

## Interim Report January - June 2003

### STABILITY AND STRANGHENED FINANCES

- Issues totalling SEK 750M fully subscribed during June.
- During the quarter, shareholders' equity (net asset value) increased by SEK 275M, of which issue payment represents SEK 213M, to SEK 1,098M. The stated shareholders' equity is equivalent to SEK 1.24 per share after full dilution (discounted value\*) and to SEK 1.41 per share without discounting.

On 22 August, equity per share after full dilution is calculated at SEK 1.37 (discounted value\*) and SEK 1.54 without discounting.

- The parent company's result after tax amounted to SEK 62M (-336) for the second quarter and to SEK -110M (-380) for the first six months.
- Value increase of more than SEK 140M in Bure's listed holdings during the second quarter.
- An action programme aimed at reducing the parent company's administrative costs was initiated. During the second quarter, a provision of SEK 22M was made for the implementation of the action programme.

#### Subsequent events

- Bure divested its holdings in Nordic Capital's funds. This involves a significant strengthening of liquidity and exit gains of approximately SEK 146M. The deal was completed during August and the majority of the purchase sum was received in accordance with the agreement.

Key figures, parent company, SEK M	6 months 2003	6 months 2002	Full-year 2002
Result after tax	-110.5	-380.3	-2 279.1
Equity per share, SEK	3.43	18.16	6.58
Equity per share after full dilution, SEK (discounted value)	1.24	18.16	6.58
Market value, SEK	1.17	15.03	7.17
Total assets	3 334	4 603	2 602
Shareholders' equity	1 098	2 778	995
Equity ratio, %	32.9	60.4	38.2

\* The calculation of equity per share after full dilution includes the discounting of future subscription payments by 10 per cent. Further information is given on page 3 under the heading: Shareholders' equity (net asset value) – dilution effects.

#### Telephone conference on Monday, 25 August

At 3.00 pm on Monday, 25 August 2003, a telephone conference will take place in Swedish with Bure's President, Lennart Svantesson. Journalists and professionals in the capital markets are invited to take part. You can participate by telephoning +46 8 50 52 01 14 ten minutes before the stated time, quoting 'Bure'. Please note that you must also dial the area code if you make a call within the Stockholm area.

## **INTRODUCTION**

As a result of non-implemented exits, declining results and amortisation demands, Bure's liquidity deteriorated rapidly at the end of 2002. At the beginning of 2003, Bure's Board of Directors decided to undertake a financial reconstruction and a review of the company's overall direction.

The first quarter of 2003 focused on re-creating Bure's financial stability and on measures to increase profitability and create value in the portfolio companies.

At the beginning of April, the Board of Directors decided to implement a plan for the financial strengthening of Bure. This plan contained issues of SEK 750M, and a long-term credit limit of SEK 1,200M from the company's lenders. The objective of the financial solution was to enable a transition to a new focused business direction whilst defending shareholder values by securing the sale of non-strategic assets without time pressure. The proposed issues with a right of preference for existing shareholders were approved by the Annual General Meeting on 21 May. The interest in the combined issue was significant. It was fully subscribed and there was no need to utilise the guarantee undertakings entered into.

At the beginning of the year, the Board of Directors decided to review the company's management function, organisation and staffing. An action programme aimed at reducing the parent company's administrative costs and the number of employees was initiated. During the second quarter, a provision of SEK 22M was made for the implementation of the action programme.

With the aim of reducing the debt ratio and of focusing on the existing portfolio in accordance with the announced strategy, the majority of Bure's holding in Innovationskapital's Fund III was divested during the first six months. After the end of the reporting period, Bure divested its holdings in Nordic Capital's Funds II, III and IV. The sale generates an exit gain of SEK 146M.

During the first six months of 2003, the foundation was laid for a successful redevelopment of Bure. The issues and divested indirect holdings created financial scope to take action for further development of the portfolio companies. During the autumn, Bure's Board of Directors will continue its work on Bure's future direction and structure.

Bure's largest shareholders including the largest holders of warrants at 31 August will be published at the beginning of September.

### **Developments in the portfolio companies**

Developments in the portfolio companies during the first and second quarters can be characterised as satisfactory in a difficult market. In general, there is no evidence of improvement in the market conditions. Several operations developed well despite the tough market climate. PAHR, Citat, Cygate, Vittra, Xdin and Retea developed in line with expectations. The focus remains on activities aimed at creating and securing profitability in the portfolio companies and initiating the necessary action to achieve this.

Problems exist mainly in Carl Bro, Business Communication Group and Informator Training Group. Additional action programmes have been initiated in these companies. In Carl Bro, profitability has been significantly weaker than anticipated in the Danish operation whilst the operations in Sweden and Great Britain have developed better than plan. Additional cost saving measures are being prepared in the Danish operation. In Business Communication Group, the parent company function has been phased out and the management of the included companies is, therefore, handled direct from Bure. In Informator Training Group, Bure's management will also be directly involved with the operations.

Vittra's operations are developing according to plan. Vittra is involved in an interpretation dispute with the National Agency for Education relating to issue of when marks should be set in the sixth form school. The dispute relates to Vittra's two sixth form schools, which account for approximately 10 per cent of the operations. During autumn 2003, Vittra will start up five new schools.

During the period, Bure extended its representation in the Boards of Directors of the portfolio companies. Bure's President has been elected as Chairman of Mercuri International and Vittra and as Board Member of System and Citat. A review has also been made of the Boards of the other portfolio companies and changes have been implemented in several cases.

### **Issues of shares and debentures with detachable warrants**

During June, Bure implemented a combined issue of shares and debentures with detachable warrants totalling more than SEK 750M with a right for the shareholders, in one unit for each existing share, to subscribe for two new shares and one debenture with nine detachable warrants. As the issue was fully subscribed, the guarantee for SEK 600M was not utilised.

The payment relates to 216,200,000 new shares at a nominal value of SEK 0.75 each with an issue payment of SEK 162,150,000 and 108,100,000 debentures with 972,900,000 detachable warrants, the latter two with a combined issue payment of SEK 588,064,000. Of these, SEK 500,203,114 has been reported as payment for the debt instrument and SEK 87,860,886 has been taken to restricted equity as payment for the warrants. The total number of shares in Bure amounts to 325,300,000. In total, there are 972,900,000 outstanding warrants with a subscription price of SEK 0.75 each. On full exercising of the warrants, the number of shares will amount to 1,298,200,000. Of the total number of shares, Bure has previously implemented buy-backs of 4,945,500 shares in total, of which 3,945,500 shares are via an agreement with a bank, a so-called synthetic arrangement.

The issues were registered in mid-July and the shares, debentures and warrants have since been traded on the OM Stockholm Exchange.

The subordinated debenture matures for payment on 30 June 2007 with a nominal amount of not more than SEK 729,675,000, which involves an annual yield of approximately 10 per cent.

The warrants entitle their holders to subscribe for new shares from 15 July 2003 to 15 June 2007 inclusive.

### **PARENT COMPANY**

#### **Results and financial position**

The parent company's result before taxes amounted to SEK 62M (-336) for the second quarter of 2003 and to SEK -110M (-380) for the first six months. The exit result for the second quarter amounted to SEK 12M (32). In addition, unrealised rises in the price of shares resulted in a cancellation (reversal) of previously implemented write-downs of SEK 115M (in the corresponding quarter of the previous year, write-downs SEK 322M were made). The exit result for the first six months amounted to SEK 12M (40) and write-downs to SEK -8M (-332). The cancelled write-downs during the second quarter are mainly attributable to a rise in the price of Teleca shares during the quarter.

Administrative costs amounted to SEK 88M (87) for the period. Of this, SEK 50M (42) represented personnel costs. The administrative costs include a cost of SEK 9M (9) for hedging the staff option scheme issued during 2001. An action programme aimed at reducing the parent company's administrative costs has been initiated. During the second quarter of 2003, a provision of SEK 22M was made for the implementation of the action programme, which is included in the period's administrative costs. In addition to these one-off costs, the administrative costs were affected by substantial legal and consulting costs incurred during the period of Bure's financial crisis.

At the period end, the net loan liability amounted to SEK 867M (761). It consists of interest-bearing assets of SEK 1,204M (694) and interest-bearing liabilities of SEK 2,071M (1,455). Of interest-bearing assets, SEK 327M represents receivables from the subsidiaries, SEK 125M other interest-bearing receivables and the remaining SEK 752M liquid funds. The equity ratio amounted to 33 per cent (60) and the debt/equity ratio to 0.8 (0.5). The parent company had liquid funds of SEK 752M on the balance sheet date and a long-term loan of SEK 1,200M. Other interest-bearing liabilities consist of a subordinated loan liability of SEK 500M, short-term bank loans of SEK 233M, interest-bearing liabilities to subsidiaries of SEK 103M, and other interest-bearing liabilities of SEK 35M.

The bridging financing of up to SEK 300M which Bure received in connection with the implementation of the issue has been amortised after the end of the second quarter. During the third quarter, the net loan liability is expected to be affected by payments of supplementary purchase payments and contributions to subsidiaries of approximately SEK 200M and by issue expenses of approximately SEK 40M. The net loan liability will also be positively affected by the completed Nordic Capital deal.

## **Investments**

During the second quarter, the parent company made investments and supplementary investments totalling SEK 126M. Of this, SEK 65M relates to capital contributions to subsidiaries. Otherwise, the largest amount relates to a supplementary investment of SEK 50M in Teleca. For the first six months, investments amounted to SEK 237M (316).

## **Shareholders' equity (Net asset value) – dilution effects**

At the period end, the shareholders' equity amounted to SEK 1,098M or SEK 1.24 per share after full dilution (discounted value 10 per cent) compared with SEK 995M or SEK 9.55 per share at the 2002 year end. As outstanding warrants entitle their holders to subscribe for 972.9 million new shares in total, i.e. more than three times the outstanding shares in Bure, there will be a significant difference in Bure's key figures before and after dilution. The discounting factor applied for calculating the value of future subscription payments also has a significant effect. In Bure's calculations a discounting factor of 10 per cent is applied based on the issue terms. Without discounting, Bure's shareholders equity will be SEK 1.41 per share after full dilution.

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## **Bure's share price**

At the period end, Bure's share price was SEK 1.17 compared with SEK 7.17 at the 2002 year end.

The net asset value discount, i.e. the share price compared with the shareholders' equity, amounted to six per cent at the period end. At the turn of the year, it was a premium of nine per cent.

## **GROUP**

### **Results and financial position**

The consolidated operating result before goodwill amortisation amounted to SEK 91M (-363) for the second quarter and to SEK -73M (-376) for the first six months. This includes exit results of SEK 12M (42) during the second quarter and SEK 12M (57) for the first six months. In addition, the result has been affected by write-downs and cancellation (reversal) of write-downs of shares of SEK 122M (-301) and SEK 25M (-304), respectively. Of the operating result after goodwill amortisation for the second quarter, SEK -9M (-132) represents results from Bure's operating subsidiaries. The corresponding figure for the first six months is SEK -12M (-141). The remaining results consist of the parent company's administrative costs, write-downs and Group adjustments as well as shares in results of associated companies (see table on page 5).

The consolidated result after financial items amounted to SEK 46M (-483) for the second quarter and to SEK -179M (-530) for the first six months. The consolidated result was affected by amortisation of goodwill totalling SEK 23M (120) and SEK 44M (154), respectively. At the end of the period, shareholders' equity amounted to SEK 1,013M (2,360) and the equity ratio to 19 per cent (32).

At the period end, the Group had a net loan liability of SEK 2,131M (2,087) which consisted of interest-bearing assets of SEK 1,103M (966) and interest-bearing liabilities of SEK 3,234M (3,053).

### **Buy-back of shares**

The total number of bought-back shares amounts to 4,945,500, of which 3,945,500 were bought back through a so-called synthetic arrangement. No buy-backs have been made during 2003. At 30 June 2003, the number of outstanding shares amounted to 320,354,500. In addition, there are 972,900,000 outstanding warrants with a subscription price of SEK 0.75 per share.

### **Subsequent events**

Bure divested its holdings in Nordic Capital's funds. This involves a significant strengthening of liquidity and exit gains of approximately SEK 146M.

Gothenburg, 25 August 2003  
Bure Equity AB (publ)  
Lennart Svantesson, President

## REPORT BY OPERATION

	Net sales			Operating result after goodwill amortisation*		
	6 months 2003	6 months 2002	Full-year 2002	6 months 2003	6 months 2002	Full -year 2002
<i>Subsidiaries</i>						
Cygate	398.7	361.1	740.0	-7.0	-32.0	-281.1
PAHR	105.7	105.8	212.1	3.1	4.9	14.6
Xdin	100.1	-	178.6	2.9	-	-38.4
Simonsen	472.3	476.7	943.6	3.5	-2.0	-103.0
Retea	22.9	21.9	44.2	1.2	1.9	4.0
Citat	115.3	122.2	222.4	2.9	-5.3	-62.9
Vittra	190.9	131.6	282.4	1.5	1.7	-6.4
Business Communication Group	145.3	185.9	341.1	-12.2	-20.8	-108.1
Mercuri	346.4	388.2	715.0	4.5	11.7	-211.9
Informator Training Group	78.4	102.9	186.3	-12.9	-101.0	-198.2
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>1 976.0</b>	<b>1 896.3</b>	<b>3 865.7</b>	<b>-12.5</b>	<b>-140.9</b>	<b>-991.4</b>
Shares in results of associated companies	-	-	-	-64.0	-53.2	-166.7
Carl Bro as a subsidiary	-	1 398.1	2 277.0	-	-0.7	12.1
Sold companies and acquired companies before the date of acquisition	-	3.3	-89.8	-	-2.7	-2.7
Write-downs	-	-	-	-22.7	-303.9	-679.7
Cancelled write-downs	-	-	-	47.6	-	-
Parent company administrative costs	-	-	-	-87.7	-87.2	-197.1
Other	-1.6	-6.1	-8.4	22.2	58.2	401.2
<b>Total Group</b>	<b>1 974.4</b>	<b>3 291.6</b>	<b>6 044.5</b>	<b>-117.1</b>	<b>-530.4</b>	<b>-1 624.3</b>
* Including Bure's amortisation and write-downs of consolidated goodwill						

## FIVE-YEAR REVIEW

	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	6 months 2002	6 months 2003
<b>Data per share<sup>1</sup></b>							
Net asset value, SEK <sup>1</sup>	29.98	44.80	47.56	26.19	6.58	21.37	3.43
Net asset value after full dilution, SEK <sup>1</sup>	29.98	44.80	47.56	26.19	6.58	21.37	1.24
Share price, SEK	39.63	39.98	35.50	20.47	7.17	15.03	1.17
Share price as a percentage of equity, %	132	89	75	78	109	70	94
Parent company equity per share, SEK	26.57	27.83	27.23	21.78	6.58	18.16	3.43
Parent company equity per share after full dilution, SEK	26.57	27.83	27.23	21.78	6.58	18.16	1.24
Consolidated equity per share, SEK	26.24	25.61	27.75	20.16	6.65	15.41	3.16
Consolidated equity per share after full dilution, SEK	26.24	25.61	27.75	20.16	6.65	15.41	1.17
Parent company result per share, SEK	3.70	3.23	11.16	0.47	-14.94	-2.48	-0.70
Parent company result per share after full dilution, SEK <sup>3</sup>	3.70	3.23	11.16	0.47	-14.94	-2.48	-0.70
Consolidated result per share	3.17	1.41	12.63	-1.24	-13.16	-3.48	-1.26
Consolidated result per share after full dilution, SEK <sup>3</sup>	3.17	1.41	12.63	-1.24	-13.16	-3.48	-1.26
Number of shares, 000	158 282	158 282	158 282	153 495	151 108	153 090	320 355
Number of outstanding warrants, 000	-	-	-	-	-	-	972 900
Total number of shares, including outstanding warrants, 000	158 282	158 282	158 282	153 495	151 108	153 090	1 293 255
Number of shares after full dilution in accordance with RR:18, 000	158 282	158 282	158 282	153 495	151 108	153 090	779 657
Average number of shares, 000	158 282	158 282	158 282	156 038	152 547	153 435	156 751
Average number of shares after full dilution in accordance with RR:18, 000	158 282	158 282	158 282	156 038	152 547	153 435	616 054
<b>Key figures</b>							
Dividend paid, SEK per share <sup>4,2</sup>	1.99	18.96	13.44	1.21	-	-	-
Yield, %	5.0	47.4	37.9	5.9	-	-	-
Total yield	15.3	5.9	36.2	-7.2	-62.8	-22.0	-59.5
Market value, SEK M	6 273	6 328	5 619	3 142	1 083	2 300	375
Net asset value	4 746	7 092	7 528	4 025	995	3 264	1 098
Return on equity, %	14.4	11.9	40.6	1.9	-75.9	-12.4	-10.6
<b>Parent company results and position</b>							
Exit result, SEK M	463.9	529.3	2 743.0	590.4	345.1	40.2	11.9
Result after tax, SEK M	585.4	511.8	1 766.8	73.5	-2 279.1	-380.3	-110.5
Total assets, SEK M	5 265	6 361	4 690	4 649	2 602	4 603	3 334
Shareholders' equity, SEK M	4 206	4 404	4 310	3 342	995	2 778	1 098
Equity ratio, %	79.9	69.2	91.9	71.9	38.2	60.4	32.9
<b>Consolidated results and position</b>							
Net sales, SEK M	13 885.8	15 444.1	7 553.4	3 996.7	6 044.5	3 291.6	1 974.4
Result after tax, SEK M	501.4	224.0	2 000.3	-193.2	-2 006.9	-533.9	-197.6
Total assets, SEK M	10 537	11 361	9 106	7 791	4 776	7 380	5 297
Shareholders' equity, SEK M	4 153	4 054	4 393	3 095	1 005	2 360	1 013
Equity ratio, %	39.4	35.7	48.2	39.7	21.0	32.0	19.1
<sup>1</sup> The net asset value for the 2002 and 2003 full year is equivalent to equity per share. <sup>2</sup> All the historic figures per share have been adjusted for issues with a correction factor in accordance with the Swedish Financial Accounting Standards Council's recommendation No 18. <sup>3</sup> Where the result is negative, the average number of shares before dilution is also applied in calculation after dilution. <sup>4</sup> Dividends include distribution of the subsidiaries, Capio and Observer.							

Parent company holdings at 2003-06-30		Share of capital %	Share of votes %	Book value/ net asset value SEK M	Per cent of total net asset value
<b>Unlisted holdings</b>					
Carl Bro		50.45	50.45	250	23
Systeam		48.00	48.00	213	20
PAHR		100.00	100.00	205	19
Vittra		85.00	85.00	98	9
Cygate		72.71	72.71	73	7
Mercuri International Group		100.00	100.00	44	4
Retea		100.00	100.00	29	3
Business Communication Group		87.79	87.79	28	3
Citat		78.67	78.67	26	2
Celemiab Group		32.14	32.14	19	2
Xdin		57.46	59.16	18	2
Simonsen Sverige		100.00	100.00	9	1
Informator Training Group		100.00	100.00	0	0
Bure Kapital		100.00	100.00	4	0
Other direct holdings				2	0
Other dormant companies				2	0
<b>Total</b>				<b>1 020</b>	<b>95</b>
<b>Listed holdings</b>					
Scribona		34.97	28.80	191	17
Dimension		32.67	32.67	21	2
Teleca, market value of shareholding		15.80	14.36	345	31
Teleca, net liability in owner company				-232	-21
<b>Total</b>				<b>325</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>Holdings via Nordic Capital****</b>					
Mölnlycke Health Care		16.66	16.66	367	34
Trenor Holding ***		4.70	4.75	78	7
Sound Holding		4.37	4.40	47	4
Wilson Logistics		8.65	9.13	39	4
Dynal Biotech		3.22	3.22	37	3
Other holdings				180	16
<b>Total</b>				<b>748</b>	<b>68</b>
<b>Venture Capital &amp; Incubators</b>					
Newmad Technologies		26.62	26.62	0	0
Kreatel Com – parallel investment		7.36	5.65	2	0
Spotfire – parallel investment		0.87	0.97	0	0
CR&T		64.93	48.57	0	0
<b>Total</b>				<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Bure Finans**</b>					
Interest-bearing receivables, subsidiaries				320	29
Other interest-bearing receivables				132	12
Liquid funds and investments				752	68
Other assets				35	3
Interest-bearing liabilities				-2 071	-189
Other liabilities				-165	-15
<b>Total</b>				<b>-997</b>	<b>-92</b>
<b>PARENT COMPANY'S SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY (NET ASSET VALUE) BEFORE FULL DILUTION</b>				<b>1 098</b>	<b>100</b>
Contribution to net asset value after full subscription, 972,900,000 shares at SEK 0.75 each, calculated at current value by 10%.				500	
Net asset value after full subscription calculated at current value.				<b>1 598</b>	
Net asset value per share after full dilution distributed on 1,293,254,500 shares calculated at current value (10%).				1.24	
Net asset value per share after full dilution (taking no account of the current value calculation)				1.41	
<p>* Bure's investment in Teleca has been made through a subsidiary. The book value of this company is SEK 113M. The investment has been financed through loans in the subsidiary. The total purchase price could amount to not less than SEK 380M and not more than SEK 485M. If Teleca's market price exceeds SEK 33.40 per share during a period before the date of each payment, the purchase price could exceed SEK 380M. At 30 June 2003, a total of SEK 258M of the purchase price had been paid. In accordance with the agreement, the remaining portion will be paid in January 2004.</p> <p>** Bure Finans includes the parent company's other assets and liabilities.</p> <p>*** Trenor Holding includes Ahlsell, Reynolds and BE Steel.</p> <p>**** After the end of the reporting period, Bure divested its holdings via Nordic Capital. After this transaction, Bure has no remaining undertakings vis-à-vis Nordic Capital. However, Bure indirectly owns approximately eight per cent in Mölnlycke Health Care and ten per cent in Elmo Leather.</p>					

## PARENT COMPANY STATEMENTS OF INCOME

SEK M	Q2 2003	Q 2 2002	6 months 2003	6 months 2002	Full-year 2002
<i>Investment operations</i>					
Dividends	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.1	4.5
Exit results	11.9	32.0	11.9	40.2	345.1
Write-downs and reversals	114.7	-322.0	-8.5	-331.7	-2 417.4
	<b>126.8</b>	<b>-289.9</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>-291.4</b>	<b>-2 067.8</b>
<i>Administrative costs</i>					
Administrative costs	-28.5	-45.3	-65.3	-87.2	-171.1
Restructuring costs	-22.4	-	-22.4	-	-26.0
<b>Result before financial income and expenses</b>	<b>75.9</b>	<b>-335.2</b>	<b>-84.1</b>	<b>-378.6</b>	<b>-2 264.9</b>
Financial income and expenses	-14.1	-0.4	-26.4	-1.7	-14.2
<b>Result after financial income and expenses</b>	<b>61.8</b>	<b>-335.6</b>	<b>-110.5</b>	<b>-380.3</b>	<b>-2 279.1</b>
Taxes		-	-	-	-
<b>Net result</b>	<b>61.8</b>	<b>-335.6</b>	<b>-110.5</b>	<b>-380.3</b>	<b>-2 279.1</b>
Average number of shares, 000	162 392	153 463	156 751	153 435	152 547
Average number of shares after full dilution, 000	621 695	153 463	616 054	153 435	152 547
Result per share, SEK	0.38	-2.19	-0.70	-2.48	-14.94
Result per share after full dilution, SEK	0.10	-2.19	-0.70	-2.48	-14.94
Average number of employees	27	40	27	40	35

## PARENT COMPANY BALANCE SHEET

SEK M	30 June 2003	30 June 2002	31 Dec 2002
<i>Assets</i>			
Shares and participations	2 102.7	3 448.1	1 905.3
Other assets	479.5	949.2	422.6
Liquid funds and short-term investments	751.9	205.4	274.4
	<b>3 341.1</b>	<b>4 602.7</b>	<b>2 602.3</b>
<i>Equity, provisions and liabilities</i>			
Shareholders' equity	1 097.8	2 778.1	994.8
Provisions	46.9	212.0	90.0
Long-term liabilities	1 775.8	1 400.0	75.6
Current liabilities	413.6	212.6	1 441.9
	<b>3 341.1</b>	<b>4 602.7</b>	<b>2 602.3</b>
Of which interest-bearing liabilities	2 071.1	1 455.3	1 345.9
<i>Pledged assets and contingent liabilities</i>			
<p>At the end of the 2002 full year, pledged assets in the parent company amounted to SEK 631.3M and contingent liabilities to SEK 535.4M. At 30 June 2003, the reported value of pledged assets has increased by SEK 216M from the turn of the year as a result of fulfilled previous agreed pledging, capital contributions and supplementary acquisitions. In addition, the reported amount of pledged assets has increased by approximately SEK 85M as a result of the fact that certain assets have been the subject of revaluation. Part payment has been made of a liability in Cindra which means that the parent company's guarantee undertaking has reduced by SEK 91M. Partly as a result of this, the parent company's contingent liabilities have decreased by approximately SEK 100M in total.</p> <p>The parent company's contingent liabilities consist of sureties and guarantees of SEK137 for undertakings by subsidiaries and of Bure's guarantor liability for financial leasing agreements in Simonsen and Vittra, in which the residual value amounts to SEK 299M. For these undertakings, there is a corresponding real estate value.</p> <p>In addition to the reported contingent liabilities, the parent company has issued support letters relating to some subsidiaries' dealings with banks. Through its participation in funds within Innkap and Nordic Capital, Bure also has remaining investment undertakings of SEK 124M, excluding management fee, of which SEK 38M relate to Innkap III via the subsidiary, Bure Kapital. Through agreements, Bure has also undertaken to acquire additional shares in subsidiaries and associated companies for SEK 127M. These undertakings are not regarded as contingent liabilities.</p>			



## PARENT COMPANY CASH FLOW STATEMENTS

SEK M	Q 2 2003	Q 2 2002	6 months 2003	6 months 2002	Full-year 2002
Result after financial items	61.8	-346.1	-110.5	-380.3	-2 279.1
Adjustment items	-125.8	78.4	-2.5	80.6	1 984.6
	<b>-64.0</b>	<b>-267.7</b>	<b>-113.0</b>	<b>-299.7</b>	<b>-294.5</b>
Change in working capital	-11.8	353.5	-95.8	143.7	192.7
<b>Cash flow from current operations</b>	<b>-75.8</b>	<b>85.8</b>	<b>-208.8</b>	<b>-156.0</b>	<b>-101.8</b>
Investments	-81.7	-161.6	-236.9	-322.3	-537.0
Sale of subsidiaries and associated companies	20.3	128.6	20.3	143.8	597.8
<b>Cash flow from investment operations</b>	<b>-61.4</b>	<b>-33.0</b>	<b>-216.6</b>	<b>-178.5</b>	<b>60.8</b>
Cash flow from financial operations	885.3	104.7	902.9	216.8	-7.7
<b>The period's cash flow</b>	<b>748.1</b>	<b>157.5</b>	<b>477.5</b>	<b>-117.7</b>	<b>-48.7</b>

## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME

SEK M	Q 2 2003	Q 2 2002	6 months 2003	6 months 2002	Full-year 2002
Net sales	987.9	1 709.8	1 974.4	3 291.6	6 044.5
Operating expenses	-1 015.5	-1 776.5	-2 007.3	-3 364.2	-6 273.5
Items affecting comparability	127.4	-306.7	11.7	-307.8	-767.1
Exit results	11.9	41.6	11.9	57.1	361.2
Shares in results of associated companies	-20.4	-30.8	-64.0	-53.2	-166.7
<b>Result before goodwill amortisation</b>	<b>91.3</b>	<b>-362.6</b>	<b>-73.3</b>	<b>-376.5</b>	<b>-801.6</b>
Amortisation and write-down of goodwill	-22.9	-120.0	-43.8	-153.9	-822.7
<b>Operating result</b>	<b>68.4</b>	<b>-482.6</b>	<b>-117.1</b>	<b>-530.4</b>	<b>-1 624.3</b>
Financial income and expenses	-22.0	-0.7	-62.0	0.0	-391.8
<b>Result after financial items</b>	<b>46.4</b>	<b>-483.3</b>	<b>-179.1</b>	<b>-530.4</b>	<b>-2 016.1</b>
Minority interest	-0.6	10.3	1.1	7.7	33.6
Taxes	-8.7	0.8	-19.6	-11.2	-24.4
<b>Net result</b>	<b>37.1</b>	<b>-472.2</b>	<b>-197.6</b>	<b>-533.9</b>	<b>-2 006.9</b>
Average number of shares, 000	162 392	153 463	156 751	153 435	152 547
Average number of shares after full dilution, 000	621 695	153 463	616 054	153 435	152 547
Result per share, SEK	0.23	-3.08	-1.26	-3.48	-13.16
Result per share after full dilution, SEK	0.06	-3.08	-1.26	-3.48	-13.16
Average number of employees	3 152	5 991	3 195	6 010	3 069

## CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

SEK M	30 June 2003	30 June 2002	31 Dec 2002
<i>Assets</i>			
Goodwill	946.9	1 714.7	980.7
Shares and participations	1 720.3	2 037.0	1 699.9
Other assets	1 665.6	3 054.6	1 579.0
Liquid funds and short-term investments	964.0	573.6	516.6
	<b>5 296.8</b>	<b>7 379.9</b>	<b>4 776.2</b>
<i>Equity, provisions and liabilities</i>			
Shareholders' equity	1 013.2	2 359.7	1 005.3
Minority interest	50.6	187.4	59.7
Provisions	116.5	132.4	132.2
Long term liabilities	2 585.8	2 554.2	860.0
Current liabilities	1 530.7	2 146.2	2 719.0
	<b>5 296.8</b>	<b>7 379.9</b>	<b>4 776.2</b>
Of which interest-bearing liabilities	3 234.8	3 053.1	2 527.9
<i>Pledged assets and contingent liabilities</i>			
At the end of full-year 2002, pledged assets in the Group amounted to SEK 1,692.0M and contingent liabilities to SEK 50.2M. At 30 June 2003, the reported value of pledged assets has increased by SEK 484M in total from the turn of the year. This is partly a result of fulfilled previous agreed pledging, capital contributions, supplementary acquisitions, and revaluation. The Group's contingent liabilities have decreased by approximately SEK 15M compared with the turn of the year.			

## CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOW STATEMENTS

SEK M	Q2 2003	Q 2 2002	6 months 2003	6 months 2002	Full-year 2002
Result after financial items	46.4	-483.3	-179.1	-530.4	-2 016.1
Adjustment items	-82.6	120.0	89.0	181.8	1 408.8
	<b>-36.2</b>	<b>-363.3</b>	<b>-90.1</b>	<b>-348.6</b>	<b>-607.3</b>
Change in working capital	-70.7	722.2	-243.2	336.9	970.1
<b>Cash flow from current operations</b>	<b>-106.9</b>	<b>358.9</b>	<b>-333.3</b>	<b>-11.7</b>	<b>362.8</b>
Investments	-76.8	-245.8	-142.2	-413.0	-679.8
Sale of subsidiaries and associated companies	22.0	130.9	22.5	146.0	502.9
<b>Cash flow from investment operations</b>	<b>-54.8</b>	<b>-114.9</b>	<b>-119.7</b>	<b>-267.0</b>	<b>-176.9</b>
Cash flow from financial operations	892.0	-65.4	900.3	125.3	-396.4
<b>The period's cash flow</b>	<b>730.3</b>	<b>178.6</b>	<b>447.3</b>	<b>-153.4</b>	<b>-210.5</b>

## CHANGE IN EQUITY

SEK M	Parent company			Group		
	6 months 2003	6 months 2002	Full-year 2002	6 months 2003	6 months 2002	Full-year 2002
Equity brought forward	994.8	3 341.5	3 341.5	1 005.3	3 094.8	3 094.8
Change in revaluation reserve			140.0			140.0
Issue	162.1			162.1		
Cost issue	-36.5			-36.5		
Premium for warrants	87.9			87.9		
Buy-back of own shares		-6.6	-31.1		-6.6	-31.1
Dividend		-189.2	-189.2		-189.2	-189.2
Translation difference		-	-	-8.0	-18.1	-15.0
Other		12.7	12.7		12.7	12.7
Net result for the year	-110.5	-380.3	-2 279.1	-197.6	-533.9	-2 006.9
<b>Equity carried forward</b>	<b>1 097.8</b>	<b>2 778.1</b>	<b>994.8</b>	<b>1 013.2</b>	<b>2 359.7</b>	<b>1 005.3</b>

**Accounting principles**

This Interim Report has been prepared in accordance with the Swedish Accounting Standards Council's recommendation RR 20, Interim reporting. From 1 January 2003, Bure applies the Swedish Accounting Standards Council's recommendation RR 25 'Reporting for segments – operations and geographic areas'. This means that the information given in this Interim Report relating to operations has been adapted to RR25. Otherwise the same accounting principles have been as for the latest adopted Annual Report.

**Review report**

We have reviewed this interim report in accordance with the recommendation issued by The Swedish Institute of Authorised Public Accountants, FAR. The market listed associated companies, which are reported in accordance with the equity method, have not been included in this review. A review is significantly limited compared with an audit. Nothing has emerged which indicates that the interim report does not comply with the demands of Stock Market and Annual Accounts Acts.

Gothenburg 25 August 2003

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Authorised Public Accountant

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## Unlisted holdings

### CARL BRO

Statement of income SEK M	Q 2 2003	Q 2 2002	6 months 2003	6 months 2002	Full- year 2002
Net sales	632	723	1 289	1 398	2 694
Operating expenses	-640	-724	-1 293	-1 386	-2 708
Adjusted operating result before goodwill amortisation	-8	-1	-4	12	-14
%	-1.3	-0.2	-0.3	0.8	-0.5
Items affecting comparability	0	0	0	0	-20
Exit result	0	0	0	0	0
Shares in results of associated companies	0	0	0	0	-8
Operating result before goodwill amortisation	-8	-1	-4	12	-42
%	-1.2	-0.2	-0.3	0.8	-1.5
Goodwill amortisation	-5	-4	-9	-7	-16
Operating result	-13	-5	-13	5	-58
Financial income and expenses	0	-3	-6	-7	-25
Result before taxes	-13	-8	-19	-2	-83
Minority interest and taxes	2	3	2	0	11
Net result	-11	-5	-17	-2	-72

Key figures	Q 2 2003	Q 2 2002	six months 2003	six months 2002	Full- year 2002
Growth, %	-13	-8	8	n.a.	-1
Total assets			1 131	1 429	1 174
Shareholders' equity			154	247	176
Equity ratio, %			14	17	15
Net debt/receivable			-255	-293	-210
Total number of employees			2 724	3 088	2 961
Average number of employees			2 815	3 143	3 080
Value added per employee			0,5	0,6	0,5

- Operating result before goodwill (EBITA) for the second quarter amounted to SEK -3M in the core operations and to SEK -5M in non-core operations. Accumulated for January-June, the result of the core operations amounted to SEK 21M.
- Overall, the Danish core operation has developed unsatisfactorily during the first six months of 2003. Business areas International and Industry, in particular, generated a loss but the other operations have also reported weak earnings.
- Sweden and the United Kingdom performed better than planned in terms of profitability and growth.
- As a step in its focusing on the core operations, Carl Bro sold the non-strategic subsidiary, Navicom, during June. In May, a decision was taken to phase out Carl Bro's German project development operation and to evaluate the Danish project development operation.

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*President: Birgit W. Norgaard*

### SYSTEAM

Statement of income SEK M	Q 2 2003	Q 2 2002	6 months 2003	6 months 2002	Full- year 2002
Net sales	252	246	495	483	978
Operating expenses	-241	-234	-474	-459	-928
Adjusted operating result before goodwill amortisation	11	12	21	24	50
%	4.5	4.8	4.3	4.9	5.1
Items affecting comparability	0	0	0	0	-3
Exit result	0	0	0	0	0
Shares in results of associated companies	0	0	0	0	-2
Operating result before goodwill amortisation	11	12	21	24	45
%	4.5	4.8	4.3	4.8	4.6
Goodwill amortisation	-6	-4	-10	-8	-15
Operating result	5	8	11	16	30
Financial income and expenses	0	-1	0	-3	-3
Result before taxes	5	7	11	13	27
Minority interest and taxes	-3	-2	-6	-3	-8
Net result	2	5	5	10	19

Key figures	Q 2 2003	Q 2 2002	6 months 2003	6 months 2002	Full- year 2002
Growth, %	2	2	3	7	3
Total assets			446	424	434
Shareholders' equity			228	178	224
Equity ratio, %			51	42	52
Net debt/receivable			52	-6	52
Average number of employees			779	769	774
Value added per employee			0.7	0.7	0.6

- System's market within small and medium-sized companies improved and there is an increased interest in business systems.
- Telenor selected System to secure service and maintenance of satellite stations throughout the world. The solution is based on the business system, Jeeves Enterprise, and contains the whole project and service process.
- The county council in Uppsala made an investment in an Internet-based system for patient logs. The solution is one of 40 projects to be nominated for the EU's eAwards within e-Health.
- There is uncertainty about RP system JD Edwards as the company is the subject of acquisition.

*System works as a generalist IT consultant for medium-sized companies and as a specialist in ERP (Enterprise Resource Planning), system development and management services for large companies. For further information, visit [www.system.se](http://www.system.se)*

*President: Niclas Ekblad*

## PAHR

Statement of income SEK M	Q 2 2003	Q 2 2002	6 months 2003	6 months 2002	Full- year 2002
Net sales	51	50	106	106	212
Operating expenses	-45	-43	-90	-89	-172
Adjusted operating result before goodwill amortisation	6	7	16	17	40
%	12.2	13.3	15.2	16.4	18.8
Items affecting comparability	0	0	0	0	0
Exit result	0	0	0	0	0
Shares in results of associated companies	0	0	0	0	0
Operating result before goodwill amortisation	6	7	16	17	40
%	12.2	13.3	15.3	16.4	18.8
Goodwill amortisation	-3	-3	-6	-6	-12
Operating result	3	4	10	11	28
Financial income and expenses	-1	-2	-3	-3	-7
Result before taxes	2	2	7	8	21
Minority interest and taxes	0	-1	-1	-1	-9
Net result	2	1	6	7	12

Key figures	Q 2 2003	Q 2 2002	6 months 2003	6 months 2002	Full- year 2002
Growth, %	1	5	0	5	6
Operating cash flow	9	5	32	23	34
Total assets			286	291	326
Shareholders equity			98	85	99
Equity Ratio, %			34	29	30
Net debt/receivable			-103	-131	-124
Total number of employees			151	152	151
Average number of employees			150	152	149
Value added per employee			1.0	1.1	1.0

- PAHR's result for the second quarter was in line with plan despite the continued difficult market.
- In the private sector, the number of procurements have been fewer than normal due to the weak economy and, in the public sector, large budget deficits have led to higher price pressure than before.
- Demand in the municipal sector remained high with many new procurements.
- The Financial Control Authority has appointed PAHR one of two suppliers of salary systems for government operations.
- Despite weak demand, PAHR has further strengthened its position in the Norwegian market for time systems.

*PAHR Group develops and provides software and services aimed at helping operations refine and administer their human and structural capital efficiently. For further information, visit [svenska-pa.se](http://svenska-pa.se), [paletthrm.se](http://paletthrm.se), [quickit.se](http://quickit.se), [timerecorderdata.no](http://timerecorderdata.no).*

*Chairman: Börje Bengtsson  
President: Ulf Ericsson*

## VITTRA

Statement of income SEK M	Q 2 2003	Q 2 2002	6 months 2003	6 months 2002	Full- year 2002
Net sales	97	65	191	132	282
Operating expenses	-96	-62	-188	-127	-283
Adjusted operating result before goodwill amortisation	1	3	3	5	-1
%	0.9	4.4	1.3	3.7	-0.4
Items affecting comparability	0	-2	0	-2	-2
Exit result	0	0	0	0	0
Shares in results of associated companies	0	0	0	0	0
Operating result before goodwill amortisation	1	1	3	3	-3
%	0.9	1.4	1.3	2.2	-1.1
Goodwill amortisation	0	0	-1	-1	-2
Operating result	1	1	2	2	-5
Financial income and expenses	0	0	0	0	-1
Result before taxes	1	1	2	2	-6
Minority interest and taxes	0	0	-1	0	1
Net result	1	1	1	2	-5

Key figures	Q 2 2003	Q 2 2002	6 months 2003	6 months 2002	Full- year 2002
Growth, %	48	30	45	52	38
Operating cash flow	-5	6	-23	0	-21
Total assets			170	101	126
Shareholders equity			73	37	32
Equity Ratio, %			43	36	25
Net debt/receivable			2	4	-14
Total number of employees			530	340	469
Average number of employees			500	340	404
Value added per employee			0.5	0.4	0.4

- Operations and results are according to plan with continued strong growth based on both formal and experienced quality which has been further improved from already high levels compared with the national average.
- During autumn 2003, Vittra will start up four new compulsory schools and one sixth form school.
- As a step in the financing of Vittra's growth, Bure has contributed SEK 40M so far during 2003. This has significantly strengthened Vittra's balance sheet. Additional contributions are expected to be paid during the third quarter.
- Vittra is involved in an interpretation dispute with the National Agency for Education relating to the setting of marks in the sixth form school. The dispute concerns Vittra's two sixth form schools, i.e. approximately 10 per cent of the operations.

*Vittra, which has approximately 7,000 students, is the largest independent school company in Sweden. The company has schools at pre-school, compulsory and sixth-form level. Vittra's concept is to increase the opportunities during the different stages of life through education and learning. Visit [www.vittra.se](http://www.vittra.se) for further information.*

*Chairman: Lennart Svantesson  
President: Stig Johansson*

## CYGATE

Statement of income SEK M	Q 2 2003	Q 2 2002	6 months 2003	6 months 2002	Full- year 2002
Net sales	201	174	399	361	740
Operating expenses	-191	-185	-393	-373	-775
Adjusted operating result before goodwill amortisation	10	-11	6	-12	-35
%	4.9	-6.1	1.5	-3.3	-4.7
Items affecting comparability	-8	0	-8	0	-10
Exit result	0	0	0	0	0
Shares in results of associated companies	0	0	0	0	0
Operating result before goodwill amortisation	2	-11	-2	-12	-45
%	1.0	-6.1	-0.5	-3.3	-6.0
Goodwill amortisation	-1	-1	-3	-3	-25
Operating result	1	-12	-5	-15	-70
Financial income and expenses	-1	-1	0	2	-1
Result before taxes	0	-13	-5	-13	-71
Minority interest and taxes	-1	-3	-4	-6	-11
Net result	-1	-16	-9	-19	-82

Key figures	Q 2 2003	Q 2 2002	6 months 2003	6 months 2002	Full- year 2002
Growth, %	15	-33	10	-32	-23
Operating cash flow	8	11	5	6	5
Total assets			350	272	391
Shareholders equity			27	98	36
Equity Ratio, %			8	36	9
Net debt/receivable			-60	22	-44
Total number of employees			294	269	342
Average number of employees			296	278	291
Value added per employee			0.7	0.7	0.6

- Cygate increased its sales by more than 10 per cent and improved its adjusted operating result before goodwill amortisation by SEK 18M compared with the corresponding period in 2002.
- The restructuring in Finland was completed and work on integrating the two Finnish operations has started.
- Staff cuts totalling 15 people were implemented in Denmark and Finland.
- The first instalment of an order from Stockholm County Council was completed successfully. The order comprises a brand new communication network for data, telephony and images.

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*Chairman: Börje Bengtsson  
President: Bengt Lundgren*

## MERCURI INTERNATIONAL

Statement of income SEK M	Q 2 2003	Q 2 2002	6 months 2003	6 months 2002	Full- year 2002
Net sales	173	200	347	388	715
Operating expenses	-169	-184	-331	-364	-692
Adjusted operating result before goodwill amortisation	4	16	16	24	23
%	2.4	8.2	4.6	6.3	3.3
Items affecting comparability	0	1	0	1	-17
Exit result	0	0	0	0	0
Shares in results of associated companies	0	0	0	0	0
Operating result before goodwill amortisation	4	17	16	25	6
%	2.4	8.5	4.6	6.4	0.9
Goodwill amortisation	-4	-6	-9	-13	-221
Operating result	0	11	7	12	-215
Financial income and expenses	-5	-3	-9	-4	-14
Result before taxes	-5	8	-2	8	-229
Minority interest and taxes	-5	-8	-9	-14	-21
Net result	-10	0	-11	-6	-250

Key figures	Q 2 2003	Q 2 2002	6 months 2003	6 months 2002	Full- year 2002
Growth, %	-13	-11	-11	7	-8
Operating cash flow	-63	8	-75	-9	22
Total assets			546	742	583
Shareholders equity			14	248	11
Equity Ratio, %			3	33	2
Net debt/receivable			-265	-160	-152
Total number of employees			643	726	678
Average number of employees			627	671	716
Value added per employee			0.7	0.7	0.7

- During the second quarter, Mercuri had continued problems with falling volumes and the results are below both the plan and the previous year. However, several Mercuri units reported better volumes and results compared with the previous year. The main exception is the unit in Finland which is losing volume following a period of high growth.
- Towards the end of the quarter, sales improved after a long period of negative development.
- During the period, an action programme was implemented aimed at reducing the company's overheads.
- During the period, Lennart Svantesson was appointed as Chairman.

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*Chairman: Lennart Svantesson  
President: Håkan Hederstierna*

## RETEA

Statement of income SEK M	Q 2 2003	Q 2 2002	6 months 2003	6 months 2002	Full- year 2002
Net sales	11	10	23	22	44
Operating expenses	-10	-10	-21	-19	-38
Adjusted operating result before goodwill amortisation	1	0	2	3	6
%	6.2	3.8	10.0	13.7	14.1
Items affecting comparability	0	0	0	0	0
Exit result	0	0	0	0	0
Shares in results of associated companies	0	0	0	0	0
Operating result before goodwill amortisation	1	0	2	3	6
%	6.2	3.8	10.0	13.7	14.1
Goodwill amortisation	0	0	0	0	0
Operating result	1	0	2	3	6
Financial income and expenses	0	0	0	0	0
Result before taxes	1	0	2	3	6
Minority interest and taxes	0	0	0	-1	0
Net result	1	0	2	2	6

Key figures	Q 2 2003	Q 2 2002	6 months 2003	6 months 2002	Full- year 2002
Growth, %	7	-11	5	-6	1
Operating cash flow	2	0	2	3	7
Total assets			19	19	24
Shareholders equity			11	11	9
Equity Ratio, %			56	58	39
Net debt/receivable			7	8	12
Total number of employees			51	49	50
Average number of employees			48	47	49
Value added per employee			0.8	0.7	0.7

- The results are in accordance with plan and there continues to be relatively strong demand for Retea's services.
- General agreements were signed with Stockholm County Council for telecom and data communication consulting services and with the Swedish Agency for Administrative Development relating to IT and telecommunications.

*Retea is a consulting company based in Stockholm, which offers consulting and procurement services within the data communication, electricity supply, electrical engineering, telephony system and telecommunications sectors. For further information, visit [www.retea.se](http://www.retea.se)*

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President: Mikael Vatn*

## BUSINESS COMMUNICATION GROUP

Statement of income SEK M	Q 2 2003	Q 2 2002	6 months 2003	6 months 2002	Full- year 2002
Net sales	72	105	145	186	341
Operating expenses	-75	-113	-153	-194	-370
Adjusted operating result before goodwill amortisation	-3	-8	-8	-8	-29
%	-4.6	7.7	-5.5	4.3	-8.6
Items affecting comparability	0	-6	0	-6	-20
Exit result	0	0	0	0	0
Shares in results of associated companies	0	0	0	0	0
Operating result before goodwill amortisation	-3	-14	-8	-14	-49
%	-4.6	-13.5	-5.5	-7.6	-14.4
Goodwill amortisation	-2	-3	-5	-4	-10
Operating result	-5	-17	-13	-18	-59
Financial income and expenses	-2	0	-2	-1	-1
Result before taxes	-7	-17	-15	-19	-60
Minority interest and taxes	0	0	-3	-1	13
Net result	-7	-17	-18	-20	-47

Key figures	Q 2 2003	Q 2 2002	6 months 2003	6 months 2002	Full- year 2002
Growth, %	-32	75	-22	51	29
Operating cash flow	-1	-	-13	-	-32
Total assets			157	270	181
Shareholders equity			32	77	50
Equity Ratio, %			20	29	28
Net debt/receivable			-66	-35	-58
Total number of employees			239	339	288
Average number of employees			266	292	287
Value added per employee			0.5	0.6	0.5

- Continued very weak development both in the communications market and in the companies within BCG. However, the trend is positive via cost savings with a falling loss rate.
- During the quarter, a decision was taken to focus on existing holdings. As a result, the parent company function has been phased out and the reporting and control of the companies is handled directly from Bure.

*Business Communication Group helps its customers to achieve their targets via customer-adapted communication independent of the media. Visit [www.businesscommunicationgroup.com](http://www.businesscommunicationgroup.com) for further information.*

*Chairman: Örjan Serner*

## CITAT

Statement of income SEK M	Q 2 2003	Q 2 2002	6 months 2003	6 months 2002	Full- year 2002
Net sales	56	59	115	122	222
Operating expenses	-52	-61	-107	-121	-228
Adjusted operating result before goodwill amortisation	4	-2	8	1	-6
%	7.1	-2.9	6.9	0.7	-2.7
Items affecting comparability	0	-2	0	-2	-11
Exit result	0	0	0	0	0
Shares in results of associated companies	0	0	0	0	0
Operating result before goodwill amortisation	4	-4	8	-1	-17
%	7.1	-6.4	6.9	1.1	-7.7
Goodwill amortisation	-2	-2	-4	-4	-8
Operating result	2	-6	4	-5	-25
Financial income and expenses	-1	-1	-2	-2	-4
Result before taxes	1	-7	2	-7	-29
Minority interest and taxes	-1	2	-2	2	6
Net result	0	-5	0	-5	-23

Key figures	Q 2 2003	Q 2 2002	6 months 2003	6 months 2002	Full- year 2002
Growth, %	-5	-11	-6	-24	-21
Operating cash flow	-3	-1	-6	-13	-17
Total assets			182	190	187
Shareholders equity			47	66	47
Equity Ratio, %			26	35	25
Net debt/receivable			-86	-71	-77
Total number of employees			212	231	223
Average number of employees			219	235	232
Value added per employee			0.6	0.6	0.6

- Operations developed according to plan with significant improvement in the results compared with the previous year.
- The trend in Citat's market segments is estimated to remain 'wait-and-see' but order intake has nevertheless been good. Major new assignments were received from Ericsson and AstraZeneca. New customers include De Laval and Team Sportia.

*Citat provides marketing and information departments with services and system solutions which make the process for market communication and information more efficient. Visit [www.citat.se](http://www.citat.se) for further information.*

*Chairman: Örjan Serner  
President: Magnus Lundblad*

## CELEMI

Statement of income SEK M	Q 2 2003	Q 2 2002	6 months 2003	6 months 2002	Full- year 2002
Net sales	23	36	50	61	120
Operating expenses	-26	-31	-49	-57	-112
Adjusted operating result before goodwill amortisation	-3	5	1	4	8
%	-10.7	13.1	1.7	6.0	7.1
Items affecting comparability	0	0	0	0	0
Exit result	0	0	0	0	0
Shares in results of associated companies	0	0	0	0	0
Operating result before goodwill amortisation	-3	5	1	4	8
%	-10.7	13.1	1.7	6.0	7.0
Goodwill amortisation	0	-1	-1	-1	-1
Operating result	-3	4	0	3	7
Financial income and expenses	0	0	0	-1	0
Result before taxes	-3	4	0	2	7
Minority interest and taxes	0	-1	0	-1	-1
Net result	-3	3	0	1	6

Key figures	Q 2 2003	Q 2 2002	6 months 2003	6 months 2002	Full- year 2002
Growth, %	-34	-7	-18	-14	-10
Operating cash flow	n.a.	-14	-9	-10	2
Total assets			47	52	64
Shareholders equity			29	22	28
Equity Ratio, %			62	42	44
Net debt/receivable			-5	-1	7
Total number of employees			69	52	54
Average number of employees			58	60	60
Value added per employee			1.0	1.0	1.0

- The result for the second quarter was significantly below plan. However, sales, including those of pilot studies, were very successful during the period.
- Celemi's results for the second quarter were negatively affected by the weak USD rate.

*Celemi helps large companies rapidly and efficiently communicate key messages and motivate and mobilise people to act in accordance with the company's objectives.*

*Business simulations and tailored solutions help people understand the big contexts and how they can contribute, which is a prerequisite for strategic change and visible results. The company operates in more than 30 countries and has around 60 staff.*

*For further information, visit [www.Celemi.se](http://www.Celemi.se)*

*Chairman: Margareta Barchan  
President: Arne Leeb-Lundberg*



## XDIN

Statement of income SEK M	Q 2 2003	Q 2 2002	6 months 2003	6 months 2002	Full- year 2002
Net sales	51	47	100	93	179
Operating expenses	-49	-46	-97	-91	-188
Adjusted operating result before goodwill amortisation	2	1	3	2	-9
%	3.7	2.1	3.5	2.1	-5.2
Items affecting comparability	0	0	0	0	0
Exit result	0	0	0	0	0
Shares in results of associated companies	0	0	0	0	0
Operating result before goodwill amortisation	2	1	3	2	-9
%	3.7	2.1	3.5	2.1	-5.2
Goodwill amortisation	-1	-1	-1	-1	-4
Operating result	1	0	2	1	-13
Financial income and expenses	0	0	0	-1	-2
Result before taxes	1	0	2	0	-15
Minority interest and taxes	0	0	0	0	0
Net result	1	0	2	0	-15

Key figures	Q 2 2003	Q 2 2002	6 months 2003	6 months 2002	Full- year 2002
Growth, %	8	n.a	8	0	3
Operating cash flow	0	n.a	4	-19	-20
Total assets			114	126	117
Shareholders equity			51	41	48
Equity Ratio, %			45	33	41
Net debt/receivable			-19	-45	-22
Total number of employees			231	231	232
Average number of employees			230	235	234
Value added per employee			0.6	0.6	0.5

- The operating result for the period is in accordance with plan.
- Xdin continues to win market share within the automotive industry, despite reductions by different manufacturers.
- Xdin received a large order for training in the new generation's CAD software, CATIA V5. The agreement is for three years and covers training for 800 staff within the Scania Group.
- Xdin was awarded an extension of a strategically important assignment for an American vehicle manufacturer.

*Xdin provides services, training and creative tools for change and development processes in companies, primarily within the automotive industry. For further information, visit [www.xdin.com](http://www.xdin.com)*

*Chairman: Börje Bengtsson  
President: Thomas Ångkulle*

## SIMONSEN

Statement of income SEK M	Q 2 2003	Q 2 2002	6 months 2003	6 months 2002	Full- year 2002
Net sales	238	240	472	477	944
Operating expenses	-236	-248	-469	-481	-976
Adjusted operating result before goodwill amortisation	2	-8	3	-4	-32
%	1.0	-3.1	0.7	-0.9	-3.4
Items affecting comparability	0	2	0	4	-43
Exit result	0	0	0	0	0
Shares in results of associated companies	0	0	0	0	0
Operating result before goodwill amortisation	2	-6	3	0	-75
%	1.0	-2.3	0.7	0.0	-8.0
Goodwill amortisation	0	-1	0	-2	-23
Operating result	2	-7	3	-2	-98
Financial income and expenses	-2	-2	-3	-4	-10
Result before taxes	0	-9	0	-6	-108
Minority interest and taxes	0	0	0	0	-1
Net result	0	-9	0	-6	-109

Key figures	Q 2 2003	Q 2 2002	6 months 2003	6 months 2002	Full- year 2002
Growth, %	-1	22	-1	18	14
Operating cash flow	-26	-5	-44	-20	-50
Total assets			345	335	316
Shareholders equity			56	-2	8
Equity Ratio, %			16	0	2
Net debt/receivable			-106	-180	-101
Total number of employees			903	840	815
Average number of employees			681	605	600
Value added per employee			0.4	0.4	0.3

- The laundry agreement with Stockholm County Council has been extended to December 2005 inclusive.
- The materials agreement with Värmland County Council has been extended to February 2006 inclusive.
- Shareholders' equity was strengthened by SEK 29M through a capital contribution from Bure.
- The Danish operation was divested after the end of the period.

*Simonsen provides materials, laundry and capital goods, in particular for the healthcare sector. The company is established in seven locations in Sweden and in Denmark and Norway. For further information, visit [www.simonsen.se](http://www.simonsen.se)*

*Chairman: Kjell Nilsson  
President: Ulf Jungberg*

## INFORMATOR TRAINING GROUP

Statement of income SEK M	Q 2 2003	Q 2 2002	6 months 2003	6 months 2002	Full- year 2002
Net sales	39	52	78	103	186
Operating expenses	-43	-62	-88	-123	-224
Adjusted operating result before goodwill amortisation	-4	-10	-10	-20	-38
%	-11.0	-19.9	-13.0	-19.4	-20.5
Items affecting comparability	0	0	0	0	-11
Exit result	0	0	0	0	0
Shares in results of associated companies	0	0	0	0	0
Operating result before goodwill amortisation	-4	-10	-10	-20	-49
%	-11.0	-19.9	-13.0	19.4	-26.2
Goodwill amortisation	-2	-2	-4	-5	-120
Operating result	-6	-12	-14	-25	-169
Financial income and expenses	-1	-2	-2	-3	-6
Result before taxes	-7	-14	-16	-28	-175
Minority interest and taxes	0	0	0	0	0
Net result	-7	-14	-16	-28	-175

Key figures	Q 2 2003	Q 2 2002	6 months 2003	6 months 2002	Full- year 2002
Growth, %	-25	-26	-24	-29	12
Operating cash flow	-3	-	-13	-24	-32
Total assets			169	-	189
Shareholders equity			26	-	40
Equity Ratio, %			15	-	21
Net debt/receivable			-38	-	-26
Total number of employees			154	-	155
Average number of employees			151	-	194
Value added per employee			0.3	-	0.2

- Result improvement compared with the second quarter of 2002 at significantly lower volume.
- The market for IT training remains weak both in Sweden and Germany and activities aimed at reducing costs, therefore, continue.

*Informator carries out training programmes aimed at strengthening companies' IT competence at all levels, from the most advanced leading edge knowledge, to certification and user training. For further information, visit [www.informator.com](http://www.informator.com)*

*Chairman: Per Grunewald*

## Listed holdings

### SCRIBONA

- Scribona reported net sales of SEK 2,689M (3,196) for the second quarter of 2003. For the first six months, sales amounted to SEK 5,810M (6,564). Operating result before goodwill amortisation amounted to SEK -16M (10) for the quarter. The corresponding result for the first six months amounted to SEK -29M (29).

*Scribona is the leading operator in IT products and IT solutions in the Nordic countries. The Scribona share is*

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*quoted on the A list of the OM Stockholm Exchange and has a secondary listing on the Oslo Stock Exchange. Bure's ownership in Scribona amounts to approximately 35 per cent of capital. For further information, visit [scribona.se](http://scribona.se)*

*Chairman: Mats Ola Palm*

*President: Tom Ekevall Larsen*

### DIMENSION

- Dimension's net sales for the second quarter of 2003 amounted to SEK 118M (333). Sales for the first six months amounted to SEK 254M (643). Operating result before goodwill amortisation amounted to SEK -10M (-66) for the quarter. The corresponding result for the first six months amounted to SEK -75M (-103). The quarterly result includes restructuring costs of SEK 0M (26). Restructuring costs for the first six months amounted to SEK 46M (26).
- The Board of Directors intends to propose an Extraordinary General Meeting to decide a new share issue.

*Dimension is an integrator of business-critical IT infrastructure. The Dimension share is quoted on the O list of the OM Stockholm Exchange. Bure's ownership in Dimension amounts to approximately 33 per cent of capital. For further information, visit [www.dimension.se](http://www.dimension.se)*

*Chairman: Björn Boldt-Christmas*

*President: Örjan Frid*

### TELECA

- Teleca's net sales for the second quarter of 2003 amounted to SEK 635M (526). Net sales for the first six months amounted to SEK 1,280M (957). The consolidated operating result before goodwill amortisation amounted to SEK 37M (52) for the quarter. The corresponding result for the first six months amounted to SEK 81M (96).
- The Board of Directors' forecast for significantly increased sales and results for full-year 2003 stands.

*Teleca is an international consulting company which develops and applies advanced technologies. The group has more than 2,600 employees in 15 countries. The Teleca share is quoted on the O list, Attract 40, of the OM Stockholm Exchange. Bure's ownership amounts to approximately 16 per cent of capital. For further information, visit [www.teleca.se](http://www.teleca.se)*

*Chairman: Dan Olofsson*

*President: Nick Stammers*

## Holdings via Nordic Capital

### NORDIC CAPITAL

Bure has invested in the venture capital fund, Nordic Capital, since 1993. The fund has a diversified portfolio with holdings in unlisted, mainly mature companies. In parallel with investments via Nordic Capital's funds, Bure has invested directly in some Nordic Capital companies.

Bure's remaining investment undertaking at 30 June, excluding management fee, amounts to approximately SEK 86M. To this will be added a management fee, which could amount to not more than SEK 57M for the period until 2010.

After the end of the period, Bure divested its holdings via Nordic Capital. After this transaction, Bure has no remaining undertakings vis-à-vis Nordic Capital. However, Bure will retain its approximately eight per cent ownership in Mölnlycke Health Care and its approximately ten per cent ownership in Elmo Leather. When the time is right, Bure intends to divest these assets, which have a book value of approximately SEK 191M and which were acquired by Bure in parallel with the Nordic Capital funds.

### **MÖLNLYCKE HEALTH CARE**

- Mölnlycke Health Care's six month report will be published on 26 August 2003.

Mölnlycke Health Care is one of the world's leading companies in surgical and wound care products. The surgical products are single-use articles for the emergency care sector and account for approximately 75 per cent of the company's total sales.

The company has around 4,000 staff, of whom 3,300 work at the production units in Belgium, Finland, Mexico, Thailand and the Czech Republic.

At 30 June, Bure's ownership in Mölnlycke Health Care amounts to approximately 16.7 per cent in total and around 14 per cent after dilution.

After the end of the reporting period, Bure divested its holdings in Nordic Capital and, thereafter, the company's direct ownership in Mölnlycke Health Care amounts to approximately eight per cent and, after dilution, to approximately seven per cent.

### **Venture Capital & Incubators**

Bure's remaining book values within Venture Capital & Incubators amount to SEK 2M. In June, Bure entered into an agreement which means that its previous investment undertaking of SEK 53M in CR&T Ventures has been cancelled.

### **INNOVATIONSKAPITAL**

Innovationskapital invests in high technology companies in their early development phases. For further information, visit [www.innkap.se](http://www.innkap.se)

In March 2003, Bure divested 50 per cent of its holding in Innovationskapital's Fund III. In May, an additional 50 per cent of the remaining holding was divested.

Thereafter, 25 per cent of the original holding remains and a remaining investment undertaking, excluding management fee, of approximately SEK 38M in Innovationskapital's Fund III. To this will be added a management fee, which could amount to not more than SEK 13M for the period until 2011.