

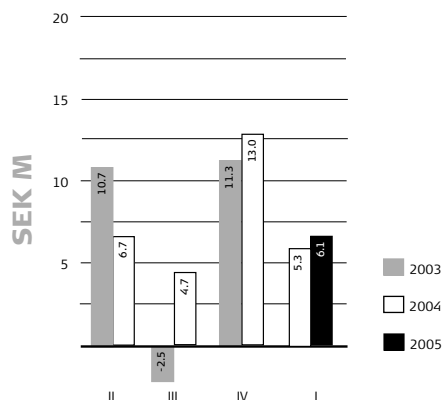


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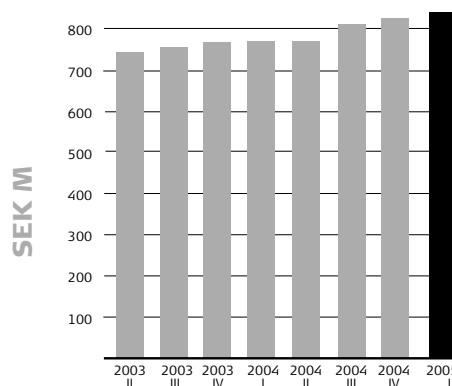
INTERIM REPORT JANUARY-MARCH 2005

- Net total sales grew by 8.9 percent to SEK 217.2 million (199.5)
- Operating profit was SEK 6.1 million (5.3)
- Net earnings came to SEK -0.7 million (4.3) after IFRS-related adjustments of SEK -5.3 million (0.5)
- Earnings per share amounted to SEK -0.12 (0.73)
- Good earnings growth at Printing Works
- Operating profit in 2005 is expected to at least match the level reached the previous year

OPERATING PROFIT/LOSS
PER QUARTER



TOTAL SALES
12-MONTHS MOVING AVERAGE



Letter from the CEO

The advertising market continued to improve during the first quarter. Industry statistics show growth of just over 2 percent in advertising in the daily press during the period January-February. Both VLT and TTELA increased their advertising revenues during the quarter, while Ingress Media recorded a slight decrease.

Circulation revenues grew by almost 5 percent as a result of price rises which more than compensated for a drop in average circulation to 116,316 (118,947).

VLT reported improved operating profit, but TTELA's earnings were lower, due mainly to higher costs for the new merged newspaper. Ingress Media reported reduced earnings, primarily as a result of lower advertising revenues and higher costs. Prolog also had a slightly weaker first quarter in terms of earnings, due to rebuilding costs at the premises of the new merged distribution operation with Eskilstuna-Kuriren.

VLT Press had very good capacity utilisation during the first quarter, primarily due to increased page numbers for a number of large customers. Margins have improved but are generally still under pressure. Since the end of the period the contract for printing Stockholm City, which was due to expire on 1 April, has been extended by two months to the end of May. This does not change our view that 2005 will be a challenging year for VLT Press. Västsvenskt Tidningstryckeri AB continues to perform well.

Electronic Media's revenues fell by almost a quarter, due mainly to the disposal of operations at the Internet companies at the end of 2004. However, sharply reduced costs at Leanback meant that the business area still reported a lower operating loss. TVCheck recorded a slightly reduced operating profit, and Bra Radio a reduced loss. The organisational changes made substantially reduced Leanback's losses through lower costs despite a weak start to the year.

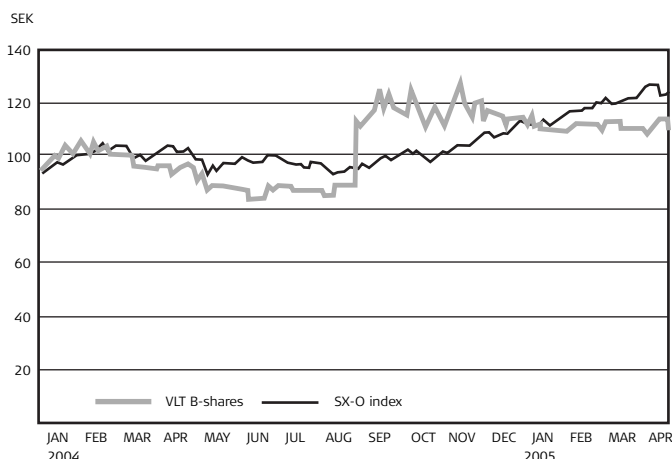
Operating profit improved to SEK 6.1 million (5.3). Net earnings for the period came to SEK -0.7 million (4.3) after IFRS-related adjustments of SEK -5.3 million (0.5).

As at 25 April 2005 VLT's share price had fallen by 3.1 percent since the beginning of the year to SEK 110, while the Stockholmsbörsen O-list gained 9.5 percent during the same period.

Our expectations are unchanged. All in all, we expect operating profit in 2005 to at least match the level reached the previous year.

*Lennart Foss,
CEO and Group President*

ONE YEAR PRICE TREND



Group overview January-March 2005

Market

The group's advertising market improved overall. VLT, the group's largest newspaper, increased its advertising revenues by 7.2 percent. TTELA in Trollhättan and Vänersborg also increased its revenues, while Ingress Media's newspapers in the rest of Västmanland saw revenues fall back somewhat. According to the Institute for Advertising and Media Statistics (IRM) monthly index, advertising in the daily press grew by 2.2 percent during the period January-February 2005. The IRM's forecast for 2005 is for expenditure on advertising in traditional media to grow by 3.5 percent.

January-March 2005

The group's net total sales amounted to SEK 217.2 million (199.5), an increase of 8.9 percent. The newspaper distribution operation in Södermanland acquired and integrated with effect from January 2005 boosted revenues by SEK 13.8 million. As part of the acquisition, Eskilstuna-Kuriren AB now holds a 40 percent stake in the distribution business. For other comparable units, the VLT group's revenues grew by 2.1 percent. Newspapers (including the distribution operation) accounts for around 70 percent of the group's sales and grew its revenues by 13.6 percent. Continued good capacity utilisation at Printing Works contributed to growth in revenues of 3.5 percent to SEK 59.6 million (57.6). This growth was due mainly to price compensation for higher material costs. Electronic Media's revenues fell by 24.7 percent, due mainly to the disposal of the ADX and Hosting business areas.

The group's operating profit was SEK 6.1 million (5.3), an increase of 15.1 percent. This corresponds to an operating margin of 2.8 percent (2.6). These figures include income of SEK 1.5 million (0.7) from investments in associated companies. Newspapers reported slightly lower operating profit as a result of lower earnings at Ingress Media and Tvåstads Tidning, together with rebuilding costs at the distribution operation in Västerås. Good capacity utilisation and increased income from investments in associated companies contributed to a substantial improvement in earnings at Printing Works. Electronic Media reported a lower loss than for the first quarter of 2004, due partly to lower losses at the Internet business.

Net financial items were negative. The restatement of financial instruments in accordance with IAS 39 resulted in financial items for the period being adjusted by SEK -5.3 million (0.5).

Net earnings for the period came to SEK -0.7 million (4.3) after IFRS-related adjustments of SEK -5.3 million (0.5). Earnings per share amounted to SEK -0.12 (0.73).

The group's liquid funds grew by SEK 24.4 million. Cash flow from operations amounted to SEK 28.9 million (17.7).

Transition to International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS)

The 2004 annual report (page 42) presented information on the most significant effects of the transition from Swedish GAAP to IFRS. For VLT, it is the rules on financial instruments in IAS 39 that have had the greatest impact on both equity and earnings. Due to the transition to IFRS, some holdings in unlisted companies must now be carried at market value based on the latest published and known information on their financial performance.

This change means that the comparative figures for 2004 in this interim report differ from those presented in the annual report on the basis of the old rules. A reconciliation of the differences for the full year 2004 and the period January-March 2004 between reporting under Swedish GAAP and IFRS can be found in the tables on page 5.

Operations

Newspapers

Revenues grew by 13.6 percent to SEK 153.6 million (135.2). Excluding revenues from the distribution operation in Södermanland integrated with effect from 1 January 2005, comparable revenues grew by 3.4 percent. Advertising revenues grew by 2.4 percent to SEK 64.0 million (62.5). VLT and TTELA increased their advertising revenues, while Ingress Media reported a slight decrease. Increased subscription prices meant that circulation revenues grew by 4.9 percent to SEK 46.9 million (44.7). Average circulation fell by 2,631 copies to 116,316. The distribution operation generated revenues of SEK 36.0 million (22.0). The newspaper distribution operation in Södermanland boosted distribution revenues by SEK 13.8 million. Other newspaper-related revenues amounted to SEK 6.7 million (6.0).

Operating profit deteriorated somewhat to SEK 7.7 million (8.3). This corresponds to an operating margin of 5.0 (6.1). VLT reported growth in revenues and good cost control, and improved its operating profit. TTELA recorded lower operating profit, due primarily to increased costs for the merged newspaper, including the transfer of printing to Gothenburg and a Saturday edition. Ingress Media reported slightly lower operating profit due to a slight drop in advertising revenues and an increase in personnel costs as a result of the change in technology. The distribution operation reported a slightly lower operating profit due to rebuilding costs at the premises in Västerås.

CIRCULATION AND ADVERTISING JANUARY - MARCH 2005

	Average circulation (copies)	±04	Advertising volume (col. meters)*
VLT	46,992	-1,036	2,897
TTELA	30,991	- 553	1,726
Arboga Tidning	3,831	- 153	
Bärgslagsbladet	9,136	- 239	914
Sala Allehanda	9,600	- 259	1,004
Fagersta-Posten	8,048	- 248	939
Avesta Tidning	7,718	- 143	982
	116,316	-2,631	8,462

*) Comparisons with 2004 are not relevant due to the change to tabloid format and to six columns and modules at Vestmanlands Läns Tidning in October 2004, the creation of TTELA through the merger of the two former newspapers in December 2004, and the change to six columns and modules at Ingress's newspapers in February 2005.

Printing Works

Revenues grew by 3.5 percent to SEK 59.6 million (57.6). Capacity utilisation was good, while the general level of prices in the market remained under pressure.

Operating profit improved substantially to SEK 4.3 million (1.7). The increase was due primarily to increased page numbers on a number of large contracts. Margins are generally still under pressure. The contract with Stockholm City has been extended by a further two months to the end of May 2005. The figures above include income of SEK 1.4 million (0.7) from the investment in associated company Västsvenskt Tidningstryckeri AB.

Electronic Media

Revenues fell by 24.7 percent to SEK 6.1 million (8.1). The decrease was due to the disposal of the ADX and Hosting business areas at the end of 2004. Bra Radio and TVCheck recorded unchanged revenues relative to the first quarter of 2004.

Operating losses decreased to SEK 0.5 million (0.8). The Internet business reported a substantially lower loss after the organisational changes made. Bra Radio recorded a slightly lower loss than in the first quarter of 2004. TVCheck's operating profit fell slightly.

Financial position, investments and personnel

The group had liquid funds of SEK 117.7 million at the end of the period, an increase of SEK 24.4 million since the beginning of the year. The group also had unused overdraft facilities of SEK 50.0 million. Interest-bearing liabilities totalled SEK 58.1 million (58.5). No loans were taken out during the period, and no repayments were made. Cash flow from operations amounted to SEK 28.9 million (17.7). The equity ratio was 55.7 percent (57.0).

The group invested SEK 4.8 million (4.9) in fixed assets during the period. The average number of employees was 1,002 (858). The integration of the newspaper distribution operation in Södermanland accounted for 132 of the 144 new employees.

Parent company

The parent company VLT AB's activities comprise group management and central group services plus property and financial management. Its income for the period, essentially rent and other fees from subsidiaries, amounted to SEK 10.1 million (10.7). The company recorded a loss after financial items of SEK 5.5 million (3.7). Liquid funds amounted to SEK 116.5 million (58.3) at the end of the period. The company also had unused overdraft facilities of SEK 50.0 million. Interest-bearing liabilities totalled SEK 50.0 million (50.0). No loans were taken out during the period, and no repayments were made. Investments in fixed assets amounted to SEK 2.2 million (0.9). The average number of employees during the period was 48 (47).

QUARTERLY FIGURES (SEK M)

	2003			2004				2005
	II	III	IV	I	II	III	IV	I
Total sales								
Newspapers	137.2	121.7	146.1	135.2	140.1	129.5	154.9	153.6
Printing Works	58.9	42.2	53.6	57.6	53.8	49.5	64.7	59.6
Electronic Media	7.6	7.5	8.8	8.1	9.5	8.1	9.9	6.1
Other	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.3
Total	204.3	172.0	209.2	201.6	204.0	187.7	230.0	219.6
Operating profit/loss								
Newspapers	10.7	5.2	12.9	8.3	9.6	7.2	14.6	7.7
Printing Works	7.3	-3.5	4.2	1.7	2.9	2.0	6.6	4.3
Electronic Media	-2.4	-2.2	-1.6	-0.8	-0.9	-1.3	-1.8	-0.5
Other	-4.9	-2.0	-4.2	-3.9	-4.9	-3.2	-6.4	-5.4
Total	10.7	-2.5	11.3	5.3	6.7	4.7	13.0	6.1
Operating margin %	5.2	neg.	5.4	2.6	3.3	2.5	5.6	2.8
Cashflow from								
Current operations	33.5	- 1.7	45.0	17.7	28.5	1.3	46.0	28.9
Investment activities	-23.9	- 0.7	- 2.9	-4.5	-6.2	-5.7	-5.8	-4.5
Financial activities	- 6.5	3.6	- 3.5	-	-23.5	-	-	-
Total	3.1	1.2	38.6	13.2	-1.2	-4.4	40.2	24.4

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PROFIT & LOSS STATEMENT (SEK M)

	January-March 2005		Change %	Full-Year 2004
Income				
Net total sales	217.2	199.5	8.9	814.6
Other operating income	2.1	1.6	31.2	6.6
Rental income	0.3	0.5	-40.0	2.1
Total	219.6	201.6	8.9	823.3
Costs				
Raw materials and suppliers	- 41.5	- 41.0	1.2	-159.6
Distribution costs	- 19.4	- 18.5	4.9	- 77.0
Other external costs	- 33.8	- 31.4	7.6	-135.5
Personnel costs	-104.7	- 89.7	16.7	-365.5
Depreciation and amortization	- 13.6	- 14.1	-3.5	- 56.1
Other operating costs	- 2.0	- 2.3	-13.0	- 6.4
Total	-215.0	-197.0	9.1	-800.1
Share of associated companies' profit/loss	1.5	0.7	114.3	6.5
Operating profit	6.1	5.3	15.1	29.7
Financial items				
Profit from sundry securities and fixed asset receivables	- 5.5 *)	-	-	20.5
Sundry interest income and similar items	0.6 *)	0.8	-25.0	1.4
Interest expense and similar items	- 0.5	- 0.5	-	- 2.4
Profit after financial items	0.7	5.6	-87.5	49.2
Tax	- 1.4	- 1.4	-	- 8.3
Minority interest	-	0.1	-	-
Profit after tax	- 0.7	4.3	-116.3	40.9
Earnings per share, SEK	- 0.12	0.73		6.95
Number of shares, ('000)	5 881	5 881		5 881

*) Of which IFRS-related adjustments amounting to MSEK -5,3

INCOME AND OPERATING PROFIT/LOSS PER BUSINESS SECTOR (SEK M)

	January-March 2005		Change %	Full-Year 2004
Income				
Newspapers	153.6	135.2	13.6	559.7
Printing Works	59.6	57.6	3.5	225.6
Electronic Media	6.1	8.1	-24.7	35.6
Other	0.3	0.7	-57.1	2.4
Total	219.6	201.6	8.9	823.3
Operating profit/loss				
Newspapers	7.7	8.3	-7.2	39.7
Printing Works	4.3	1.7	152.9	13.2
Electronic Media	- 0.5	- 0.8	37.5	- 4.8
Other	- 5.4	- 3.9	-38.5	- 18.4
Total	6.1	5.3	15.1	29.7

KEY OPERATIONAL DATA (SEK M)

	January - March 2005	2004	Change %
Newspapers			
Advertising revenue	64.0	62.5	2.4
Advertising volume, column metres	8,462 *)		
Circulation revenue	46.9	44.7	4.9
Circulation, no. of copies	116,316	119,068	-2.2
Printing Works			
Processing per employee	0.230		

*) Comparisons with 2004 are not relevant due to the change to tabloid format and to six columns and modules at Vestmanlands Läns Tidning in October 2004, the creation of TTELA through the merger of the two former newspapers in December 2004, and the change to six columns and modules at Ingress's newspapers in February 2005.

BALANCE SHEET (SEK M)

	2005	31 March 2004	31 Dec 2004
ASSETS			
Intangible fixed assets	12.6	10.6	12.9
Tangible fixed assets	385.1	420.6	394.0
Financial fixed assets	114.8	111.1	118.7
Fixed assets	512.5	542.3	525.6
Stocks & inventories	5.8	6.4	6.4
Current receivables	126.9	115.6	119.8
Current investments	1.6	1.7	1.4
Cash and bank	117.7	58.7	93.3
Current assets	252.0	182.4	220.9
TOTAL ASSETS	764.5	724.7	746.5
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES			
Restricted shareholders' equity	177.7	155.8	171.7
Non-restricted shareholders' equity	247.8	257.4	254.5
Shareholders' equity	425.5	413.2	426.2
Minority interests	0.6	-	-
Provisions for retirement pensions	8.1	8.5	8.2
Deferred tax	61.3	54.8	61.4
Provisions	69.4	63.3	69.6
Amounts due to credit institutions	50.0	50.0	50.0
Other liabilities	0.1	0.1	0.1
Long-term liabilities	50.1	50.1	50.1
Current liabilities	218.9	198.1	200.6
TOTAL EQUITY AND LIABILITIES	764.5	724.7	746.5

CHANGES IN SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY (SEK M)

	January-March 2005			January-March 2004		
	Restrict.	Unrestrict.	Total	Restrict.	Unrestrict.	Total
At beginning of the period	171.7	254.5	426.2	155.1	253.8	408.9
Movements between restricted and non-restricted	6.0	- 6.0	-	0.7	- 0.7	-
Profit for the period	- 0.7	- 0.7	-	4.3	4.3	4.3
At end of the period	177.7	247.8	425.5	155.8	257.4	413.2

KEY FINANCIAL DATA

	January-March	
	2005	2004
Operating margin, %	2.8	2.6
Earnings per share, SEK	- 0.12	0.73
Return on shareholders' equity, %	8.6 *)	
Return on capital employed, %	9.8 *)	
Cash flow from current operations, per share, SEK	4.91	3.01
*) Based on 12 months moving average. Comparative figures for 2004 are not relevant due to transition to IFRS 1 January 2004.		
	31 March 2005	31 March 2004
Share price, SEK	109.50	97.00
Shareholders' equity per share, SEK	72.35	70.26
Price/shareholders' equity, %	151	138
Equity/assets ratio, %	55.7	57.0

COMPARATIVE FIGURES FOR 2004 - IMPACT OF CHANGES IN ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLES DUE TO TRANSITION TO IFRS

PROFIT AND LOSS STATEMENT SUMMARY (SEK M)	January-March 2004			January-December 2004		
	IFRS	Change	Swedish GAAP	IFRS	Change	Swedish GAAP
Operating income	201.6	-	201.6	823.3	-	823.3
Operating costs	-197.0	-	-197.0	-800.1	0.1	-800.0
Share of associated companies' profit/loss	0.7	-	0.7	6.5	-	6.5
Operating profit	5.3	-	5.3	29.7	0.1	29.8
Financial income	0.8	-0.5	0.3	21.9	-9.4	12.5
Financial costs	-0.5	-0.1	-0.6	-2.4	-	-2.4
Profit after financial items	5.6	-0.6	5.0	49.2	-9.3	39.9
Tax	-1.4	0.1	-1.3	-8.3	-0.1	-8.4
Minority interests	0.1	-	0.1	-	-	-
Profit after tax	4.3	-0.5	3.8	40.9	-9.4	31.5

BALANCE SHEET SUMMARY (SEK M)	31 March 2004			31 December 2004		
	IFRS	Change	Swedish GAAP	IFRS	Change	Swedish GAAP
ASSETS						
Intangible fixed assets.	10.6	-	10.6	12.9	-	12.9
Tangible fixed assets	420.6	3.8	424.4	394.0	4.0	398.0
Financial fixed assets	111.1	-73.0	38.1	118.7	-82.3	36.4
Fixed assets	542.3	-69.2	473.1	525.6	-78.3	447.3
Stocks & inventories	6.4	-	6.4	6.4	-	6.4
Current receivables	115.6	-	115.6	119.8	-	119.8
Current investments	1.7	-1.3	0.4	1.4	-1.0	0.4
Cash and bank	58.7	-	58.7	93.3	-	93.3
Current assets	182.4	-1.3	181.1	220.9	-1.0	219.9
TOTAL ASSETS	724.7	-70.5	654.2	746.5	-79.3	667.2
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES						
Restricted shareholders' equity	155.8	-	155.8	171.7	-	171.7
Non-restricted shareholders' equity	257.4	-71.1	186.3	254.5	-80.0	174.5
Shareholders' equity	413.2	-71.1	342.1	426.2	-80.0	346.2
Minority interests	-	-	-	-	-	-
Provisions for retirement pensions	8.5	0.6	9.1	8.2	0.7	8.9
Deferred tax	54.8	-	54.8	61.4	-	61.4
Provisions	63.3	0.6	63.9	69.6	0.7	70.3
Amounts due to credit institutions	50.0	-	50.0	50.0	-	50.0
Other liabilities	0.1	-	0.1	0.1	-	0.1
Long-term liabilities	50.1	-	50.1	50.1	-	50.1
Current liabilities	198.1	-	198.1	200.6	-	200.6
TOTAL EQUITY AND LIABILITIES	724.7	-70.5	654.2	746.5	-79.3	667.2

CASH FLOW STATEMENT (SEK M)

	January-March 2005	2004	Full-Year 2004
Current operations			
Operating profit	6.1	5.3	29.7
Adjustments:			
Depreciation & amortization	13.6	14.1	56.1
Share in associated company	- 1.5	- 0.7	- 6.5
Sundry	- 0.5	- 0.4	- 3.8
Total	17.7	18.3	83.1
Net financial items	- 0.1	- 0.3	10.1
Income tax paid	- 2.5	- 2.5	- 0.5
Total	15.1	15.5	92.7
Change in working capital	13.8	2.2	0.8
Cash flow from current operations	28.9	17.7	93.5
Investment operations			
Investments in fixed assets	- 4.8	- 4.9	-23.4
Sale of fixed assets	0.3	0.4	1.2
Cash flow from investment operations	- 4.5	- 4.5	-22.2
Financial operations			
Dividend paid	-		-23.5
Cash flow from financial operations		-	-23.5
Changes in liquid funds	24.4	13.2	47.8

ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLES

This interim report has been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IAS 34).

The report has not been reviewed by the company's auditors.

Company description

The group's business comprises newspaper publishing, distribution, printing, Internet and radio operations, and the registration and quality control of television and newspaper advertising.

The Newspapers business area publishes newspapers in eight locations with a combined circulation of 116.316 copies. These newspapers are: VLT in Västerås, Bärgslagsbladet in Köping, Arboga Tidning, Sala Allehanda, Fagersta-Posten, Avesta Tidning and TTELA in Trollhättan and Vänersborg. The business area also includes newspaper distribution, the distribution of direct advertising, and stakes in Internet developer CityGate (9%) and newspaper distributor Västsvensk Tidningsdistribution KB (11.1%).

The Printing Works business area comprises VLT Press, which operates a state-of-the-art plant in Västerås, and a 10% stake in newspaper printer Västsvenskt Tidningstryckeri AB.

The Electronic Media business area is involved in the Internet sector through the development and sale of tools for digital communication at Leanback Sweden. It is also involved in local radio through Bra Radio, which operates radio station Rix FM 106,1 in Västmanland. The registration and quality control of television and newspaper advertising are provided by the company TVCheck.

The Company has approximately 518 (1 067) shareholders.

Financial calendar

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