



NEWSPAPERS  
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ELECTRONIC MEDIA

INTERIM REPORT VLT AB  
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**VLT**AB

## January – June 2005

- Net total sales increased by 13.3 percent to SEK 454.7 million (401.5)
- Operating profit improved to SEK 21.6 million (12.0)
- Profit after tax amounted to SEK 14.6 million (17.5)
- Earnings per share were SEK 2.48 (2.98)
- Cash flow from current operations amounted to SEK 72.9 million (46.2)
- All business areas have reported improved results
- The operating profit for 2005 is expected to clearly exceed last year's level. Previous forecasts were that "The operating profit for 2005 is expected to at least equal last year's results." The forecast has therefore been changed.

### LETTER FROM THE CEO

Advertising sales within the VLT Group increased in the first half-year by 6.7 percent. The rise was strongest in the second quarter where an impressive increase of 10.6 percent was achieved. This rise in advertising sales is primarily attributable to VLT in Västerås.



The general improvement in trends within the advertising market has led the Swedish Institute for Advertising & Media Statistics (IRM) to raise its forecast for the media market's total advertising investments for 2005 to 6.2 percent, compared with the original 4.5 percent.

VLT's circulation income has increased by 4.8 percent further to the implementation of price increases, which in turn have compensated for the downturn in average circulation to 115,523 (118,782).

Within Newspaper operations, VLT and Ingress report improved operating profits while results in TTELA have declined. The weaker trends in TTELA are due to increased costs related to more frequent editions during the year, as well as changes in technology. Distribution operations within Prolog have now recovered from the weak first quarter and report an improvement in results for the new consolidated operations with the Eskilstuna-Kuriren newspaper in the first half-year.

VLT Press has continued to achieve extremely good capacity utilisation. An improved

printing business climate has been observed through an increase in the number of pages and a greater number of direct mailing assignments. Better margins imply that VLT Press has reported a significant improvement in operating results. During the period, VLT Press entered into a ten-year printing contract with Aftonbladet for the years 2007-2016. The contract is a continuation and expansion of the cooperation agreement that is currently in place. In conjunction with the contract, VLT Press will further invest in its printing works in order to meet Aftonbladet's requirements. Another printing contract was signed in June – this time with a new customer, Dagens Nyheter. Operations within Västsvenskt Tidningstryckeri AB have continued to develop well.


Income within Electronic Media has fallen by 25 percent, due essentially to the disposal of operations within the internet companies. The disposals have led to significantly lower costs, which in turn have implied a considerably smaller loss within this business area.

TVCheck's positive operating results declined slightly. Bra Radio has reported an unchanged small loss.

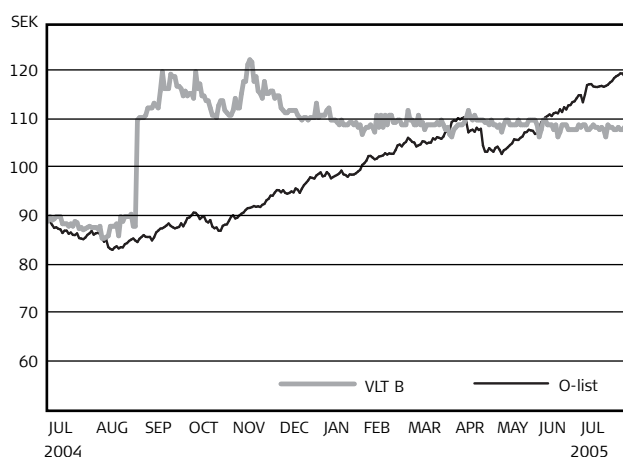
Our operating profit has improved to SEK 21.6 million (12.0). Profit after tax was SEK 14.6 million (17.5). Implementation of the new IFRS reporting standards have negatively affected the profit by SEK -6.3 million (+0.3).

The price of the VLT share has fallen by five percent to SEK 108 as at 12 August 2005, while the index for the O list of the Stockholm Stock Exchange for the same period rose by 20 percent.

The positive trends described above lead to us revising our forecast upwards, and we expect the operating profit for 2005 to clearly exceed last year's level.

  
Lennart Foss  
CEO and Group President

### PRICE TRENDS FOR 1 YEAR COMPARED WITH THE O-LIST INDEX



## GROUP OVERVIEW

### Market

The advertising market for the Group continued to improve during the first six months of the year. Statistics for the sector show that after an improvement in the autumn of 2004, the market continued to increase and during the first quarter the media market grew by 5.3 percent. For example, advertising increased by 3.5 percent in provincial newspapers in the first quarter, and by 8.5 percent in radio. Direct media such as direct mailing and the internet also continued to grow. The monthly index of the Swedish Institute for Advertising & Media Statistics (IRM) up to May 2005 confirms the strong trends and shows an increase of 7.8 percent for traditional media.

For the full-year 2005, the IRM has revised its forecast upwards regarding sales within the media market, and now anticipates growth of 6.2 percent.

### First half-year 2005

Total sales for the Group amounted to SEK 454.7 million (401.5), representing an increase of 13.3 percent or SEK 53.2 million. Newspaper distribution in Södermanland, which has been integrated as of January 2005, has contributed with additional sales of SEK 27.2 million. In conjunction with the integration, the Eskilstuna-Kuriren newspaper has become owner of 40 percent of the distribution operations within Prolog Kommanditbolag. For other comparable units, the VLT Group's income has increased by 6.2 percent.

Sales within Newspaper operations increased by 16.4 percent to SEK 320.5 million (275.3). If one excludes newspaper distribution in Södermanland, the business area increased its income by 6.5 percent. Continued excellent capacity utilisation within Printing operations has contributed to income increasing by 11.1 percent to SEK 123.8 million (111.4). Further to the disposal of the ADX and Hosting internet operations, income within Electronic Media has declined by 25.0 percent to SEK 13.2 million (17.6).

The operating profit improved to SEK 21.6 million (12.0), producing an operating margin of 4.7 percent (3.0). Shares of results from associated companies are included in the above operating profit in the amount of SEK 3 million (2.5). The operating profit of Newspaper operations has improved by 19.0 percent to SEK 21.3 million (17.9). The excellent capacity utilisation, as well as an increase in the shares of results of associated companies, have led to a significant improvement in the profit of Printing operations in the amount of SEK 11.8 million (4.6). Electronic Media have reported a lower loss compared with the first half-year 2004, due primarily to reduced losses within internet activities.

Net financial items for the period were SEK

-0.3 million (+10.7). The revaluation of financial instruments as per IAS 39 has influenced the period's results from financial items by SEK -6.4 million (+0.4).

The profit after tax was SEK 14.6 million (17.5). In total, the implementation of IFRS has implied that the profit after tax be burdened by SEK -6.3 million (+0.3). Earnings per share amounted to SEK 2.48 (2.98).

The Group's liquid funds increased during the period by SEK 12.9 million, and cash flow from current operations for the period amounted to SEK 72.9 million (46.2).

### Second quarter 2005

Net total sales were SEK 237.5 million (202.0), representing an increase of 17.6 percent. The integration of newspaper distribution in Södermanland as of 1 January 2005 implied an increase in sales of SEK 13.4 million for the quarter. Income for other comparable units rose by 10.3 percent. A rise in distribution and advertising income contributed to Newspaper operations increasing total sales by 19.1 percent to SEK 166.9 million (140.1). Printing activities within VLT Press experienced an excellent second quarter and increased income by 19.3 percent to SEK 64.2 million (53.8). Income from Electronic Media declined by 25.3 percent further to the disposals made within internet operations.

The operating profit improved by 131.3 percent to SEK 15.5 million (6.7). All business areas have reported improved results compared with the same quarter 2004. Improved results within Ingress Media, VLT, as well as the newspaper distribution company Prolog, have significantly contributed to the better operating results within Newspaper operations. The excellent capacity utilisation within VLT Press has led to a rise in profits by 158.6 percent to SEK 7.5 million (2.9). Electronic Media have turned a loss in the second quarter 2004 into a small profit in 2005.

## OPERATIONS

### Newspapers

#### First half-year 2005

Total sales for this business area amounted to SEK 320.5 million (272.3), representing an increase of 16.4 percent. If one excludes newspaper distribution in Södermanland, sales increased by 6.5 percent. Advertising income increased by 6.7 percent and amounted to SEK 137.9 million (129.3). The increase in advertising income is primarily attributable to VLT in Västerås. The implementation of price rises led to circulation income increasing by 4.8 percent to SEK 93.9 million (89.6). Total average circulation declined by 2.7 percent to 115,523. Income from distribution operations, including Södermanland, increased by 70.2 percent to SEK 73.7 million (43.3).

The operating profit rose to SEK 21.3

million (17.9), producing an operating margin of 6.6 percent (6.5). VLT and Ingress Media have improved their operating results while TTELA has witnessed a decline further to more frequent editions as well as additional costs related to a change in technology in the advertising department. Distribution operations have reported an improvement in results compared with the first half-year 2004.

### Second quarter 2005

Total sales were SEK 166.9 million (140.1), representing an increase of 19.1 percent. If one excludes newspaper distribution in Södermanland, income for the quarter increased by 9.6 percent. Advertising income developed well and increased by 10.6 percent to SEK 73.9 million (66.8). Circulation income rose to SEK 47.0 million (44.9) as a result of an upward adjustment of subscriptions prices. Distribution operations, including Södermanland, increased by 77.0 percent to SEK 37.7 million (21.3).

The operating profit improved by SEK 4.0 million to SEK 13.6 million (9.6), producing an operating margin of 8.1 percent (6.9). Ingress Media and VLT, as well as distribution operations within Prolog, have reported improved operating results. TTELA has reported a slight decline in its results, due primarily to the increase in publication frequency.

## Printing Works

### First half-year 2005

As a result of the excellent capacity utilisation, total sales of this business area increased by 11.1 percent to SEK 123.8 million (111.4). The general business climate within the printing sector has slightly improved, which can be witnessed in the rise in number of pages of assignments. General price levels within the printing market have however continued to be under pressure. VLT Press entered into a new ten-year contract with Aftonbladet during the period, as well as entering into a contract with Dagens Nyheter to print part of DN's editions up to January 2007.

The operating profit improved significantly to SEK 11.8 million (4.6). This improvement in results is linked to the favourable economic climate that has contributed to an increase in the number of pages of certain large assignments, combined with good cost control. The contract with Stockholm City has been extended to the end of August 2005. The profit includes shares of results from the associated company Västsvenskt Tidningstryckeri AB (VTAB) in the amount of SEK 2.7 million (2.0).

### Second quarter 2005

Total sales amounted to SEK 64.2 million (53.8), representing an increase of 19.3 percent. This strong growth is linked to the increase in number of pages of certain large assignments as well as subcontracted printing of direct mailings.

The profit improved significantly to SEK 7.5 million (2.9) due to increased income, good cost control, as well as a rise in the number of subcontracted assignments. The profit includes shares of results from the associated company Västsvenskt Tidningstryckeri AB (VTAB) in the amount of SEK 1.3 million (1.3).

## Electronic Media

### First half-year 2005

Total sales for this business area fell by 25.0 percent to SEK 13.2 million (17.6) further to the disposal of ADX and Hosting within the internet operations. Income from radio activities increased by 5.8 percent, while TVCheck reported unchanged income.

The operating loss has been reduced to SEK -0.4 million (-1.7). Internet operations have reported a considerably smaller loss further to the disposals mentioned above, along with organisational changes. Bra Radio has reported a small loss in line with that of last year, while TVCheck's profit declined slightly.

### Second quarter 2005

Total sales fell by 25.3 percent to SEK 7.1 million (9.5). The entire fall in income is attributable to internet operations and the effect of the above-mentioned disposals and organisational changes. Income within radio operations increased by 6.7 percent, while TVCheck reported unchanged income.

The operating profit was SEK 0.1 million (loss: -0.9). Internet operations have reported a significant improvement in results further to organisational changes. TVCheck has reported unchanged positive operating results while Bra Radio has reported a slight decline in results.

## Investments

The Group's investments in fixed assets amounted for the first half-year to SEK 11.9 million

(11.5). One of the Group's major investments concerns a new editorial system that is now gradually being installed by VLT in Västerås.

## Financial position

Liquid funds amounted at the end of the period to SEK 106.2 million (57.5), representing a rise of SEK 12.9 million since the beginning of the year. In addition to own liquidity, the Group has an unused overdraft facility of SEK 50 million. Interest-bearing liabilities amounted to SEK 33.0 million (58.4). Long-term liabilities to credit institutions were amortised by SEK 25.0 million (0) during the period. No new long-term loans have been contracted. Cash flow from current operations amounted to SEK 72.9 million (46.2). Solvency was 57.1 percent (57.0).

## Personnel

The average number of employees for the period amounted to 1,023 (881). Newspaper operations had 789 employees (644), printing operations 151 (151), electronic media 35 (39), and other activities 48 employees (47). Of the manpower within newspaper operations, local newspaper delivery staff represented 301 people (189). Of the increase in 142 employees, the integration of the newspaper distribution in Södermanland represents 136 new members of staff.

## Parent Company

The Parent Company, VLT AB, comprises Group management and joint Group functions as well as property and financial management. Income, which is essentially composed of rent and other remuneration from subsidiaries, amounted to SEK 19.8 million (21.4) with an operating loss of SEK -12.1 million (-10.1).

The loss after financial items was SEK -4.6 million (profit: +12.1). Net financial items include dividends received in the amount of

SEK 6.2 million (20.2) of which 0 (10.0) from subsidiaries.

Liquid funds amounted at the end of the first half-year to SEK 105.5 million (56.1), representing an increase of SEK 13.2 million since the beginning of the year. In addition to own liquidity, there exists an unused overdraft facility of SEK 50 million. Interest-bearing liabilities amounted to SEK 25.0 million (50.0). Long-term liabilities to credit institutions were amortised by SEK 25.0 million (0) during the period. No new long-term loans have been contracted. Investments in fixed assets for the period amounted to SEK 4.5 million (2.7).

The average number of employees for the period was 48 (47).

## ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLES

This interim report for the Group has been prepared in accordance with IAS 34 - Interim Reporting.

The annual report for 2004 (page 42) contains information regarding significant effects of the transition from Swedish accounting principles to reporting in accordance with IFRS. For VLT's part, it is the regulations in IAS 39, which handles financial instruments, that has had the greatest effect on both equity and profit. As a consequence of the transition to IFRS, shareholdings in unlisted companies are valued at market value based on the latest published and known information regarding the companies' net results.

This adaptation implies that comparable figures in the interim report are not the same as in the annual report as per the old regulations. A reconciliation of the differences for the full-year 2004 and the period January-June 2004 between the previous reporting and the new reporting as per the new IFRS regulations is set out on page 7.

## QUARTERLY FIGURES (SEK M)

	2003		2004				2005	
	III	IV	I	II	III	IV	I	II
<b>Total sales</b>								
Newspapers	121.7	146.1	135.2	140.1	129.5	154.9	153.6	166.9
Printing Works	42.2	53.6	57.6	53.8	49.5	64.7	59.6	64.2
Electronic Media	7.5	8.8	8.1	9.5	8.1	9.9	6.1	7.1
Other	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.3	0.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>172.0</b>	<b>209.2</b>	<b>201.6</b>	<b>204.0</b>	<b>187.7</b>	<b>230.0</b>	<b>219.6</b>	<b>238.4</b>
<b>Operating profit/loss</b>								
Newspapers	5.2	12.9	8.3	9.6	7.2	14.6	7.7	13.6
Printing Works	-3.5	4.2	1.7	2.9	2.0	6.6	4.3	7.5
Electronic Media	-2.2	-1.6	-0.8	-0.9	-1.3	-1.8	-0.5	0.1
Other	-2.0	-4.2	-3.9	-4.9	-3.2	-6.4	-5.4	-5.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>-2.5</b>	<b>11.3</b>	<b>5.3</b>	<b>6.7</b>	<b>4.7</b>	<b>13.0</b>	<b>6.1</b>	<b>15.5</b>
<b>Operating margin %</b>	<b>neg</b>	<b>5.4</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>3.3</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>5.6</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>6.5</b>
<b>Cashflow from</b>								
Current operations	-1.7	45.0	17.7	28.5	1.3	46.0	28.9	44.0
Investment activities	-0.7	-2.9	-4.5	-6.2	-5.7	-5.8	-4.5	-7.0
Financial activities	3.6	-3.5	-	-23.5	-	-	-	-48.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>38.6</b>	<b>13.2</b>	<b>-1.2</b>	<b>-4.4</b>	<b>40.2</b>	<b>24.4</b>	<b>-11.5</b>

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## PROFIT &amp; LOSS STATEMENT (SEK M)

	April - June			January - June			Full year
	2005	2004	Change %	2005	2004	Change %	2004
Income							
Net total sales	237.5	202.0	17.6	454.7	401.5	13.3	814.6
Other operating income	0.7	1.4	-50.0	2.8	3.0	-6.7	6.6
Rental income	0.2	0.6	-66.7	0.5	1.1	-54.6	2.1
Total	238.4	204.0	16.9	458.0	405.6	12.9	823.3
Costs							
Raw materials ans suppliers	-43.5	-38.4	13.3	-85.0	-79.4	7.1	-159.6
Distribution costs	-20.3	-18.3	10.9	-39.7	-36.8	7.9	-77.0
Other external costs	-36.2	-33.6	7.7	-70.0	-65.0	7.7	-135.5
Personnel costs	-109.2	-93.3	17.0	-213.9	-183.1	16.8	-365.5
Depreciation and amortization	-13.7	-13.9	-1.4	-27.3	-27.9	-2.2	-56.1
Other operating costs	-1.5	-1.6	-6.3	-3.5	-3.9	-10.3	-6.4
Total	-224.4	-199.1	12.7	-439.4	-396.1	10.9	-800.1
Share of associated companie´s profit/loss	1.5	1.8	-16.7	3.0	2.5	20.0	6.5
Operating profit	15.5	6.7	131.3	21.6	12.0	80.0	29.7
Financial items							
Profit from sundry securities and fixed asset receivables	5.1	10.8	-52.8	-0.4	10.8	-103.7	20.5
Sundry interest income and similar items	0.5	0.2	150.0	1.1	1.0	10.0	1.4
Interest expense and similar items	-0.5	-0.6	16.7	-1.0	-1.1	9.1	-2.4
Profit after financial items	20.6	17.1	20.5	21.3	22.7	-6.2	49.2
Tax	-5.4	-3.8	42.1	-6.8	-5.2	30.8	-8.4
Minority interest	0.1	-0.1	-	0.1	-	-	-
Profit after tax	15.3	13.2	15.9	14.6	17.5	-16.6	40.8
Earnings per share, SEK	2.60	2.24		2.48	2.98		6.94
Number of shares, ('000)	5,881	5,881		5,881	5,881		5,881

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

	April - June			January - June			Full year
	2005	2004	Ändr. %	2005	2004	Ändr. %	2004
Income							
Newspapers	166.9	140.1	19.1	320.5	275.3	16.4	559.7
Printing Works	64.2	53.8	19.3	123.8	111.4	11.1	225.6
Electronic Media	7.1	9.5	-25.3	13.2	17.6	-25.0	35.6
Other	0.2	0.6	-66.7	0.5	1.3	-61.5	2.4
Total	238.4	204.0	16.9	458.0	405.6	12.9	823.3
Operating profit/loss							
Newspapers	13.6	9.6	41.7	21.3	17.9	19.0	39.7
Printing Works	7.5	2.9	158.6	11.8	4.6	156.5	13.2
Electronic Media	0.1	-0.9	111.1	-0.4	-1.7	76.5	-4.8
Other	-5.7	-4.9	-16.3	-11.1	-8.8	-26.1	-18.4
Total	15.5	6.7	131.3	21.6	12.0	80.0	29.7

## KEY OPERATIONAL DATA (SEK M)

	January - June			Full year
	2005	2004	Change %	2004
<b>Newspapers:</b>				
Advertising revenue	137.9	129.3	6.7	260.8
Advertising volume, column metres	18,468*			
Circulation revenue	93.9	89.6	4.8	180.2
Circulation, number of copies	115,523	118,782	-2.7	117,800
<b>Printing Works:</b>				
Processing per employee	0.493	0.453	8.8	0.934

## CIRCULATION AND ADVERTISING JANUARY-JUNE 2005

	Average circulation		Advertising volume (col. metres) *)
	copies	±04	
VLT	46,736	-942	6,351
TTELA	30,414	-1,151	3,573
Arboga Tidning	3,836	-158	
Bärnslagsbladet	9,120	-308	2,013
Sala Allehanda	9,648	-250	2,218
Fagersta-Posten	8,036	-295	2,068
Avesta Tidning	7,733	-155	2,245
<b>Total</b>	<b>115,523</b>	<b>-3,259</b>	<b>18,468</b>

\*) Comparisons with 2004 are not relevant due to the change to tabloid format and so 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.

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## BALANCE SHEET (SEK M)

	30 juni		31 dec
	2005	2004	2004
<b>ASSETS</b>			
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Intangible fixed assets	11.6	11.6	12.9
Tangible fixed assets	378.7	411.0	394.0
Financial fixes assets	115.1	113.3	118.7
<b>Fixed assets</b>	<b>505.4</b>	<b>535.9</b>	<b>525.6</b>
<b>Current assets</b>			
Stocks & inventories	5.5	6.5	6.4
Current receivables	112.9	105.5	119.8
Current investments	1.6	1.6	1.4
Cash and bank	106.2	57.5	93.3
<b>Current assets</b>	<b>226.2</b>	<b>171.1</b>	<b>220.9</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>731.6</b>	<b>707.0</b>	<b>746.5</b>
<b>EQUITY AND LIABILITIES</b>			
<b>Shareholders' equity</b>			
Shareholders equity excluding minority interests	417.3	402.9	426.2
Minority interest	0.3	-0.1	-
<b>Shareholders' equity</b>	<b>417.6</b>	<b>402.8</b>	<b>426.2</b>
<b>Long-term liabilities</b>			
Provisions for retirement pensions	8.0	8.4	8.2
Deferred tax	61.3	54.8	61.4
Amounts due to credit institution	25.0	50.0	50.0
Other liabilities	0.1	0.1	0.1
<b>Long-term liabilities</b>	<b>94.4</b>	<b>113.3</b>	<b>119.7</b>
<b>Current liabilities</b>	<b>219.6</b>	<b>190.9</b>	<b>200.6</b>
<b>TOTAL EQUITY AND LIABILITIES</b>	<b>731.6</b>	<b>707.0</b>	<b>746.5</b>

## CHANGES IN SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY (SEK M)

	30 June		31 Dec
	2005	2004	2004
At beginning of the period	426.2	408.9	408.9
Dividend paid	0.3	-0.1	-
Movements between restricted and non-restricted	-23.5	-23.5	-23.5
Profit for the period	14.6	17.5	40.8
<b>At end of the period</b>	<b>417.6</b>	<b>402.8</b>	<b>426.2</b>

## CASH FLOW STATEMENT (SEK M)

	January - June		Full year
	2005	2004	2004
<b>CURRENT OPERATIONS</b>			
Operating profit	21.6	12.0	29.7
Adjustments:			
Depreciation & amortization	27.3	27.9	56.1
Share in associated companies	-3.0	-2.4	-6.5
Sundry	1.2	-0.7	3.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>47.1</b>	<b>36.8</b>	<b>83.1</b>
Net financial items	6.1	7.1	10.1
Incom tax paid	-4.5	-4.9	-0.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>48.7</b>	<b>39.0</b>	<b>92.7</b>
Changes in working capital	24.2	7.2	0.8
<b>Cash flow from current operations</b>	<b>72.9</b>	<b>46.2</b>	<b>93.5</b>
<b>INVESTMENT OPERATIONS</b>			
Investments in fixed assets	-11.9	-11.5	-23.4
Sale of fixed assets	0.4	0.8	1.2
<b>Cash flow from investment operations</b>	<b>-11.5</b>	<b>-10.7</b>	<b>-22.2</b>
<b>FINANCIAL OPERATIONS</b>			
Amortisation of loan	-25.0	-	-
Dividend paid	-23.5	-23.5	-23.5
<b>Cash flow from financial activities</b>	<b>-48.5</b>	<b>-23.5</b>	<b>-23.5</b>
<b>CHANGE IN LIQUID FONDS</b>	<b>12.9</b>	<b>12.0</b>	<b>47.8</b>

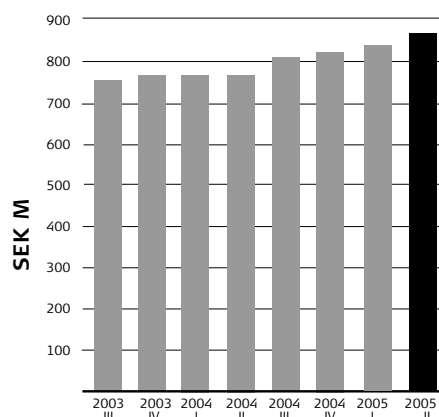
## KEY FINANCIAL DATA (SEK M)

	January - June		Full year
	2005	2004	2004
Operating margin, %	4.7	3.0	3.6
Earnings per share, SEK	2.48	2.98	6.94
Return on shareholders' equity, %	9.3	*	9.8
Return on capital employed, %	11.0	*	10.8
Cash flow from current operations, per share, SEK	12.40	7.86	15.90

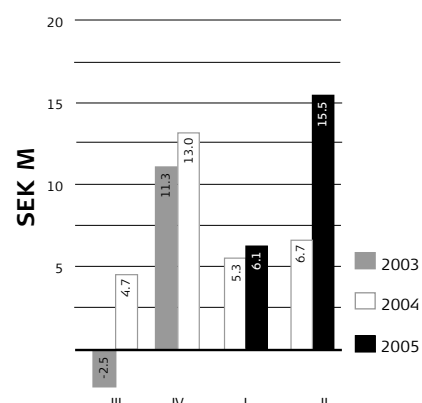
\* ) Based on rolling 12-month values. Jämförelse utelämnas på grund av övergång till IFRS per 1 januari 2004.

	30 June		31 Dec
	2005	2004	2004
Share price, SEK	109.00	89.00	113.50
Shareholders' equity per share, SEK	71.01	68.49	72.47
Price/shareholders' equity, %	154	130	157
Equity/assets ratio, %	57.1	57.0	57.1

## TOTAL SALES ROLLING 12 MONTHS



## OPERATING PROFIT/LOSS PER QUARTER



## COMPERATIVE FIGURES FOR 2004 - IMPACT FOR CHANGES IN ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLES DUE TO TRANSITION TO IFRS

PROFIT AND LOSS STATEMENT SUMMARY (SEK M)	April-June 2004			January-June 2004			January-December 2004		
	IFRS	Change	Swedish GAAP	IFRS	Change	Swedish GAAP	IFRS	Change	Swedish GAAP
Operating income	204.0	-	204.0	405.6	-	405.6	823.3	-	823.3
Operating costs	-199.1	-	-199.1	-396.1	-	-396.1	-800.1	0.1	-800.0
Share of associated companies' profit/loss	1.8	-	1.8	2.5	-	2.5	6.5	-	6.5
<b>Operating profit</b>	<b>6.7</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>6.7</b>	<b>12.0</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>12.0</b>	<b>29.7</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>29.8</b>
Financial income	11.0	0.1	11.1	11.8	-0.4	11.4	21.9	-9.4	12.5
Financial costs	-0.6	0.1	-0.5	-1.1	-	-1.1	-2.4	-	-2.4
<b>Profit after financial items</b>	<b>17.1</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>17.3</b>	<b>22.7</b>	<b>-0.4</b>	<b>22.3</b>	<b>49.2</b>	<b>-9.3</b>	<b>39.9</b>
Tax	-3.8	-	-3.8	-5.2	0.1	-5.1	-8.4	-	-8.4
Minority interests	-0.1	-	-0.1	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Profit after tax</b>	<b>13.2</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>13.4</b>	<b>17.5</b>	<b>-0.3</b>	<b>17.2</b>	<b>40.8</b>	<b>-9.3</b>	<b>31.5</b>

BALANCE SHEET SUMMARY (SEK M)	April-June 2004			January-June 2004			January-December 2004		
	IFRS	Change	Swedish GAAP	IFRS	Change	Swedish GAAP	IFRS	Change	Swedish GAAP
<b>ASSETS</b>									
Intangible fixed assets				11.6	-	11.6	12.9	-	12.9
Tangible fixed assets				411.0	3.9	414.9	394.0	4.0	398.0
Financial fixed assets				113.3	-72.9	40.4	118.7	-82.3	36.4
<b>Fixed assets</b>				<b>535.9</b>	<b>-69.0</b>	<b>466.9</b>	<b>525.6</b>	<b>-78.3</b>	<b>447.3</b>
Stocks & inventories				6.5	-	6.5	6.4	-	6.4
Current receivables				105.5	-	105.5	119.8	-	119.8
Current investments				1.6	-1.2	0.4	1.4	-1.0	0.4
Cash and banks				57.5	-	57.5	93.3	-	93.3
<b>Current assets</b>				<b>171.1</b>	<b>-1.2</b>	<b>169.9</b>	<b>220.9</b>	<b>-1.0</b>	<b>219.9</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>				<b>707.0</b>	<b>-70.2</b>	<b>636.8</b>	<b>746.5</b>	<b>-79.3</b>	<b>667.2</b>
<b>EQUITY AND LIABILITIES</b>									
Shareholders equity excluding minority interests				402.9	-70.8	332.1	426.2	-80.0	346.2
Minority interests				-0.1	-	-0.1	-	-	-
<b>Shareholders' equity</b>				<b>402.8</b>	<b>-70.8</b>	<b>332.0</b>	<b>426.2</b>	<b>-80.0</b>	<b>346.2</b>
Provisions for retirement pensions				8.4	0.6	9.0	8.2	0.7	8.9
Deferred tax				54.8	-	54.8	61.4	-	61.4
Amounts due to credit institution				50.0	-	50.0	50.0	-	50.0
Other liabilities				0.1	-	0.1	0.1	-	0.1
<b>Long-term liabilities</b>				<b>113.3</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>113.9</b>	<b>119.7</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>120.4</b>
<b>Current liabilities</b>				<b>190.9</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>190.9</b>	<b>200.6</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>200.6</b>
<b>TOTAL EQUITY AND LIABILITIES</b>				<b>707.0</b>	<b>-70.2</b>	<b>636.8</b>	<b>746.5</b>	<b>-79.3</b>	<b>667.2</b>

Västerås, 22 Augusti 2005

VLT AB (publ)

The Board of Directors

## REVIEW REPORT

We have reviewed this interim report in accordance with the recommendations of the Swedish Institute of Authorised Public Accountants.

A review is considerably more limited in scope than an audit.

Nothing has emerged to suggest that this interim report does not meet the requirements of Swedish stock market and financial reporting legislation.

Västerås, 22 Augusti 2005

KPMG

Stefan Tärnell

## 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 115.523 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 City-Gate (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 543 (1 080) shareholders.

## FINANCIAL CALENDER

Interim report Jan-Sept	14 nov 2005
Full-year report	7 feb 2006
Annual report	March/April 2006
Interim report January-March	4 maj 2006
Annual general meeting	4 maj 2006

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