## INTERIM REPORT

January - June 2007
This is a translation. The Swedish version is the official.

- Group net sales for the first half-year decreased by 3 per cent to SEK $4,683(4,842)$ million.
- Net sales for comparable units increased by 4 per cent.
- Operating profit for the first half-year declined by 19 per cent to SEK 878 (1,085) million and the operating margin was 18.7 per cent (22.4).
- Adjusted for exchange rate fluctuations, primarily the lower US dollar, capital gains and divestments, operating profit improved by 4 per cent and the operating margin was unchanged.
- Profit after tax decreased by 7 per cent to SEK 580 (626) million.
- Sales volumes increased by 2 per cent to 12.1 million 9 -litre cases (11.9).
- Sales of absolut vodka rose by 3 per cent in volume.


KEY RATIOS FOR THE GROUP

|  | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Q2 } \\ 2007 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Q2 } \\ 2006 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Jan-Jun } \\ 2007 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Jan-Jun } \\ 2006 \end{array}$ | Rolling 12 months | Full year 2006 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Net sales, SEK mn | 2,460 | 2,604 | 4,683 | 4,842 | 10,186 | 10,345 |
| Operating profit, SEK mn | 420 | 668 | 878 | 1,085 | 2,068 | 2,275 |
| Profit after tax, SEK mn | 277 | 375 | 580 | 626 | 1,531 | 1,577 |
| Operating margin ${ }^{1}$, \% | 17.1 | 25.7 | 18.7 | 22.4 | 20.3 | 22.0 |
| Cash flow before financing activities, SEK mn | 183 | 625 | 780 | 402 | 304 | -74 |
| Return on shareholders' equity ${ }^{2}$, \% | - | - | 22.4 | 24.7 | - | 22.3 |
| Interest-bearing net liability ${ }^{3}$, SEK mn | - | - | 5,202 | 4,960 | - | 5,267 |
| Debt/equity ratio ${ }^{4}$, times | - | - | 0.7 | 0.8 | - | 0.7 |
| Equity/assets ratio5, \% | - | - | 40.9 | 38.5 | - | 40.5 |
| Sales volume, thousand 9-litre cases | 6,594 | 6,627 | 12,116 | 11,867 | 25,981 | 25,732 |
| Average number of employees ${ }^{6}$ | - | - | 2,174 | 2,330 | - | 2,304 |

${ }^{1}$ Operating profit as a percentage of net sales.
${ }^{2}$ Net profit (rolling 12 months) as a percentage of average equity
${ }^{3}$ Interest-bearing liabilities less interest-bearing assets, calculated at end of period.
${ }^{4}$ Interest-bearing net liability divided by equity, calculated at end of period.
${ }^{5}$ Equity as a percentage of total assets.
${ }^{6}$ Average number of employees based on number of hours worked.

## THE GROUP

## Market and Sales

Group net sales for the first half-year excluding alcohol excise amounted to SEK $4,683(4,842)$ million, a drop of 3 per cent. The change in exchange rates, primarily the lower US dollar rate compared to the same period last year, has reduced sales by approximately SEK 155 million. For comparable units, organic growth amounted to 4 per cent. V\&S Absolut Spirits continues to show good growth. V\&S Distillers has increased net sales thanks to continued strong growth on the Polish vodka market. V\&S Wine increased net sales on several markets. Group sales include Florida Distillers' sales figures in the amount of SEK 166 (357) million. The operation was divested on I April.

Total Group sales volume increased by 2 per cent to I2.I million 9-litre cases (iI.9).

Net sales for the second quarter of 2007 amounted to SEK $2,460(2,604)$ million, a fall of 6 per cent on the corresponding period last year. Sales volume decreased somewhat to 6,6 million 9 -litre cases $(6,6)$.

## NET SALES BY GEOGRAPHICAL MARKET



[^0]
## Profit

Group operating profit for the first half-year declined by 19 per cent to SEK 878 ( $\mathrm{I}, 085$ ) million and the operating margin was 18.7 per cent (22.4). In total, exchange rate fluctuations compared to the same period last year have affected operating profit by approximately SEK - Ioo million. The comparison is also influenced by a considerably higher capital gain from divestments in 2006 . For comparable units, operating profit was up 4 per cent. V\&S Absolut Spirits continues to show good organic growth while the operating profit for both V\&S Distillers and V\&S Wine was down on last year. The operating profit for the first half-year include Florida Distillers' operating profit in the amount of SEK I8 (35) million, as well as capital gains totalling SEK 20 ( 136 ) million from the divestment of Florida Distillers and the production of industrial alcohol.

Net financial income and expenses totalled SEK -85 $(-125)$ million. The improvement in financial income and expense can be attributed to a positive exchange rate income

## NET SALES BY PRODUCT CATEGORY



[^1]of SEK 38 million on further loans raised and forwards. The exchange rate income is counterbalanced by an equally large tax expense. See also page 4 for further information.

Profit for the period amounted to SEK 580 ( 626 million).
Operating profit for the second quarter declined to SEK 420 (668) million. Comparison with the corresponding quarter in 2006 is adversely affected by the lower dollar exchange rate and considerably higher capital gains from divestments the previous year. Profit for the period was SEK 277 (375) million, a decline of 26 per cent.

## DEVELOPMENT BY BUSINESS AREA <br> V\&S Absolut Spirits

The business area encompasses global sales of ABSOLUT vodia and the Group's other international premium spirits brands.
absolut pears was launched in the United States during the first quarter and is gradually being launched on other markets. absolut ioo, a premium vodka initially intended for the Duty Free \& Travel Retail market, was launched in March. Cruzan Black Cherry was launched in the United States in May. In May, V\&S formed a joint venture with China's JianNanChun (JNC), the aim being to develop a portfolio of premium-quality and premium-price baijiu brands.

Net sales for the first half-year decreased by 2 per cent to SEK 2,73 I $(2,787)$ million. The change in the US dollar exchange rate compared to the same period last year has affected sales by approximately SEK -I35 million. Excluding currency effects, net sales rose by 4 per cent. Sales volume increased by 4 per cent to 5.4 million 9 -litre cases (5.2). Growth is primarily attributable to continued good development for absolut vodka and Cruzan Rum. Sales of absolut vodka increased on most prioritized markets. The positive development of absolut vodia in the United States is continuing. Sales from distributor to retail increased by just over 4 per cent during the period. However, the business area's sales declined due to stock reductions among distributors compared to the same period last year. Cruzan Rum continued to show very good growth both in terms of volume and net sales.

Operating profit decreased by 2 per cent to SEK 844 (860) million while the operating margin remained unchanged at $3 I$ per cent (3I). The lower dollar exchange rate compared to the same period last year has affected operating profit by approximately SEK -95 million. Excluding currency effect, operating profit increased by 9 per cent. The improvement is mainly due to continued organic growth and good cost efficiency.

Net sales for the second quarter of 2007 amounted to SEK I,447 ( $\mathrm{I}, 465$ ) million, a decrease of I per cent compared to the same quarter last year. Sales volume amounted to 2.9 million 9 -litre cases (2.8), an increase of I per cent. Second-quarter operating profit was SEK 415 (437) million, a decline of 5 per cent. The second quarter was adversely affected by the lower dollar exchange rate by approximately SEK -40 million compared to the same quarter in 2006, as well as stock reductions among distributors.

## V\&S Distillers

The business area encompasses the Group's spirits activities in Northern Europe.

Several new products were launched during the first six months, including Malteser Bitter on the German market and Aalborg Nordguld Aquavit.

Production of industrial alcohol was divested on I June 2007.

Spirits sales in the subsidiary V\&S Norway (formerly Amundsen AS) are included in the business area's figures from I January 2007, whereas they were recognized in V\&S Wine in 2006.

Net sales for the first half-year increased by 6 per cent to SEK 9 I8 (868) million. Sales volume increased by 7 per cent to 2.7 million 9 -litre cases (2.5). The improvement both in sales volume and net sales is due to a continued strong rise in vodka sales on the Polish market.

Operating profit for the first half-year decreased by 8 per cent to SEK 93 ( (101) million and the operating margin was ro. I per cent (iI.6). Higher sales of vodka have impacted positively on operating profit, although this has been countered by lower sales of other product groups and higher market investment for new launches.

Net sales for the second quarter of 2007 amounted to SEK 48I (484) million, a decrease of I per cent compared to the second quarter last year. Sales volume increased by 3 per cent to I. 4 million 9 -litre cases (I.4). Operating profit for the second quarter decreased by 22 per cent to SEK 57 (73) million due to increased market investment for new launches.

## V\&S Wine

The business area encompasses the Group's wine business, and operates in Northern Europe.

In May the range was extended with further products from Foster's wine portfolio, including Lindemans and Wolf Blass.

Sales for 2006 also include spirits sales in the subsidiary V\&S Norway (formerly Amundsen AS), although from I January 2007 these figures are recognized in V\&S Distillers. Net sales for the first half-year increased by i per cent to SEK 982 (968) million, while the sales volume fell by 3 per cent to 4.3 million 9 -litre cases (4.4). For comparable units, net sales were up 5 per cent. Net sales during the first half-year increased in Sweden and Norway but also in Finland. Sales volume and net sales decreased in Denmark due to reduced subcontracted bottling, and in Estonia where the sale of brewery products has ceased.

The business area's operating profit for the first half-year fell to SEK Io (25) million and the operating margin was I per cent (3). The fall is mainly due to continued lower sales and profit in Denmark, but also to the above-mentioned change in recognition of the Norwegian spirits sales.

Net sales for the second quarter of 2007 amounted to SEK 574 (547) million, a rise of 5 per cent on the corresponding period last year. Sales volume amounted to 2.4 million 9 -litre cases (2.5), a decrease of 4 per cent. Operating profit for the second quarter decreased by 4 I per cent to SEK 16
(27) million, as a result of the above mentioned lower result in Denmark and the change in the recognition of the Norwegian spirits.

## ACQUISITIONS AND DIVESTMENTS

In May, V\&S Group formed a joint venture with China's JianNanChun (JNC), the aim being to develop a portfolio of premium-quality and premium-price baijiu brands. JNC is one of China's three leading producers of the traditional Chinese spirit baijiu. V\&S Group owns 5I per cent of the new company, and JNC 49 per cent. The operation will be part of the V\&S Absolut Spirits business area.

The divestment of Florida Distillers was finalized on I April 2007. In 2006 the operation's sales amounted to SEK 600 million, operating profit to SEK 48 million and the number of employees to 303 .

Production of industrial alcohol was divested on I June 2007.

Divestments during the first half-year resulted in net capital gains of SEK 20 (136) million.

## INVESTMENT

During the first six months of 2007 , total Group investments amounted to SEK 254 (782) million, primarily relating to capacity investments in Åhus and the investment in the remaining 50 per cent of V\&S Norway (formerly Amundsen AS). After the period's value adjustments and translation differences, fixed assets totalled SEK $13,062(11,638)$ million.

## CASH FLOW

Cash flow from operating activities during the first half of 2007 amounted to SEK 699 (976) million.

On 30 June net interest-bearing loans for the Group was SEK $5,202(4,969)$ million a decrease of SEK 55 million since 3I December 2006. Cash and cash equivalents totalled SEK 325 ( 563 ) million on 30 June. Together with confirmed loan promises, the Group has a liquidity reserve of SEK 4,338 $(5,356)$ million.

## PARENT COMPANY

Net sales for the first six months of 2007 amounted to SEK 2,759 $(2,576)$ million. The Parent Company's sales included SEK 1,293 ( $\mathrm{I}, 3 \mathrm{I} 3$ ) million in sales to Group companies. Purchases from Group companies amounted to SEK I34 (I35) million. Profit after financial income and expenses amounted to SEK 485 (87I) million. The average number of employees during the period was 740 ( 755 ). Cash and cash equivalents and short-term investments totalled SEK IO7 (258) million on 30 June.

The operational business takes place within three business areas which cross the legal units. The sections within each business area that have had operations in Sweden during the period are recognized for in the Parent Company. Group-wide functions are also included.

At an extraordinary general meeting in June 2007, Patrik Jönsson was elected as a new Board member.

In June the Swedish parliament authorized the government to sell its holding in V\&S Vin \& Sprit AB. The government has since taken certain preparatory steps, although no decision has been made regarding the form or date of a potential sale.

## SIGNIFICANT RISKS AND UNCERTAINTY FACTORS

Risks in the Group's operation are divided into business risks, operational risks, financial risks, accounting risks, physical risks, legal risks and risks to reputation.

Financial risk management for the entire Group takes place in the Parent Company. There is no separate risk management for the Parent Company.

V\&S works continuously to identify and assess risks. Risks are described in more detail in the Corporate Governance Report and Board of Directors' Report in the 2006 Annual Report, which can be found at vs.group.com.

In addition to what has been said in the Annual Report, uncertainty has now increased regarding future grain prices. To an increasing extent, these prices depend on the use of agricultural products for energy purposes. The agricultural product's cost as a proportion of the total product costs is relatively small for V\&S, but if grain prices rise dramatically this could affect profits for the V\&S Absolut Spirits and V\&S Distillers business areas, as well as for the Group.

## TRANSACTIONS WITH ASSOCIATED PARTIES

There have been no transactions between V\&S and associated parties that have had a significant impact on the company's position and profit.

## SIGNIFICANT EVENTS AFTER THE END OF

 THE FINANCIAL PERIODThere have been no significant events after the end of the financial period.

## GENERAL ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLES

This interim report has been prepared in accordance with IAS 34 Interim Financial Reporting and the Swedish Financial Accounting Standards Council's Recommendation RR 31 Interim reporting for groups.

The general accounting principles and calculation methods correspond to those used in preparing the latest Annual Report.

The Parent Company applies the same accounting principles as the Group except for the exclusions specified in RR 32 Financial reporting for legal entities.

## Recognition and tax effects of the holding in Beam

V\&S's holding of shares in American company Beam Global Spirits \& Wine Inc. amounts to USD 498 million. The holding is fiscally classified as a business-related holding and any change in value is therefore not subject to taxation. Currency risks associated with the holding have been protected, as the Group raised loans and entered into forward contracts for a corresponding amount at the time of acquisition. In 2004

V\&S applied for advance notice from the Swedish National Tax Board to ascertain whether value changes in the protecting loans/forwards are also exempt from taxation.In spring 2007 the Supreme Administrative Court came to the decision that this was not the case. V\&S has therefore during 2007 increased the amount in forwards so that the total value in loans and forwards for currency protection on the shareholding now amounts to USD 69r million. The Group therefore has effective protection against exchange rate fluctuations for this holding.

The consolidated income statement recognizes exchange rate gains and losses in asset and liability items as financial income and expenses. As the total amount of the loans and forwards used to protect the holding in Beam Global Spirits \& Wine Inc. are higher than the value of the shares, an exchange rate gain arises which is recognized as financial income. The Group's tax expense increases by exactly the same amount, which means that post-tax profit is completely unaffected.

## FINANCIAL REPORTING

The Interim Report for the period January-September will be published on 31 October. The 2007 Year-End Report will be published on 3I January 2008.

## OTHER

This Interim Report has not been subject to examination by the company's auditors.

V\&S Vin \& Sprit AB (publ) is a corporation wholly owned by the Kingdom of Sweden. The Group, V\&S Group, consists of the Parent Company and operating activities in Sweden, Denmark, Finland, Norway, Estonia, Germany, Poland, the USA, the US Virgin Islands, UK and Hong Kong.

CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT

| SEK mn | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Q2 } \\ 2007 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Q1 } \\ 2007 \end{array}$ | Q2 2006 | Jan-Jun | Jan-Jun 2006 | Full year 2006 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Net sales | 2,460 | 2,223 | 2,604 | 4,683 | 4,842 | 10,345 |
| Shares in associated companies' and joint ventures' results | 24 | 36 | 33 | 60 | 58 | 238 |
| Other operating revenues | 63 | 42 | 165 | 105 | 194 | 313 |
|  | 2,547 | 2,301 | 2,802 | 4,848 | 5,094 | 10,896 |
| Operating expenses | -2,077 | -1,799 | -2,090 | -3,876 | -3,912 | -8,357 |
| Depreciation/amortization and write-down of tangible and intangible assets | -50 | -44 | -44 | -94 | -97 | -264 |
| Operating profit | 420 | 458 | 668 | 878 | 1,085 | 2,275 |
| Financial income and expenses | -39 | -46 | -70 | -85 | -125 | -281 |
| Profit before taxes | 381 | 412 | 598 | 793 | 960 | 1,994 |
| Taxes | -104 | -109 | -223 | -213 | -334 | -417 |
| PROFIT FOR THE PERIOD | 277 | 303 | 375 | 580 | 626 | 1,577 |
| Profit for the period attributable to: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| The parent company's shareholders | 277 | 302 | 372 | 579 | 625 | 1,572 |
| Minority owners | - | 1 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 5 |
| Profit per share (500 pcs) | 0.55 | 0.60 | 0.74 | 1.16 | 1.25 | 3.14 |

## CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET

| SEK mn | 30 Jun 2007 | 30 Jun 2006 | 31 Dec 2006 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Intangible fixed assets | 4,097 | 4,053 | 4,009 |
| Tangible fixed assets | 1,914 | 1,837 | 1,818 |
| Financial fixed assets | 7,051 | 5,748 | 6,995 |
| Total fixed assets | 13,062 | 11,638 | 12,822 |
| Inventories etc. | 1,110 | 1,082 | 955 |
| Current receivables | 3,034 | 2,564 | 3,270 |
| Cash and cash equivalents | 325 | 563 | 400 |
| Assets held for sale | - | 521 | 427 |
| Total current assets | 4,469 | 4,730 | 5,052 |
| TOTAL ASSETS | 17,531 | 16,368 | 17,874 |
| Shareholders' equity attributable to the parent company's shareholders | 7,164 | 6,287 | 7,232 |
| Shareholders' equity attributable to minority owners | - | 12 | 15 |
| Long-term interest-bearing liabilities | 3,642 | 4,404 | 3,645 |
| Pension provisions | 95 | 85 | 89 |
| Deferred tax | 2,224 | 1,984 | 2,174 |
| Other long-term liabilities | 28 | 3 | 20 |
| Current interest-bearing liabilities | 1,790 | 1,034 | 1,933 |
| Other current liabilities | 2,588 | 2,456 | 2,701 |
| Liabilities related to assets held for sale | - | 103 | 65 |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY | 17,531 | 16,368 | 17,874 |

CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOW ANALYSIS

| SEK mn | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Q2 } \\ 2007 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Q1 } \\ 2007 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Q2 } \\ 2006 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Jan-Jun } \\ 2007 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Jan-Jun } \\ 2006 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | Full year 2006 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period | 491 | 400 | 716 | 400 | 626 | 626 |
| Cash flow from operating activities before changes in working capital | 98 | 500 | 567 | 598 | 854 | 1,595 |
| Cash flow from changes in working capital | -108 | 209 | -88 | 101 | 58 | -5 |
| Cash flow from operating activities | -10 | 709 | 479 | 699 | 912 | 1,590 |
| Cash flow from investing activities | 193 | -112 | 146 | 81 | -510 | -1,664 |
| Cash flow from financing activities | -353 | -509 | -762 | -862 | -443 | -146 |
| CASH FLOW FOR THE PERIOD | -170 | 88 | -137 | -82 | -41 | -220 |
| Exchange rate difference in cash and cash equivalents | 4 | 3 | -16 | 7 | -22 | -6 |
| CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT END OF PERIOD | 325 | 491 | 563 | 325 | 563 | 400 |

CONSOLIDATED CHANGE IN EQUITY

| SEK mn | Q2 <br> 2007 | Q2 <br> 2006 | Fullyear <br> 2006 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| At beginning of period | 7,247 | 6,886 | 6,886 |
| Change in translation reserve | 89 | -74 | -121 |
| Change in hedging reserve | -26 | 10 | 45 |
| Change in minority interest | -16 | -549 | -540 |
| Dividend | -710 | -600 | -600 |
| Profit for the period | 580 | 626 | 1,577 |
| At end of period | 7,164 | 6,299 | 7,247 |
| Equity attributable to: |  |  |  |
| The parent company's shareholders | 7,164 | 6,287 | 7,232 |
| Minority owners | - | 12 | 15 |

CONSOLIDATED QUARTERLY DATA

|  | Q2 <br> 2007 | Q1 <br> 2007 | Q4 <br> 2006 | Q3 <br> 2006 | 2006 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Net sales, SEK mn | 2,460 | 2,223 | 2,974 | 2,529 | 2,604 |
| Operating profit, SEK mn | 420 | 458 | 641 | 549 | 668 |
| Operating margin ${ }^{1}, \%$ | 17.1 | 20.6 | 21.6 | 21.7 | 25.7 |
| Sales volume, thousand 9-litre cases | 6,594 | 5,522 | 7,433 | 6,432 | 6,627 |

${ }^{1}$ Operating profit as a percentage of net sales.

## CONSOLIDATED SEGMENT DATA

| Q2 | Net sales (SEK mn) |  | Operating profit (SEK mn) |  | Volumes <br> (thousand 9-l. cases) |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2007 | 2006 | 2007 | 2006 | 2007 | 2006 |
| V\&S Absolut Spirits | 1,447 | 1,465 | 415 | 437 | 2,866 | 2,825 |
| V\&S Distillers | 481 | 484 | 57 | 73 | 1,436 | 1,398 |
| V\&S Wine | 574 | 547 | 16 | 27 | 2,423 | 2,512 |
| Capital gains | - | - | 12 | 136 | - | - |
| Other and eliminations | -42 | 108 | -80 | -5 | -131 | -108 |
|  | 2,460 | 2,604 | 420 | 668 | 6,594 | 6,627 |

CONSOLIDATED SEGMENT DATA

| Jan-Jun | Net sales (SEK mn) |  | Operating profit (SEK mn) |  | Volumes (thousand 9-I. cases) |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2007 | 2006 | 2007 | 2006 | 2007 | 2006 |
| V\&S Absolut Spirits | 2,731 | 2,787 | 844 | 860 | 5,398 | 5,169 |
| V\&S Distillers | 918 | 868 | 93 | 101 | 2,674 | 2,488 |
| V\&S Wine | 982 | 968 | 10 | 25 | 4,286 | 4,409 |
| Capital gains | - | - | 12 | 136 | - | - |
| Other and eliminations | 52 | 219 | -81 | -37 | -242 | -199 |
|  | 4,683 | 4,842 | 878 | 1,085 | 12,116 | 11,867 |

EXCHANGE RATES

|  | Closing day rate | Average rate |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Jan-Jun | 2007 | 2007 | Closing day rate <br> 2006 | Average rate <br> 2006 |
| USD/SEK | 6.86 | 6.94 | 7.27 | 7.59 |
| EUR/SEK | 9.24 | 9.22 | 9.24 | 9.33 |
| DKK/SEK | 1.24 | 1.24 | 1.24 | 1.24 |
| PLN/SEK | 2.46 | 2.40 | 2.28 | 2.40 |

## PARENT COMPANY INCOME STATEMENT

| SEK mn | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Q2 } \\ 2007 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Q2 } \\ 2006 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Jan-Jun } \\ 2007 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Jan-Jun } \\ 2006 \end{array}$ | Full year 2006 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Net sales | 1,510 | 1,386 | 2,759 | 2,576 | 5,654 |
| Other operating revenues | 18 | 153 | 35 | 168 | 207 |
|  | 1,528 | 1,539 | 2,794 | 2,744 | 5,861 |
| Operating expenses | -1,214 | -1,073 | -2,164 | -1,943 | -4,182 |
| Depreciation/amortization and write-down of tangible and intangible assets | -46 | -33 | -93 | -64 | -203 |
| Operating profit | 268 | 433 | 537 | 737 | 1,476 |
| Financial income and expenses | 46 | 94 | -52 | 134 | 223 |
| Profit after financial income and expenses | 314 | 527 | 485 | 871 | 1,699 |
| Appropriations | - | - | - | - | -543 |
| Profit before taxes | 314 | 527 | 485 | 871 | 1,156 |
| Taxes | -88 | -149 | -105 | -225 | -334 |
| PROFIT FOR THE PERIOD | 226 | 378 | 380 | 646 | 822 |

## PARENT COMPANY BALANCE SHEET

| SEK mn | 30 Jun 2007 | 30 Jun 2006 | 31 Dec 2006 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Intangible fixed assets | 1,562 | 482 | 1,611 |
| Tangible fixed assets | 1,038 | 975 | 974 |
| Financial fixed assets | 12,194 | 11,947 | 12,139 |
| Total fixed assets | 14,794 | 13,404 | 14,724 |
| Inventories etc. | 384 | 418 | 346 |
| Current receivables | 1,868 | 2,147 | 2,344 |
| Financial investments | 63 | 212 | 76 |
| Cash and cash equivalents | 44 | 46 | 115 |
| Total current assets | 2,359 | 2,823 | 2,881 |
| TOTAL ASSETS | 17,153 | 16,227 | 17,605 |
| Equity | 3,869 | 4,024 | 4,200 |
| Untaxed reserves | 3,129 | 2,586 | 3,129 |
| Provisions | 202 | 141 | 148 |
| Long-term liabilities | 5,610 | 6,434 | 5,610 |
| Current liabilities | 4,343 | 3,042 | 4,518 |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY | 17,153 | 16,227 | 17,605 |

The half-yearly report provides a true and fair reflection of the Parent Company's and Group's operations, position and financial results, and outlines significant risks and uncertainty factors faced by the Parent Company and the Group companies.

Stockholm, 22 August 2007

## Anders Narvinger

Chairman
Jonas Iversen

Patrik Jönsson
Eva Lindqvist
Member
Member
Member

## Ebbe M Loiborg

Member

Helle Kruse Nielsen
Member

Mats G Ringesten
Member

Bengt Baron
Chief Executive Officer

Jan Lundin<br>Member<br>Employee Representative

Johan Lund<br>Member<br>Employee Representative


[^0]:    * Including CIS, the Middle East and Africa.

[^1]:    * Including other spiced spirits.

