# INTERIM REPORT <br> January - September 2000 

Operating Result -97,5 (-157,6) MSEK

## Settlement with previous Owners of Intactix

Still Weak ESL Market

## Disposable Liquid Funds 158,9 MSEK

OPERATION The market for Pricer's ESL systems (ESL = Electronic Shelf Label) in the first nine months of the year was weak. The order inflow for Pricer's ESL systems increased to 33.7 (17.6) MSEK, primarily from the company's distributors in Japan and South Korea. For the third quarter, the order inflow was 4.0 (3.1) MSEK.

The order backlog amounted to 154 (148) MSEK as per September 30, 2000. As announced earlier, a major part of the order backlog, 80 per cent, is from Pricer's partners, including the Migros account in Turkey, where the time for call-off has not been determined. According to the agreement regarding the Migros order, call-off should be made no later than December 31, 2000. Pricer estimates that it is very uncertain whether there will be a call-off within the agreed time frame.

In October, an agreement was made with Knowledge Support Systems Limited (KSS) in England regarding marketing cooperation on a concept called "SmartPrice". The "SmartPrice" concept consists of the combined use of the KSS price optimizing software with Pricer's ESL systems for efficient implementation of price changes. Store environment studies have shown that the use of "SmartPrice" has led to increased profitability.

Settlement Pricer AB and others were sued in July 1999 by the former main owners of the subsidiary Intactix International, Inc. in USA. The claims pertained to Pricer's acquisition of Intactix in June 1997.

On September 7, the parties agreed on a settlement. This settlement means that the Plaintiffs dismiss all claims on Pricer and other parties. The settlement also includes a release of all potential future claims between all parties involved. Pricer's part of the settlement amounts to 1.6 MUSD. Net, after utilization of reserves for legal fees, this will have a negative effect on Pricer's result of approx 14 MSEK.

NET SALES AND RESULTS The Intactix operation is included in the net sales and result through March 31, and contains only the Pricer ESL business thereafter.

The net sales for the period amounted to 74.3 (251.9) MSEK, of which 21.3 (106.4) MSEK relate to Pricer ESL.

The net sales for the third quarter amounted to 9.5 (81.9) MSEK. Deliveries of ESL systems amounted to 36.9 MSEK for the equivalent period of 1999.

The operating costs for the period were reduced to 130.3 (270.6) MSEK and included once-off costs of approx 31 MSEK. In the third quarter operating cost amounted to 29.0 (69.2) MSEK, of which 14 MSEK is caused by the above-mentioned settlement. A comparison of the ESL operation expenses this year, excluding once-off costs, compared to the equivalent period in 1999, shows a reduction of approx 38 MSEK.

The Group operating result for the period amounted to -97.5 (-157.6) MSEK and for Pricer ESL to -93.6 $(-29,2)$ MSEK including the above-mentioned once-off costs. The net result for the same period was -92,0 (-181.5) MSEK.

For the third quarter, the Group operating result was -32.6 (-63.1) MSEK and the net result was $-28,4$ (-67.8) MSEK.

FINANCIAL POSITION The cash-flow from operations was -72.5 (-92.2) MSEK. The corresponding figure for the third quarter was $-26,5(-22.5)$ MSEK. The Group's disposable liquid assets - liquid assets adjusted for blocked deposits and unutilized overdraft facility - amounted to 158.9 (20.0) MSEK as per September 30, 2000. In addition to this, there are liquid assets of 39.0 MSEK, which according to the agreement on the divestment of Intactix have been placed in a blocked bank account as security for potential contractual commitments.

The financial net was substantially improved in the third quarter, primarily due to unrealized translation differences related to the strengthened US dollar and a positive net interest income.

INTANGIBLE ASSETS The Group's intangible assets consist of market rights for ESL systems in North America (Pricer Inc.) and ESL patents. The valuation of the market rights is based on a forecast that supports the booked value.

INVESTMENTS The total investments during the period amounted to 1.5 (4.8) MSEK and pertained primarily to production tools, computers and office equipment. All product development has been expensed.

PERSONNEL For the first nine months, the average number of employees in the Group amounted to 57 (282), while the number of employees as per September 30, 2000 amounted to 44 (247, of which 87 in Pricer ESL).

PARENT COMPANY The parent company net sales for the period was 21.3 (105.7) MSEK and the operating result for the same period was -73.0 (-156.2) MSEK. The parent company's liquid assets amounted to 153.5 (3.7) MSEK as per September 30, 2000.

FORECAST The result for Pricer is dependent on the development of the ESL market. The negative operating result in the ongoing ESL business will be kept at the reduced level shown in the third quarter and will improve with increased sales.

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## CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT - SUMMARY

|  | Q3 | Q3 | 9 months | 9 months | Full year |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Amounts in MSEK | 2000 | 1999 | 2000 | 1999 | 1999 |
| Net sales | 9,5 | 81,9 | 74,3 | 251,9 | 309,3 |
| Cost of goods sold | -9,4 | -39,9 | -28,3 | -120,8 | -131,6 |
| Gross result | 0,1 | 42,0 | 46,0 | 131,1 | 177,7 |
| Sales and administrative expenses | -25,5 | -55,3 | -113,8 | -191,1 | -250,6 |
| Research and development costs | -3,5 | -13,9 | -16,5 | -44,2 | -55,6 |
| Items affecting comparability, operational |  | -29,9 |  | -35,3 | -56,6 |
| Amortization of goodwill, market and industrial rights | -3,7 | -6,0 | -13,2 | -18,1 | -24,3 |
| Operating result | -32,6 | -63,1 | -97,5 | -157,6 | -209,4 |
| Financial net | 4,2 | -4,7 | 5,2 | -24,0 | -29,1 |
| Result after financial items | -28,4 | -67,8 | -92,3 | -181,6 | -238,5 |
| Taxes | 0,0 | 0,0 | 0,3 | 0,1 | -0,4 |
| Net result for the period | -28,4 | -67,8 | -92,0 | -181,5 | -238,9 |

## CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET - SUMMARY



|  |  |  | 9 months |  | Full year |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Amounts in MSEK | 2000 | 1999 | 2000 | 1999 | 1999 |
| Result after financial items | -28,4 | -67,7 | -92,3 | -181,6 | -238,9 |
| Adjustments for items not affecting the cash flow | 4,3 | 27,5 | 22,3 | 61,2 | 92,4 |
| Change in working capital | -2,4 | 17,7 | -2,5 | 28,2 | 28,6 |
| Cash flow from operations | -26,5 | -22,5 | -72,5 | -92,2 | -117,9 |
| Cash flow from investments | -4,2 | 0,0 | 142,6 | -4,8 | -7,1 |
| Rights issue |  | -5,0 |  | 96,7 | 257,3 |
| Change in other financing |  | 10,0 |  | -28,0 | -49,1 |
| Cash flow from financing | - | 5,0 |  | 68,7 | 208,2 |
| Cash flow in the period | -30,7 | -17,5 | 70,1 | -28,3 | 83,2 |
| KEY RATIOS |  |  |  |  |  |
| Amounts in MSEK | Q 3'00 | Q $2^{\prime} 00$ | Q 1 ${ }^{\text {'99 }}$ | Q4'99 | Q3 ${ }^{\prime 9}$ |
| Net revenue | 9,5 | 7,8 | 57,0 | 57,4 | 81,9 |
| Operating result | -32,6 | -33,1 | -31,8 | -51,8 | -63,1 |
| Net result for the period | -28,4 | -33,2 | -30,4 | -57,4 | -67,8 |
| Net change in liquid funds generated from operations | -26,5 | -21,7 | -24,3 | -25,8 | -22,5 |
| Net change in liquid funds generated from operations, moving 4 quarters | -98,3 | -94,3 | -110,5 | -117,9 | -120,2 |
| Number of employees, end of period | 44 | 45 | 212 | 223 | 259 |
| Equity/assets ratio | 69\% | 71\% | 65\% | 69\% | 35\% |
| Debt/equity ratio | -0,44 | -0,53 | -0,13 | -0,19 | 0,98 |

## KEY RATIOS by line of business

| Amounts in MSEK | Q3 00 | Q2 00 | Q 1 00 | Q4 99 | Q 3 99 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Pricer ESL |  |  |  |  |  |
| Order backlog | 154 | 145 | 149 | 125 | 148 |
| Net sales | 9,5 | 7,8 | 4,0 | 6,8 | 36,9 |
| Net revenue - moving 4 quarters | 28,1 | 55,5 | 96,5 | 113,2 | 122,7 |
| Operating result | -32,6 | -33,2 | -27,8 | -50,2 | -55,6 |
| Operating result - moving 4 quarters | -143,8 | -166,8 | -166,7 | -179,4 | -166,7 |
| Intactix |  |  |  |  |  |
| Net sales | - | - | 53 | 50,6 | 45,0 |
| Operating result | - | - | -4 | -1,6 | -7,5 |

## DATA PER SHARE

|  | Q 3 '00 | Q 2 '00 | Q 1 '99 | Q 4 '99 | Q 3 '99 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Net result per share 1) | -0,12 | -0,14 | -0,13 | -0,93 | -1,54 |
| Shareholder equity per share 2) | 1,30 | 1,36 | 1,50 | 1,61 | 4,13 |
| Number of shares, million | 238,6 | 238,6 | 238,6 | 238,6 | 44,2 |

1) Calculated on average number of shares in each quarter.
2) Calculated on the number of shares at the end of each quarter.

The calculation of the number of shares above is without considering dilution from outstanding options.
With full dilution the number of shares will increase by 4332769 shares of serie B
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