,441	3,411	3,751
Other provisions	2,588	2,600	2,760
Liabilities to credit institutions	1,281	972	1,609
Convertible debenture loan	230	230	233
Lease obligations	2,843	2,926	3,120
Advance payments from customers, net	3,317	3,775	3,557
Other liabilities	7,405	7,252	7,080
Total shareholders' equity and liabilities	28,139	28,109	28,972

#### Shareholders' equity

Equity in the Group has changed as follows during the year:SEK m.TotalAt the beginning of the year6,833Net income for the period119

Translation differences etc.	-31
Total at the end of the period	6,921

### Personnel by business area

Number	Mar. 31, 2003 De	c. 31, 2002	Change Ma	r. 31, 2002
Saab Systems & Electronics	3,065	3,026	39	2,822
Saab Aerospace	4,363	4,379	-16	4,104
Saab Technical Supp & Serv	2,729	2,760	-31	3,069
Saab Bofors Dynamics	1,719	1,904	-185	1,889
Saab Ericsson Space	629	634	-5	682
Saab Aviation Services	782	815	-33	846
Corporate/Other operations	520	518	2	614
Saab Group	13,807	14,036	-229	14,026



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Subdivided summary of balance sheet, I	S	aab Aircraft	Elimi-	Saab
SEK m.	Saab	Leasing	nations	Group
Assets				
Goodwill and other intangible assets	2,370			2,370
Property, plant and equipment, etc.	4,303	2		4,305
Lease assets		5,521		5,521
Long-term interest bearing receivables	1,006			1,006
Shares, etc.	1,901		-1,500	401
Deferred tax receivables	1,525		-313	1,212
Inventories, etc.	3,738	35		3,773
Short-term interest bearing receivables	51			51
Other receivables	4,579	960		5,539
Cash and marketable securities	3,961			3,961
Total assets	23,434	6,518	-1,813	28,139
Shareholders' equity and liabilities				
Shareholders' equity	6,606	1,815	-1,500	6,921
Minority interest in subsidiaries	115	-2		113
Provision for pensions	3,441			3,441
Other provisions	2,150	751	-313	2,588
Liabilities to credit institutions	1,211	70		1,281
Convertible debenture loan	230			230
Lease obligations		2,843		2,843
Advance payments from customers, net	3,317			3,317
Other liabilities	6,364	1,041		7,405
Total shareholders' equity and liabilities	23,434	6,518	-1,813	28,139

## Capital employed by business area

SEK m.	Mar. 31, 2003	Dec. 31, 2002	Mar. 31, 2002
Saab Systems & Electr	3,118	3,211	2,949
Saab Aerospace	2,027	2,235	1,630
Saab Tech Supp & Serv	1,374	1,536	1,833
Saab Bofors Dynamics	1,172	1,214	1,718
Saab Ericsson Space	439	442	442
Saab Aviation Services	3,597	3,516	4,257
Corporate/Other	260	-598	-374
Saab Group	11,987	11,556	12,455

## Order bookings and order backlog by business area

C	Order bookings		Order b	acklog
SEK m.	3 mos. 2003	3 mos. 2002	Mar. 31, 2003	Dec. 31, 2002
Saab Systems & Electr	931	1,996	9,552	9,703
Saab Aerospace	2,957	1,781	26,486	24,675
Saab Tech Supp & Serv	877	1,014	1,184	1,006
Saab Bofors Dynamics	1,134	922	8,573	8,300
Saab Ericsson Space	76	132	662	736
Saab Aviation Services	505	388	448	210
Corporate/Other	77	100	196	224
Internal	-241	-273	-1,847	-1,772
Saab Group	6,316	6,060	45,254	43,082



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## Summary of cash flow statement

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SEK m.	2003	2002	2002
Cash flow from operating activities			
Income after financial items, excl share in			
income of associated companies	180	98	998
Depreciation and write-down charged to income	308	303	1,176
Taxes	-5	-5	-18
Cash flow from operating activities before			
changes in working capital	483	396	2,156
Working capital			
Inventories etc.	-28	-216	-16
Receivables	-118	633	6
Advance payments from customers, net	-458	-637	-419
Other liabilities	153	-227	-55
Lease obligations	-83	-1	-195
Provisions	-12	-223	-383
Change in working capital	-546	-671	-1,062
Cash flow from operating activities	-63	-275	1,094
Investments in intangible fixed assets	-116	-156	-508
Investments in shares etc.	10	-4	36
Investments in tangible fixed assets	-90	44	-415
Investments in lease assets	-4	-23	-97
Change in long-term receivables	-8	-11	-18
Cash flow from investments	-208	-150	-1,002
Operating cash flow	-271	-425	92

## Operating cash flow by business area

	3 mos.	3 mos.	12 mos.
SEK m.	2003	2002	2002
Saab Systems & Electronics	233	169	-641
Saab Aerospace	-606	-340	427
Saab Technical Support & Services	107	-18	245
Saab Bofors Dynamics	279	60	30
Saab Ericsson Space	6	-12	-32
Saab Aviation Services	-268	-155	239
Corporate/Other	-22	-129	-176
Saab Group	-271	-425	92



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### Key ratios

3 mos. 2003	3 mos. 2002	12 mos. 2002
9.4%	8.9%	11.2%
6.7%	5.4%	8.4%
5.6%	4.1%	7.4%
1.12	0.73	6.87
1.09	0.71	6.70
1.52	1.15	8.52
12.1%	9.3%	11.6%
11.3%	8.8%	10.8%
24.6%	23.2%	24.3%
64.98	63.15	64.17
	2003 9.4% 6.7% 5.6% 1.12 1.09 1.52 12.1% 11.3% 24.6%	200320029.4%8.9%6.7%5.4%5.6%4.1%1.120.731.090.711.521.1512.1%9.3%11.3%8.8%24.6%23.2%

1) Average no of shares Jan – Mar 2003: 106,510,374 and Jan - Mar 2002: 106,459,675. Average no of shares 2002: 106,487,407. After full conversion 109,247,175

### **Five-year overview**

				Proforma		
SEK m., unless otherwise stated	2002	2001	2000	1999	1999	1998
Order bookings	19,521	15,274	28,141	15,267	6,849	5,797
Order backlog at year-end	43,082	40,034	41,091	29,891	23,637	23,132
Sales	16,538	15,689	17,840	18,018	9,053	8,248
Foreign market sales, %	41	40	48	48	38	41
Operating income	1,220	1,594	1,533	1,125	1,104	875
Operating margin,%	7.4	10.2	8.6	6.2	12.2	10.6
Operating margin before depr.,%	11.2	14.4	13.5	10.7	17.1	14.7
Operating income excl capital gains	1,220	944	895	870	849	875
Operating margin excl capital gains,%	7.4	6.0	5.0	4.8	9.4	10.6
Income after financial items	993	1,554	1,448	1,116	1,377	1,218
Net income	732	1,127	1,038	735	939	912
Total assets	28,109	29,901	31,119	36,641	28,079	29,680
Operating cash flow	92	1,642	-1,908	N/a	-2,368	-1,105
Pre-tax return on capital employed,%	11.6	15.5	14.6	N/a	21.3	21.4
After-tax return on equity,%	10.8	18.3	20.0	N/a	21.5	25.6
Equity/assets ratio,%	24.3	22.3	18.2	12.8	16.8	13.6
Earnings per share, SEK <sup>2)</sup>	6.87	10.59	9.75	6.90	8.82	8.55
after full conversion, SEK <sup>3)</sup>	6.70	10.32	9.50	6.73	8.60	8.35
before goodwill amortization, SEK <sup>2)</sup>	8.52	12.11	11.47	8.62	9.36	8.70
Dividend per share, SEK	3.50	3.25	3.00	N/a	2.50	2.00
Equity per share, SEK <sup>1)</sup>	64.17	62.74	53.26	44.15	44.23	37.90
Number of employees at year-end	14,036	14,028	15,453	16,665	8,031	7,891

Aside from the pro forma figures for 1999, the figures have not been revised and match those in the published information for each year.

<sup>1)</sup> Number of shares as of December 31, 2002: 106,510,374 1998-2001: 106,459,675 <sup>3)</sup> Number of shares after full conversion: 109,247,175

<sup>2)</sup> Average number of shares 2002: 106,487,407. 1998-,2001:106,459,675





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### **Business areas**

Saab Systems and Electronics focuses on command and control systems, simulation systems, avionics, electronic warfare and signature management, as well as commercial operations of IT.
Saab Aerospace, which has the overall system integration capability required for building complete aircraft and defense systems, develops and manufactures military aircraft systems and act as a partner in subsystems to manufacturers of large commercial aircraft.
Saab Technical Support and Services focuses on the growing market for high technology services in aviation, command and control, information, communications and sensors.
Saab Bofors Dynamics, gathers Saab's operations in precision engagement, develops and produces missile systems, portable anti-armor systems and underwater systems.

**Saab Ericsson Space** develops and produces computers, antennas, microwave electronics and mechanical systems for the space industry.

**Saab Aviation Services** core consists of Saab's leasing and customer support operation in regional aviation. The commercial risk in the leasing portfolio was eliminated in the year 2000 through an insurance solution.

#### Dates for financial information:

Interim Report for January – June will be published on July 9, 2003. Interim Report for January – September will be published on October 8, 2003. The 2003 Report will be published on February 12, 2004.

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#### Press conference with CEO Bengt Halse:

Today Monday April 14, 10.30, World Trade Center, Stockholm

#### Telephone interview with CEO Bengt Halse:

Today Monday April 14, approx. 11.30 – 12.00	tel.+46 13 18 71 49
Contact Marita Sidén	tel.+46 70 889 7038

#### International teleconference:

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