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**LM ERICSSON TELEPHONE COMPANY**

**(Translation of registrant's name into English)**

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Announcement of LM Ericsson Telephone Company, July 18, 2017 regarding Ericsson reports second quarter results 2017 .

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**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

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SECOND QUARTER 2017

Stockholm, July 18, 2017

**SECOND QUARTER HIGHLIGHTS****Read more  
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Reported sales decreased by -8% YoY. Sales, adjusted for comparable units and currency, decreased by -13% YoY. The RAN equipment market for 2017 is estimated to show a high single-digit percentage decline compared with previous estimate of -2% to -6%. **2**

Gross margin was 27.9% (32.3%). Gross margin, excluding restructuring charges, was 29.8% (33.2%). **3**

Operating income was SEK -1.2 b. Operating income, excluding restructuring charges was SEK 0.3 b., with a YoY decline in all segments. **4**

Networks operating margin was 7%. Operating margin, excluding restructuring charges, declined to 10% (13%) negatively impacted by continued lower software sales. **6**

IT & Cloud operating income was negatively impacted by less capitalization of development expenses QoQ and YoY. **7**

Planned cost reduction activities will be accelerated, due to current market environment, to achieve an annual run rate reduction of at least SEK 10 b. by mid-2018. **2**

The company sees an increased risk of further market and customer project adjustments with an estimated negative impact on operating income of SEK 3-5 b. for the coming 12 months. **2**

Due to technology and portfolio shifts capitalization of costs will be reduced and is estimated to result in a net negative impact on operating income of SEK -2.9 (1.3) b. in the second half 2017, with no impact on cash. **2**

Cash flow from operating activities was SEK 0.0 (-0.7) b. **9**

SEK b.	Q2 2017	Q2 2016	YoY change	Q1 2017	QoQ change	6 months 2017	6 months 2016
Net sales	49.9	54.1	-8%	46.4	8%	96.3	106.3
<i>Net sales adjusted for items affecting comparability in Q1 2017</i>	49.9	54.1	-8%	47.8	4%	97.7	106.3
<i>Sales growth adj. for comparable units and currency</i>			-13%		9%	-15%	-4%
Gross margin	27.9%	32.3%		13.9%		21.2%	32.8%
<i>Gross margin excluding restructuring charges and adjusted for items affecting comparability in Q1 2017</i>	29.8%	33.2%		30.5%		30.1%	33.6%
Operating income	-1.2	2.8	-145%	-12.3	-90%	-13.6	6.2
<i>Operating income excluding restructuring charges and adjusted for</i>	0.3	3.8	-93%	1.1	-74%	1.4	7.9

<i>items affecting comparability in Q1 2017</i>							
Operating margin	-2.5%	5.1%		-26.6%		-14.1%	5.9%
<i>Operating margin excluding restructuring charges and adjusted for items affecting comparability in Q1 2017</i>							
	0.6%	7.0%		2.3%		1.4%	7.4%
Net income	-1.0	1.6	-164%	-10.9	-91%	-11.9	3.7
EPS diluted, SEK	-0.30	0.48	-163%	-3.29	-91%	-3.59	1.08
EPS (non-IFRS), SEK <sup>1)</sup>	0.17	0.83	-80%	-2.42	-107%	-2.25	1.70
Cash flow from operating activities	0.0	-0.7	-100%	-1.5	-100%	-1.5	-3.1
Net cash, end of period	24.0	21.0	14%	28.3	-15%	24.0	21.0

<sup>1)</sup> EPS diluted, excl. amortizations and write-downs of acquired intangible assets, and excluding restructuring charges.

Non-IFRS financial measures are reconciled to the most directly reconcilable line items in the financial statements at the end of this report.

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### CEO COMMENTS

**We are not satisfied with our underlying performance with continued declining sales and increasing losses in the quarter. Execution of our focused business strategy is gaining traction. However, in light of current market conditions, we are accelerating the planned actions to reduce costs.**

Sales adjusted for comparable units and currency declined by -13%. Based on the development in the first half of the year, our current view of the Radio Access Network (RAN) equipment market outlook is in line with external estimates of a high single-digit percentage decline for the full year 2017.

Considering the current market environment, the company position, and the more focused business strategy, we continue to assess risk exposure in ongoing contracts. Depending on the outcome, we see an increased risk of further market and customer project adjustments, which would have a negative impact on results, estimated to SEK 3-5 b. for the coming 12 months, of which 30% is estimated to impact cash.

Due to technology and portfolio shifts we will reduce the capitalization of product platform, software release development expenses and hardware costs. Together this is estimated to result in a net negative impact on operating income of SEK -2.9 (1.3) b. in the second half of 2017, with no impact on cash. This is to be compared with SEK -0.3 (1.2) b. of total impact on operating income in the quarter.

One key component in our focused business strategy is to reduce costs and increase efficiency. In light of the current market outlook, we will accelerate our actions to ensure that we can meet our target of doubling the 2016 operating margin beyond 2018. Actions will be taken primarily in service delivery and common costs and do not include R&D. Our plan is to implement cost savings with an annual run rate effect of at least SEK 10 b. by mid-2018, of which approximately half will be related to common costs.

The decline in the Networks result in the quarter was mainly caused by lower software sales, driven by two key factors; unusually strong software sales in the second quarter last year and cautious mobile broadband investment levels. On the positive side, we were ranked number one in radio by a leading global operator.

Performance improvements in Networks will be generated through both the continued ramp-up of Ericsson Radio System (ERS) and cost reductions, mainly in service delivery. The ERS continues to prove its competitiveness and now represents 49% of radio unit deliveries in the quarter. During the quarter, we announced a break-through contract to support Vodafone UK to evolve its 4G network and to provide 5G radio technology. To safeguard a future leading portfolio, we have started to increase R&D investments in Networks with a total increase of SEK 0.2 b. in the quarter. In line with our more focused strategy, we signed an agreement in the quarter to divest the power modules business.

The work to refocus our Managed Services business to improve profitability is well underway. So far, we have identified 42 contracts, with sales of SEK 7 b. in 2016, which we will either exit, renegotiate or transform. To date, we have either exited, renegotiated or transformed nine of these contracts resulting in an annualized profit improvement of approximately SEK 140 million going forward.

IT & Cloud had another challenging quarter with significant losses. The sequential increase in losses is largely explained by lower capitalization of R&D expenses. Gross margin continued to be negatively impacted by large digital transformation projects.

Our IT & Cloud business is of strategic importance as our customers are preparing for 5G and will digitalize their operations and invest in a future network architecture based on software-defined logic. A key driver of performance in

the business is the success of our new product portfolio, for which the rolling 12 month sales have grown 7%.

We are taking firm actions to improve performance in IT & Cloud, including stabilizing product roadmaps, addressing underperforming customer projects, improving new project delivery scoping and reducing costs, primarily in service delivery.

The operating income in our Media business improved sequentially as a result of increased sales, improved business mix and reduced costs. We continue the work to explore strategic opportunities for the Media business.

In this report, we have included a table on page 4 to track progress in the execution of our focused business strategy.

In light of current market environment and company performance, we are accelerating actions to reduce costs. Our focused business strategy is designed to take us back to technology and market leadership and improve company performance, also in a tough market. We see initial signs of traction in strategy execution including increased investments in R&D in Networks and ramp up of deliveries of Ericsson Radio System, increasing our competitiveness in the market.

**Börje Ekholm**

President and CEO

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## FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

SEK b.	Q2 2017	Q2 2016	YoY change	Q1 2017	QoQ change	6 months 2017	6 months 2016
Net sales	49.9	54.1	-8%	46.4	8%	96.3	106.3
<i>Of which Networks</i>	36.8	40.2	-8%	34.9	6%	71.7	80.2
<i>Of which IT &amp; Cloud</i>	10.9	11.5	-5%	9.5	14%	20.4	21.3
<i>Of which Other</i>	2.2	2.4	-6%	2.0	13%	4.2	4.8
Gross income	13.9	17.5	-20%	6.4	116%	20.4	34.9
Gross margin (%)	27.9%	32.3%		13.9%		21.2%	32.8%
Research and development expenses	-8.4	-7.4	13%	-9.1	-8%	-17.4	-14.9
Selling and administrative expenses	-7.1	-7.1	-1%	-9.9	-28%	-16.9	-13.8
Other operating income and expenses	0.2	-0.2	-204%	0.1	70%	0.4	0.0
Operating income	-1.2	2.8	-145%	-12.3	-90%	-13.6	6.2
Operating margin	-2.5%	5.1%		-26.6%		-14.1%	5.9%
<i>for Networks</i>	7%	12%		-2%		3%	13%
<i>for IT &amp; Cloud</i>	-26%	-13%		-94%		-58%	-17%
<i>for Other</i>	-44%	-20%		-143%		-90%	-16%
Financial net	0.1	-0.5	-112%	-0.4	-114%	-0.4	-1.0
Taxes	0.2	-0.7	-126%	1.9	-91%	2.1	-1.6
Net income	-1.0	1.6	-164%	-10.9	-91%	-11.9	3.7
Restructuring charges	-1.5	-1.0	48%	-1.7	-13%	-3.3	-1.7

## PLANNING ASSUMPTIONS GOING FORWARD

## Market related

Based on the development in the first half of the year, the company's current view of the Radio Access Network (RAN) equipment market outlook is in line with external estimates of a high single-digit percentage decline for the full year 2017. This is to be compared with the company's previous estimate of -2% to -6%.

## Ericsson focused strategy related

Addressing low-performing operations in Managed Services and optimizing the offering in Network Rollout are expected to reduce full-year sales by up to SEK 10 b. by 2019.

The plan is to implement cost savings with an annual run rate effect of at least SEK 10 b. by mid-2018, split 50/50 between service delivery and common costs (G&A, IT, real estate etc).

The company aims to increase R&D efficiency. However, R&D expenses will increase short term, primarily in Networks.

Restructuring charges for 2017 are estimated to be in the higher end of the range SEK 6-8 b.

The company sees an increased risk of further market and customer project adjustments, which would have a negative impact on results, estimated to SEK 3-5 b. for the coming 12 months, of which 30% is estimated to impact cash.

Reduced capitalization of development expenses and hardware costs is expected to result in a net negative impact on operating income of SEK -2.9 (1.3) b. in second half 2017, with no impact on cash.

#### **Other Ericsson related**

The earlier communicated rescoped managed services contract in North America will impact sales negatively YoY in Q3 2017.

Industry trends and business mix in mobile broadband in 2016 are expected to prevail in 2017.

#### Q1 items affecting comparability:

Net sales: Provisions and adjustments (SEK 1.4 b.)

Gross income: Restructuring charges (SEK 1.5 b.), and provisions and adjustments (SEK 6.7 b.)

Operating income: Restructuring charges (SEK 1.7 b.), asset write-downs (SEK 3.3 b.) and provisions and adjustments (SEK 8.4 b.)

#### **Net sales**

Sales as reported decreased by -8% YoY. The mobile broadband market remained weak in the quarter. Networks sales, adjusted for comparable units and currency, declined by -14% YoY, driven mainly by lower sales in market areas Europe & Latin America and Middle East & Africa.

Sales in North America declined YoY mainly due to the earlier communicated rescoped managed services contract effective as from Q4 2016. Sales in North East Asia declined slightly YoY. Sales in Mainland China were negatively impacted by lower Networks sales, partly offset by increased IT & Cloud sales.

Networks sales in Japan and South Korea increased. Sales in market area South East Asia, Oceania and India were stable YoY with growth in Vietnam and Australia while investments in India continued to decline.

As anticipated, sequential sales growth was below normal seasonality, following continued low investments in mobile broadband. Sales increased by 8% QoQ. Sales in Q2 compared with Q1 sales, adjusted for items affecting comparability, increased 4%.

Total sales of Managed Services, as defined in 2016, including Broadcast Services, were SEK 6.3 (7.3) b. The decline mainly refers to the earlier communicated rescoped managed services contract in North America. The definition of Managed Services will be adjusted in 2018, at the latest, to mirror the new organization.

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### **IPR licensing revenues**

IPR licensing revenues declined YoY to SEK 2.0 (2.2) b. IPR licensing revenues were flat QoQ.

### **Gross margin**

Gross margin declined to 27.9% (32.3%). Gross margin, excluding restructuring charges, declined to 29.8% (33.2%) with lower gross margin in all segments.

Gross margin increased sequentially to 27.9% from 13.9%. Gross margin adjusted for items affecting comparability in Q1 and excluding restructuring charges in Q2 declined slightly to 29.8% from 30.5%, mainly due to lower gross margin in Networks.

### **Operating expenses**

Operating expenses increased to SEK 15.4 (14.5) b. Operating expenses, excluding restructuring charges, increased to SEK 14.8 (14.0) b. due to increased R&D expenses. R&D expenses, excluding restructuring charges, were SEK 8.0 (7.0) b. mainly due to less capitalized development expenses with a net impact of SEK -0.4 (0.7) b. Selling and administrative expenses, excluding restructuring charges, declined to SEK 6.8 (7.0) b. YoY, despite a negative currency effect.

Operating expenses declined sequentially to SEK 15.4 b. from SEK 18.9 b. Operating expenses, excluding restructuring charges and items affecting comparability in Q1 increased to SEK 14.8 b. from SEK 13.7 b., mainly due to seasonality and lower capitalization of development expenses.

The net effect on operating expenses of capitalized development expenses and related amortizations was SEK 0.2 b. in Q1 and SEK -0.4 b. in Q2.

### **Other operating income and expenses**

Other operating income and expenses improved both YoY and QoQ. Several minor items contributed to the SEK 0.2 b. of other operating income and expenses in Q2 2017. The revaluation and realization effects of currency hedge contracts, impacting other operating income and expenses, were SEK 0.0 (-0.5) b.

As of Q1 2017, the funding of foreign exchange forecast hedging is managed through foreign exchange loans (USD) instead of foreign exchange derivatives. Therefore, as of Q1 2017, revaluation and realization effects of SEK 0.3 b. are included in financial expenses instead of in other operating income and expenses.

### **Restructuring charges**

Restructuring charges were SEK -1.5 (-1.0) b. Restructuring charges were SEK -1.7 b. in Q1 2017. For full-year 2017, the restructuring charges are estimated to be in the higher end of the range SEK 6-8 b.

### **Operating income**

Operating income decreased to SEK -1.2 (2.8) b. Operating income, excluding restructuring charges, declined to SEK 0.3

(3.8) b. due to lower gross margin, lower sales and increased operating expenses.

Operating income improved sequentially from SEK -12.3 b. Operating income, excluding restructuring charges and items affecting comparability in Q1 2017, decreased to SEK 0.3 b. from SEK 1.1 b. due to increased operating expenses.

### Changes in treatment of cost going forward

Due to technology and portfolio shifts the company will reduce the capitalization of product platform, software release development expenses and hardware costs. This is estimated to result in a net negative impact on operating income of SEK -2.9 b. in the second half of 2017, with no impact on cash. The total impact on operating income in the quarter amounted to SEK -0.3 (1.2) b.

### Financial net

Financial net improved both YoY and QoQ, mainly due to positive revaluation and realization effects of currency hedge contracts of SEK 0.3 b., and positive currency revaluation effects of SEK 0.2 b. The SEK strengthened against the USD between March 31, 2017 (SEK/USD rate 8.93) and June 30, 2017 (SEK/ USD rate 8.46). The hedge balance is in USD.

### Taxes

Taxes were positive in the quarter following the negative income.

### Net income and EPS

Net income and EPS diluted decreased YoY following the reduced operating income. EPS diluted was SEK -0.30 (0.48) and EPS (non-IFRS) was SEK 0.17 (0.83). Net income and EPS diluted improved QoQ following the improved operating income.

### Employees

The number of employees on June 30, 2017 was 109,127 - a reduction of more than 7,000 employees in 12 months.

### Focused strategy execution

The company has so far identified three indicators to measure the progress of strategy execution. KPIs for cost reduction will be added later.

Area	Activity	Status Q2 2017
Networks	Transition to new Ericsson Radio System	49% (ERS radio unit deliveries out of total)
IT & Cloud	Growth in sales of new product portfolio	Net sales growth of 7%, rolling 12 months
Managed Services	Addressing low-performing contracts	Out of 42 contracts identified, 9 have been renegotiated to result in an annualized future profit improvement of SEK 0.1 b.

In addition, the company announced in the quarter that it has signed an agreement to divest its power modules business.

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## MARKET AREA SALES

SEK b.	Second quarter 2017				Change	
	Networks	IT & Cloud	Other	Total	YoY	QoQ
South East Asia, Oceania and India	6.3	1.3	0.1	7.7	0%	-3%
North East Asia	4.1	1.7	0.0	5.9	-3%	5%
North America	10.0	2.1	0.5	12.5	-7%	5%
Europe and Latin America	10.5	3.9	0.9	15.2	-11%	20%
Middle East and Africa	4.2	1.8	0.1	6.0	-17%	11%
Other <sup>1)</sup>	1.8	0.2	0.7	2.7	0%	-8%
<b>Total</b>	<b>36.8</b>	<b>10.9</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>49.9</b>	<b>-8%</b>	<b>8%</b>

1) Market Area Other includes licensing revenues, power modules, mobile broadband modules, Ericsson-LG Enterprise and other businesses.

**South East Asia, Oceania and India**

Sales were stable YoY. A negative impact from reduced Networks services sales was offset by mobile broadband growth in Vietnam and increased IT & Cloud sales, driven by the delivery of a core network project in Australia. Sales in India were still impacted by consolidations and tariff competition between operators.

**North East Asia**

Sales declined slightly YoY. Sales in Mainland China declined due to continued reduced investments by one customer, partly offset by increased IT & Cloud sales. Networks sales in Japan and South Korea increased.

**North America**

North America sales declined YoY, mainly due to the earlier communicated rescoped managed services contract. IT & Cloud sales declined due to fewer project milestones in the quarter. Mobile broadband infrastructure sales remained at a stable level. All major operators 5G trials are ongoing with good momentum.

**Europe and Latin America**

Sales declined YoY, reflecting capex constraints in Europe where 4G modernizations are largely completed. In addition, sales declined in Mexico and South America. The decline was partially offset by increased mobile broadband investments in Brazil and timing of deployments in Russia. In the quarter, a break-through contract was announced to support Vodafone UK to evolve its 4G network and to provide 5G radio technology.

**Middle East and Africa**

Sales declined YoY with some, still limited, signs of recovery in the macroeconomic environment. Challenges in capacity business continued, accompanied by decline in services domains.

**Other**

IPR licensing revenues amounted to SEK 2.0 (2.2) b.

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## SEGMENT RESULTS

## NETWORKS

SEK b.	Q2 2017	Q2 2016	YoY change	Q1 2017	QoQ change	6 months 2017	6 months 2016
Net sales	36.8	40.2	-8%	34.9	6%	71.7	80.2
<i>Of which products</i>	20.8	23.0	-10%	19.4	7%	40.2	45.8
<i>Of which IPR licensing revenues</i>	1.6	1.7	-9%	1.6	-3%	3.2	4.8
<i>Of which services</i>	16.1	17.2	-7%	15.5	4%	31.5	34.3
<i>Net sales adjusted for items affecting comparability in Q1 2017</i>	36.8	40.2	-8%	36.2	2%	73.0	80.2
<i>Sales growth adj. for comparable units and currency</i>			-14%		7%	-16%	
Gross income	10.4	12.5	-17%	8.0	30%	18.3	25.5
<i>Gross income excluding restructuring charges and adj. for items affecting comparability in Q1 2017</i>	11.0	12.9	-15%	11.3	-3%	22.2	26.1
Gross margin	28%	31%		23%		26%	32%
<i>Gross margin excluding restructuring charges and adj. for items affecting comparability in Q1 2017</i>	30%	32%		31%		30%	33%
Operating income	2.6	4.8	-46%	-0.5		2.1	10.6
<i>Operating income excluding restructuring charges and adj. for items affecting comparability in Q1 2017</i>	3.5	5.3	-33%	4.3	-19%	7.9	11.5
Operating margin	7%	12%		-2%		3%	13%
<i>Operating margin excluding restructuring charges and adj. for items affecting comparability in Q1 2017</i>	10%	13%		12%		11%	14%
EBITA margin	7%	12%		-1%		3%	14%
Restructuring charges	-0.9	-0.5	97%	-1.4		-2.4	-0.9

## Q1 items affecting comparability:

Net sales: Provisions and adjustments (SEK 1.3 b.)

Gross income: Restructuring charges (SEK 1.3 b.), and provisions and adjustments (SEK 2.0 b.)

Operating income: Restructuring charges (SEK 1.4 b.), asset write-downs (SEK 0.1 b.) and provisions and adjustments (SEK 3.3 b.)

**Net sales**

Sales as reported declined by -8% YoY. Sales adjusted for comparable units and currency decreased by -14% YoY. Investments in mobile broadband in certain markets remained low, impacting mainly product sales. The decline in network services sales YoY is due to lower managed services sales following the earlier communicated rescope contract in North America.

The mobile broadband market remained weak in the second quarter. The sales decline YoY is primarily driven by market areas Europe and Latin America as well as Middle East and Africa.

Reported sales increased by 6% QoQ. Sales in Q2 compared with Q1 sales, adjusted for items affecting comparability, increased 2%. Sales in market areas North East Asia and South East Asia, Oceania and India declined QoQ with lower sales in Japan and Vietnam two markets that reported strong sales in Q1 2017.

The Ericsson Radio System (ERS) continued to generate new business. The transition to the new ERS is tracking towards the target of accounting for 100% of total deliveries in 2018, with 49% YTD.

### **Gross margin**

Gross margin declined YoY to 28% (31%) due to lower software sales with slightly lower IPR licensing revenues, increased restructuring charges and lower services margins. Improved hardware margins partly offset the decline. The lower services margins refer to a few managed services contracts with increased losses. These contracts are on the list of contracts that will be either exited, renegotiated, or transformed in order to improve the gross income. Gross margin, excluding restructuring charges, was 30% (32%).

Gross margin increased sequentially to 28% from 23% following provisions, adjustments and large restructuring charges made in Q1. Gross margin, adjusted for items affecting comparability in Q1 and excluding restructuring charges in Q2 declined to 30% from 31%. This was mainly due to lower software sales, partly offset by an improved hardware margin.

### **Operating income and margin**

Operating income and margin decreased YoY, mainly due to lower sales, lower gross margin, increased restructuring charges and increased operating expenses. Improved other operating income and expenses had a positive impact on operating income. The YoY increase in operating expenses refers to increased R&D, mainly related to the already communicated focused business strategy. Selling and administrative expenses were flat YoY. Operating margin excluding restructuring charges was 10% (13%).

Operating income and margin increased sequentially. Operating margin, adjusted for items affecting comparability in Q1, and excluding restructuring charges in Q2, declined to 10% from 12%. The decline is due to seasonally higher operating expenses and lower gross margin. The decline was only partly offset by increased sales.

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SEK b.	Q2 2017	Q2 2016	YoY change	Q1 2017	QoQ change	6 months 2017	6 months 2016
Net sales	10.9	11.5	-5%	9.5	14%	20.4	21.3
<i>Of which products</i>	5.1	5.3	-4%	4.1	23%	9.2	10.1
<i>Of which IPR licensing revenues</i>	0.2	0.2	-10%	0.2	-3%	0.4	0.6
<i>Of which services</i>	5.8	6.2	-6%	5.4	7%	11.3	11.3
<i>Net sales adjusted for items affecting comparability in Q1 2017</i>	10.9	11.5	-5%	9.6	13%	20.5	21.3
<i>Sales growth adj. for comparable units and currency</i>			-10%		16%	-8%	
Gross income	2.8	4.1	-30%	-2.1		0.7	7.3
<i>Gross income excluding restructuring charges and adj. for items affecting comparability in Q1 2017</i>	3.1	4.2	-26%	2.7	13%	5.8	7.5
Gross margin	26%	35%		-22%		4%	34%
<i>Gross margin excluding restructuring charges and adj. for items affecting comparability in Q1 2017</i>	28%	36%		28%		28%	35%
Operating income	-2.9	-1.5	86%	-9.0	-68%	-11.9	-3.5
<i>Operating income excluding restructuring charges and adj. for items affecting comparability in Q1 2017</i>	-2.4	-1.1	126%	-2.2	8%	-4.7	-2.9
Operating margin	-26%	-13%		-94%		-58%	-17%
<i>Operating margin excluding restructuring charges and adj. for items affecting comparability in Q1 2017</i>	-22%	-9%		-23%		-23%	-13%
EBITA margin	-24%	-11%		-86%		-53%	-14%
Restructuring charges	-0.5	-0.5		-0.2		-0.7	-0.7

Q1 items affecting comparability:

Net sales: Provisions and adjustments (SEK 0.1 b.)

Gross income: Restructuring charges (SEK 0.2 b.), and provisions and adjustments (SEK 4.5 b.)

Operating income: Restructuring charges (SEK 0.2 b.), asset write-downs (SEK 1.5 b.) and provisions and adjustments (SEK 5.0 b.)

**Net sales**

Sales as reported declined by -5% YoY. Sales adjusted for comparable units and currency decreased by -10% YoY. Sales of legacy portfolio products, primarily in OSS & BSS, continued to decline and were not offset by growth in the new portfolio. Services sales declined following lower activity in large transformation projects.

Sales increased by 14% QoQ after a seasonally weak Q1. Sales in North East Asia grew 90% QoQ, driven by software licensing sales for telecom core in Mainland China. It is not unusual that such sales vary between quarters.

### **Gross margin**

Gross margin decreased YoY primarily due to lower services and hardware margins. The services margin continues to be negatively impacted by ongoing large transformation projects and by IT managed services projects being in their initial transformation phase.

Gross income and margin increased QoQ. Q1 2017 included SEK -4.8 b. in restructuring charges, provisions and adjustments related to certain customer projects. Gross margin, excluding these items and excluding restructuring charges in Q1 and Q2, was stable QoQ.

### **Operating income and margin**

Operating income decreased YoY mainly due to a lower gross margin. In addition, less capitalization and increased amortization of R&D platform development impacted operating expenses negatively. In Q2 2017, the net amount of capitalized and amortized R&D was SEK -0.2 b, compared with SEK 0.6 b. in Q2 2016 and SEK 0.3 b. in Q1 2017.

Operating income improved QoQ. Q1 2017 included SEK -6.8 b. in restructuring charges, write-down of assets as well as provisions and adjustments related to certain customer projects. Excluding these items, operating income declined to SEK -2.4 b. from SEK -2.2 b. The positive impact from increased sales was more than offset by the negative net effect of capitalized and amortized R&D.

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SEK b.	Q2 2017	Q2 2016	YoY change	Q1 2017	QoQ change	6 months 2017	6 months 2016
Net sales	2.2	2.4	-6%	2.0	13%	4.2	4.8
<i>Of which IPR licensing revenues</i>	0.2	0.2	-10%	0.2	-3%	0.4	0.6
<i>Sales growth adj. for comparable units and currency</i>			-11%		13%	-17%	
Gross income	0.7	0.9	-18%	0.6	34%	1.3	2.0
<i>Gross income excluding restructuring charges and adj. for items affecting comparability in Q1 2017</i>	0.8	0.9	-12%	0.6	33%	1.4	2.0
Gross margin	34%	39%		28%		31%	42%
<i>Gross margin excluding restructuring charges and adj. for items affecting comparability in Q1 2017</i>	37%	39%		31%		34%	42%
Operating income	-1.0	-0.5	101%	-2.8	-66%	-3.8	-0.8
<i>Operating income excluding restructuring charges and adj. for items affecting comparability in Q1 2017</i>	-0.8	-0.4	105%	-1.0	-16%	-1.8	-0.7
Operating margin	-44%	-20%		-143%		-90%	-16%
<i>Operating margin excluding restructuring charges and adj. for items affecting comparability in Q1 2017</i>	-38%	-17%		-51%		-44%	-15%
EBITA margin	-38%	-12%		-95%		-65%	-8%
Restructuring charges	-0.1	-0.1		-0.1		-0.2	-0.1

**The former Media segment is renamed to Other in the external reporting as per Q2 2017.**

Q1 items affecting comparability:

Gross income: Restructuring charges (SEK 0.0 b.)

Operating income: Restructuring charges (SEK 0.1 b.) and asset write-downs (SEK 1.7 b.)

**Net sales**

Sales as reported declined -6% YoY. Sales adjusted for comparable units and currency decreased by -11% YoY. The decline was primarily due to lower sales of legacy products. Sales of next-generation MediaFirst platform started in the quarter, as the product went live in commercial networks. The iconectiv business (number portability solutions) continued to show double-digit growth YoY.

Sales as reported increased by 13% QoQ, driven by growth in Media Solutions following a seasonally weak Q1.

### **Gross margin**

Gross margin declined YoY partly due to increased restructuring charges. Gross margin excluding restructuring charges declined slightly YoY.

Gross margin increased QoQ, driven by a changed sales mix with a larger share of Media Solutions. In addition, efficiency improvements in service delivery contributed to improved gross margins QoQ.

### **Operating income and margin**

Operating income decreased YoY partly due to lower sales and lower gross margin. In addition, lower capitalization and increased amortization of R&D platform development impacted operating expenses negatively. In Q2 2017, the net amount of capitalized and amortized R&D was SEK -0.1 0.1) b.

Operating income improved QoQ. Operating income in Q1 2017 included SEK -1.7 b. in additional asset write-downs related to the new focused business strategy announced March 28.

**Table of Contents****CASH FLOW**

SEK b.	Q2 2017	Q2 2016	Q1 2017
Net income reconciled to cash	-0.8	1.3	-9.2
Changes in operating net assets	0.8	-2.0	7.7
Cash flow from operating activities	0.0	-0.7	-1.5
Cash flow from investing activities	-2.0	1.4	-13.6
Cash flow from financing activities	-8.9	-9.3	10.9
<b>Net change in cash and cash equivalents</b>	<b>-11.5</b>	<b>-7.0</b>	<b>-4.0</b>
<i>Cash conversion (%)</i>	<i>0%</i>	<i>-54%</i>	<i>n/a</i>

**Operating activities**

Cash flow from operating activities was SEK 0.0 b. in the quarter. A negative net income reconciled to cash was fully offset by a positive effect from changes in operating net assets. Cash flow from inventory was negative at SEK -1.1 b. in the quarter while customer finance decreased resulting in a cash flow effect of SEK 1.1 b. Trade receivables decreased resulting in a cash flow effect of SEK 0.5 b.

Cash outlays related to restructuring charges were SEK -1.1 (-0.6) b. in the quarter.

**Investing activities**

Cash flow from investing activities was negative at SEK -2.0 b. Investments in property, plant and equipment continued to decline YoY as investments in the Global ICT centers decreased. The cash flow effect from capitalized development expenses was significantly reduced and amounted to SEK -0.3 b. in the quarter.

**Financing activities**

Cash flow from financing activities was negatively impacted by repayment of one Euro bond of SEK 5.1 b. (EUR 0.5 b.) at maturity date. In addition, dividends of SEK 3.3 (12.1) b. were paid out.

Net cash was SEK 24.0 b. at the end of the quarter.

	Jan-Jun 2017	Jan-Mar 2017	Jan-Dec 2016	Jan-Sep 2016	Jan-Jun 2016
Working capital KPIs, number of days					
Sales outstanding (target: <90)	114	117	95	122	115
Inventory (target: <65)	78	73	69	79	81
Payable (target: >60)	60	58	56	56	59



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## FINANCIAL POSITION

	Jun 30 2017	Jun 30 2016	Mar 31 2017
SEK b.			
+ Cash and cash equivalents	21.4	28.9	33.0
+ Interest-bearing securities, current	10.8	19.8	13.5
+ Interest-bearing securities, non-current	22.1		19.1
<b>Gross cash</b>	<b>54.3</b>	<b>48.8</b>	<b>65.6</b>
Borrowings, current	3.2	9.7	9.5
Borrowings, non-current	27.1	18.2	27.8
<b>Net cash</b>	<b>24.0</b>	<b>21.0</b>	<b>28.3</b>
Equity	123.8	136.7	126.8
Total assets	274.9	277.4	292.2
Capital turnover (times)	1.0	1.1	1.0
Return on capital employed (%)	-14.8%	6.5%	-26.2%
Equity ratio (%)	45.0%	49.3%	43.4%
Return on equity (%)	-18.1%	5.0%	-32.8%

Net cash decreased by SEK -4.3 b. in the quarter, mainly as a result of payment of dividends and investments in property, plant and equipment. The net cash position was SEK 24.0 b.

Post-employment benefits were SEK 23.6 b., compared with SEK 23.8 b. on March 31, 2017.

The average maturity of long-term borrowings as of June 30, 2017, was 4.5 years, the same as 12 months earlier.

**Debt maturity profile, Parent Company**

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PARENT COMPANY

Income after financial items was SEK 2.3 (13.2) b. The decrease was mainly due to lower recognized dividends from subsidiaries.

At the end of the quarter, gross cash: cash, cash equivalents, short-term investments and interest-bearing securities non- current, amounted to SEK 41.1 b., compared with SEK 42.9 b. at the end of 2016.

In the quarter, a dividend of SEK 3.3 b. was paid out in the first week of April after decision by the Annual General Meeting on March 29.

In June, the Parent Company repaid bonds of EUR 500 million at maturity date. There has been an increase in intercompany lending of SEK 5.4 b. and intercompany borrowing of SEK 0.3 b. in the second quarter.

In accordance with the conditions of the long-term variable compensation program (LTV) for Ericsson employees, 3,193,142 shares from treasury stock were sold or distributed to employees during the second quarter. The holding of treasury stock on June 30, 2017, was 58,148,194 Class B shares.

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### **OTHER INFORMATION**

#### **Ericsson s Nomination Committee appointed**

On May 9, 2017, Ericsson announced that the Nomination Committee for the Annual General Meeting (AGM) 2018 had been appointed in accordance with the instruction for the Nomination Committee, resolved by the Annual General Meeting 2012. The Nomination Committee consists of: Petra Hedengran, Investor AB; Johan Held, Afa Försäkring, Leif Johansson, the Chairman of the Board of Directors, Bengt Kjell, AB Industrivärden and Handelsbankens Pensionsstiftelse; and Anders Oscarsson, AMF Försäkring och Fonder. Petra Hedengran is the Chairman of the Nomination Committee.

#### **Ericsson announced change in Executive Team**

On May 11, 2017, Ericsson announced that Rima Qureshi had decided to leave Ericsson to pursue another opportunity in the industry. She would leave her role as Senior Vice President and Head of Market Area North America effective May 11, 2017. Niklas Heuveldop has been appointed acting Head of Market Area North America, effective May 11, 2017.

#### **Erik Ekudden named Group CTO for Ericsson**

On May 30, 2017, Ericsson announced that Erik Ekudden has been appointed as Group CTO and Head of Technology & Architecture, effective July 1, 2017. Ekudden will lead the company s technology strategy with a focus on driving the evolution of the network as the platform to secure the success of Ericsson s service provider customers.

#### **Increase in total number of shares and votes in Telefon-aktiebolaget LM Ericsson**

On May 31, 2017, Ericsson announced that the company s share capital amounts to SEK 16,670,758,678 and the total number of shares is 3,334,151,735; of which 261,755,983 are Class A shares and 3,072,395,752 are Class B shares. The total number of votes is 568,995,558.2, of which Class A shares represent 261,755,983 votes and Class B shares represent 307,239,575.2 votes.

The increase in the number of shares and votes is a result of the company s recent issue of 3,000,000 Class C shares, shares which have subsequently been repurchased by the company and converted into Class B shares, by virtue of a conversion clause in the articles of association. This is in accordance with the resolution by the Annual General Meeting 2017 to expand the treasury stock as part of the financing of Ericsson s Long-Term Variable Compensation Program (LTV) 2017. The company held 58,382,336 shares as treasury stock on May 31.

#### **Changes to Ericsson s Nomination Committee**

On June 1, 2017, Ericsson announced that Cevian Funds will be part of the Nomination Committee. The Nomination Committee now consists of: Petra Hedengran, Investor AB (Chairman); Bengt Kjell, AB Industrivärden and Handelsbankens Pensionsstiftelse; Christer Gardell, Cevian Funds; Anders Oscarsson, AMF Försäkring och Fonder; Johan Held, Afa Försäkring; and Leif Johansson, the Chairman of the Board of Directors.

#### **Patent infringement lawsuit**

In 2012 and 2013, Intellectual Ventures ( IV ) filed patent infringement lawsuits in the United States District Court for the District of Delaware accusing a number of Ericsson 's U.S. customers of infringing 16 U.S. patents, seeking an injunction and monetary damages. The first of these cases is set to go to trial in January 2018. IV subsequently filed another wave of lawsuits in the District of Delaware accusing a number of Ericsson 's U.S. customers of infringing 12 U.S. patents, seeking monetary damages. The first of these cases, scheduled to go to trial in July 2017, has been cancelled.

### **Ericsson to divest its power modules business to Flex**

On June 21, 2017, Ericsson announced that it has signed an agreement with multinational technology and Sketch-to-Scale solutions provider, Flex, to divest Ericsson Power Modules (EPM). The divestment is in line with Ericsson 's focused business strategy, presented on March 28, to strengthen its core business and portfolio areas (networks, digital services and IoT). The Ericsson Power Modules business, excluding the brand, will on closing be transferred to Flex as part of the agreement. This includes Shanghai Ericsson Electronics Corporation Ltd, a manufacturing site in China, and business assets in Sweden. More than 300 employees and consultants are expected to transfer from Ericsson to Flex Power.

### **POST-CLOSING EVENTS**

#### **The Chairman Leif Johansson informed that he will not make himself available for reelection**

On July 5, 2017, Ericsson announced that the Chairman of the Board of Directors, Leif Johansson, has informed that he will not make himself available for reelection at the Annual General Meeting of shareholders in 2018. The Nomination Committee has initiated the search for a replacement.

#### **Changes to Ericsson 's Nomination Committee**

On July 14, 2017, Ericsson announced that Johan Forssell, Investor AB, will replace Petra Hedengran, Investor AB, as chairman of Ericsson's Nomination Committee.

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**RISK FACTORS**

Ericsson's operational and financial risk factors and uncertainties are described in our Annual Report 2016.

Risk factors and uncertainties in focus short term for the Parent Company and the Ericsson Group include, but are not limited to:

Potential negative effects on operators' willingness to invest in network development due to uncertainty in the financial markets and a weak economic business environment, or reduced consumer telecom spending, or increased pressure on us to provide financing, or delayed auctions of spectrums;

Uncertainty regarding the financial stability of suppliers, for example due to lack of financing;

Effects on gross margins and/or working capital of the business mix in the Networks segment between capacity sales and new coverage build-outs;

Effects on gross margins of the business mix in the Networks and IT & Cloud segments including new network build-outs and new managed services or digital transformation deals with initial transition costs;

Effects of the ongoing industry consolidation among our customers as well as between our largest competitors, e.g. with postponed investments and intensified price competition as a consequence;

New and ongoing partnerships which may not be successful and expose us to future costs;

Changes in foreign exchange rates, in particular USD;

Political unrest and uncertainty in certain markets;

Effects on production and sales from restrictions with respect to timely and adequate supply of materials, components and production capacity and other vital services on competitive terms;

No guarantees that strategy execution, specific restructuring or cost-savings initiatives, profitability restoring efforts and/or organizational changes will be sufficient, successful or executed in time to deliver any improvements in earnings;

Cybersecurity incidents, which may have a material negative impact.

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Ericsson stringently monitors the compliance with all relevant trade regulations and trade embargos applicable to dealings with customers operating in countries where there are trade restrictions or trade restrictions are discussed. Ericsson operates globally in accordance with Group policies and directives for business ethics and conduct and has a dedicated anti-corruption program. However, in some of the countries where the company operates, corruption risks can be high and compliance failure could have a material adverse impact on our business, financial condition and brand.

This report has not been reviewed by Telefonaktiebolaget LM Ericsson's auditors.

Date for next report: October 20, 2017

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BOARD ASSURANCE

The Board of Directors and the CEO certify that the financial report for the six months gives a fair view of the performance of the business, position and profit or loss of the Company and the Group, and describes the principal risks and uncertainties that the Company and the companies in the Group face.

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EDITOR S NOTE

Ericsson invites media, investors and analysts to conference calls on July 18, 2017; one starting at 09.00 (CET) and the other at 14.00 (CET).

Live audio webcasts of the conference calls as well as supporting slides will be available at:

[www.ericsson.com/press](http://www.ericsson.com/press) and

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Replay of the conference calls will be available approximately one hour after each call has ended and will remain available for seven days.

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**SAFE HARBOR STATEMENT**

All statements made or incorporated by reference in this release, other than statements or characterizations of historical facts, are forward-looking statements. These forward-looking statements are based on our current expectations, estimates and projections about our industry, management's beliefs and certain assumptions made by us. Forward-looking statements can often be identified by words such as anticipates, expects, intends, plans, predicts, believes, seeks, estimates, may, will, should, would, potential, continue, and variations or negatives and include, among others, statements regarding: (i) strategies, outlook and growth prospects; (ii) positioning to deliver future plans and to realize potential for future growth; (iii) liquidity and capital resources and expenditure, and our credit ratings; (iv) growth in demand for our products and services; (v) our joint venture activities; (vi) economic outlook and industry trends; (vii) developments of our markets; (viii) the impact of regulatory initiatives; (ix) research and development expenditures; (x) the strength of our competitors; (xi) future cost savings and profitability; (xii) plans to launch new products and services; (xiii) assessments of risks; (xiv) integration of acquired businesses; (xv) compliance with rules and regulations and (xvi) infringements of intellectual property rights of others.

In addition, any statements that refer to expectations, projections or other characterizations of future events or circumstances, including any underlying assumptions, are forward-looking statements. These forward-looking statements speak only as of the date hereof and are based upon the information available to us at this time. Such information is subject to change, and we will not necessarily inform you of such changes. These statements are not guarantees of future performance and are subject to risks, uncertainties and assumptions that are difficult to predict. Therefore, our actual results could differ materially and adversely from those expressed in any forward-looking statements as a result of various factors, such as those factors described under the risk factor section. Important factors that may cause such a difference for Ericsson include, but are not limited to: (i) material adverse changes in the markets in which we operate or in global economic conditions; (ii) increased product and price competition; (iii) reductions in capital expenditure by network operators; (iv) the cost of technological innovation and increased expenditure to improve quality of service; (v) significant changes in market share for our principal products and services; (vi) foreign exchange rate or interest rate fluctuations; and (vii) the failure to successfully implement our business and operational initiatives

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## CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT

SEK million	2017	Apr-Jun 2016	Change	2017	Jan-Jun 2016	Change
Net sales	49,939	54,108	-8%	96,308	106,317	-9%
Cost of sales	-36,006	-36,613	-2%	-75,937	-71,432	6%
<b>Gross income</b>	<b>13,933</b>	<b>17,495</b>	<b>-20%</b>	<b>20,371</b>	<b>34,885</b>	<b>-42%</b>
Gross margin (%)	27.9%	32.3%		21.2%	32.8%	
Research and development expenses	-8,365	-7,405	13%	-17,433	-14,890	17%
Selling and administrative expenses	-7,052	-7,109	-1%	-16,913	-13,829	22%
<b>Operating expenses</b>	<b>-15,417</b>	<b>-14,514</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>-34,346</b>	<b>-28,719</b>	<b>20%</b>
Other operating income and expenses	239	-230		380	43	
Shares in earnings of JV and associated companies	12	12		23	29	
<b>Operating income</b>	<b>-1,233</b>	<b>2,763</b>	<b>-145%</b>	<b>-13,572</b>	<b>6,238</b>	<b>-318%</b>
Financial income	-22	139		-104	50	
Financial expenses	83	-666		-267	-1,043	
<b>Income after financial items</b>	<b>-1,172</b>	<b>2,236</b>	<b>-152%</b>	<b>-13,943</b>	<b>5,245</b>	<b>-366%</b>
Taxes	176	-670		2,092	-1,573	
<b>Net income</b>	<b>-996</b>	<b>1,566</b>	<b>-164%</b>	<b>-11,851</b>	<b>3,672</b>	<b>-423%</b>
Net income attributable to:						
Stockholders of the Parent Company	-1,010	1,587		-11,907	3,553	
Non-controlling interests	14	-21		56	119	
Other information						
Average number of shares, basic (million)	3,275	3,261		3,273	3,259	
Earnings per share, basic (SEK) <sup>1)</sup>	-0.31	0.49		-3.64	1.09	
Earnings per share, diluted (SEK) <sup>1)</sup>	-0.30	0.48		-3.59	1.08	

<sup>1)</sup> Based on Net income attributable to stockholders of the Parent Company.

## STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

SEK million	Apr-Jun		Jan-Jun	
	2017	2016	2017	2016
<b>Net income</b>	<b>-996</b>	<b>1,566</b>	<b>-11,851</b>	<b>3,672</b>
<b>Other comprehensive income</b>				
<b>Items that will not be reclassified to profit or loss</b>				
Remeasurements of defined benefits pension plans incl. asset ceiling	574	-941	972	-4,443
Tax on items that will not be reclassified to profit or loss	-160	235	-329	1,188
<b>Items that may be reclassified to profit or loss</b>				
<b>Available-for-sale financial assets</b>				
Gains/losses arising during the period	41		73	
Reclassification adjustments on gains/losses included in profit or loss	2		5	
Revaluation of other investments in shares and participations				
Fair value remeasurement	0		2	-4
Changes in cumulative translation adjustments	-2,773	1,981	-2,794	848
Share of other comprehensive income on JV and associated companies	-9	10	1	-366
Tax on items that may be reclassified to profit or loss	-9		-18	
<b>Total other comprehensive income, net of tax</b>	<b>-2,334</b>	<b>1,285</b>	<b>-2,088</b>	<b>-2,777</b>
<b>Total comprehensive income</b>	<b>-3,330</b>	<b>2,851</b>	<b>-13,939</b>	<b>895</b>
<b>Total comprehensive income attributable to:</b>				
Stockholders of the Parent Company	-3,305	2,843	-13,979	750
Non-controlling interest	-25	8	40	145

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SEK million	Jun 30 2017	Mar 31 2017	Dec 31 2016
<b>ASSETS</b>			
<b>Non-current assets</b>			
Intangible assets			
Capitalized development expenses	6,085	6,460	8,076
Goodwill	41,364	43,042	43,387
Intellectual property rights, brands and other intangible assets	5,234	5,869	7,747
Property, plant and equipment	16,276	16,645	16,734
Financial assets			
Equity in JV and associated companies	791	792	775
Other investments in shares and participations	1,115	1,112	1,179
Customer finance, non-current	2,288	2,728	2,128
Interest-bearing securities, non-current	22,122	19,124	7,586
Other financial assets, non-current	4,409	4,466	4,442
Deferred tax assets	17,463	17,435	15,522
	<b>117,147</b>	<b>117,673</b>	<b>107,576</b>
<b>Current assets</b>			
Inventories	34,194	33,938	30,307
Trade receivables	62,493	65,687	68,117
Customer finance, current	2,156	2,882	2,625
Other current receivables	26,741	25,525	24,431
Interest-bearing securities, current	10,754	13,548	13,325
Cash and cash equivalents	21,446	32,954	36,966
	<b>157,784</b>	<b>174,534</b>	<b>175,771</b>
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>274,931</b>	<b>292,207</b>	<b>283,347</b>
<b>EQUITY AND LIABILITIES</b>			
<b>Equity</b>			
Stockholders' equity	123,045	126,105	139,817
Non-controlling interest in equity of subsidiaries	710	736	675
	<b>123,755</b>	<b>126,841</b>	<b>140,492</b>
<b>Non-current liabilities</b>			
Post-employment benefits	23,624	23,774	23,723
Provisions, non-current	4,794	4,867	946
Deferred tax liabilities	1,838	1,888	2,147

Borrowings, non-current	27,100	27,823	18,653
Other non-current liabilities	2,602	2,699	2,621
	<b>59,958</b>	<b>61,051</b>	<b>48,090</b>
<b>Current liabilities</b>			
Provisions, current	5,618	5,694	5,411
Borrowings, current	3,230	9,514	8,033
Trade payables	25,025	25,814	25,318
Other current liabilities	57,345	63,293	56,003
	<b>91,218</b>	<b>104,315</b>	<b>94,765</b>
<b>Total equity and liabilities</b>	<b>274,931</b>	<b>292,207</b>	<b>283,347</b>
<i>Of which interest-bearing liabilities</i>	30,330	37,337	26,686
Assets pledged as collateral	5,076	3,064	2,584
Contingent liabilities	1,679	1,729	1,186

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## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

SEK million	Apr-Jun		Jan-Jun		Jan-Dec
	2017	2016	2017	2016	2016
<b>Operating activities</b>					
Net income	-996	1,566	-11,851	3,672	1,895
Adjustments to reconcile net income to cash					
Taxes	-1,978	-3,410	-6,323	-4,618	-6,200
Earnings/dividends in JV and associated companies	-8	73	-15	57	58
Depreciation, amortization and impairment losses	2,197	2,104	7,628	4,201	9,119
Other	-48	988	479	1,640	3,135
<b>Net income reconciled to cash</b>	<b>-833</b>	<b>1,321</b>	<b>-10,082</b>	<b>4,952</b>	<b>8,007</b>
<b>Changes in operating net assets</b>					
Inventories	-1,146	-1,667	-4,731	-5,879	-613
Customer finance, current and non-current	1,140	-816	306	-1,067	-950
Trade receivables	450	-564	2,847	2,844	5,933
Trade payables	41	2,457	667	1,840	2,775
Provisions and post-employment benefits	324	218	4,969	204	3,106
Other operating assets and liabilities, net	25	-1,662	4,484	-5,979	-4,248
	<b>834</b>	<b>-2,034</b>	<b>8,542</b>	<b>-8,037</b>	<b>6,003</b>
<b>Cash flow from operating activities</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>-713</b>	<b>-1,540</b>	<b>-3,085</b>	<b>14,010</b>
<b>Investing activities</b>					
Investments in property, plant and equipment	-1,018	-1,572	-2,033	-3,046	-6,129
Sales of property, plant and equipment	37	50	106	94	482
Acquisitions/divestments of subsidiaries and other operations, net	9	-480	12	-588	-622
Product development	-315	-1,099	-1,180	-2,307	-4,483
Other investing activities	-42	-890	68	-155	-3,004
Interest-bearing securities	-676	5,355	-12,562	6,368	5,473
<b>Cash flow from investing activities</b>	<b>-2,005</b>	<b>1,364</b>	<b>-15,589</b>	<b>366</b>	<b>-8,283</b>
<b>Cash flow before financing activities</b>	<b>-2,004</b>	<b>651</b>	<b>-17,129</b>	<b>-2,719</b>	<b>5,727</b>
<b>Financing activities</b>					
Dividends paid	-3,274	-12,067	-3,278	-12,100	-12,263
Other financing activities	-5,636	2,761	5,266	2,855	521
<b>Cash flow from financing activities</b>	<b>-8,910</b>	<b>-9,306</b>	<b>1,988</b>	<b>-9,245</b>	<b>-11,742</b>
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash	-594	1,652	-379	671	2,757
<b>Net change in cash and cash equivalents</b>	<b>-11,508</b>	<b>-7,003</b>	<b>-15,520</b>	<b>-11,293</b>	<b>-3,258</b>

<b>Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period</b>	<b>32,954</b>	<b>35,934</b>	<b>36,966</b>	<b>40,224</b>	<b>40,224</b>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents, end of period</b>	<b>21,446</b>	<b>28,931</b>	<b>21,446</b>	<b>28,931</b>	<b>36,966</b>

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## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

SEK million	Jan-Jun		Jan-Dec
	2017	2016	2016
<b>Opening balance</b>	<b>140,492</b>	<b>147,366</b>	<b>147,366</b>
Total comprehensive income	-13,939	895	4,514
Sale/repurchase of own shares	34	-74	-216
Stock issue (net)	15	131	131
Stock purchase plan	431	472	957
Dividends paid	-3,278	-12,099	-12,263
Transactions with non-controlling interests			3
<b>Closing balance</b>	<b>123,755</b>	<b>136,691</b>	<b>140,492</b>

## CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT - ISOLATED QUARTERS

Isolated quarters, SEK million	2017			2016		
	Q2	Q1	Q4	Q3	Q2	Q1
Net sales	49,939	46,369	65,215	51,076	54,108	52,209
Cost of sales	-36,006	-39,931	-48,195	-36,616	-36,613	-34,819
<b>Gross income</b>	<b>13,933</b>	<b>6,438</b>	<b>17,020</b>	<b>14,460</b>	<b>17,495</b>	<b>17,390</b>
Gross margin (%)	27.9%	13.9%	26.1%	28.3%	32.3%	33.3%
Research and development expenses	-8,365	-9,068	-8,890	-7,855	-7,405	-7,485
Selling and administrative expenses	-7,052	-9,861	-8,799	-6,238	-7,109	-6,720
<b>Operating expenses</b>	<b>-15,417</b>	<b>-18,929</b>	<b>-17,689</b>	<b>-14,093</b>	<b>-14,514</b>	<b>-14,205</b>
Other operating income and expenses	239	141	364	-3	-230	273
Shares in earnings of JV and associated companies	12	11	25	-23	12	17
<b>Operating income</b>	<b>-1,233</b>	<b>-12,339</b>	<b>-280</b>	<b>341</b>	<b>2,763</b>	<b>3,475</b>
Financial income	-22	-82	61	-226	139	-89
Financial expenses	83	-350	-744	-371	-666	-377
<b>Income after financial items</b>	<b>-1,172</b>	<b>-12,771</b>	<b>-963</b>	<b>-256</b>	<b>2,236</b>	<b>3,009</b>
Taxes	176	1,916	-634	76	-670	-903
<b>Net income</b>	<b>-996</b>	<b>-10,855</b>	<b>-1,597</b>	<b>-180</b>	<b>1,566</b>	<b>2,106</b>
Net income attributable to:						
Stockholders of the Parent Company	-1,010	-10,897	-1,604	-233	1,587	1,966

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Non-controlling interests	14	42	7	53	-21	140
<b>Other information</b>						
Average number of shares, basic (million)	3,275	3,272	3,268	3,264	3,261	3,258
Earnings per share, basic (SEK) <sup>1)</sup>	-0.31	-3.33	-0.49	-0.07	0.49	0.60
Earnings per share, diluted (SEK) <sup>1)</sup>	-0.30	-3.29	-0.48	-0.07	0.48	0.60

<sup>1)</sup> Based on Net income attributable to stockholders of the Parent Company.

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## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS - ISOLATED QUARTERS

Isolated quarters, SEK million	2017			2016		
	Q2	Q1	Q4	Q3	Q2	Q1
<b>Operating activities</b>						
Net income	-996	-10,855	-1,597	-180	1,566	2,106
Adjustments to reconcile net income to cash						
Taxes	-1,978	-4,345	-300	-1,282	-3,410	-1,208
Earnings/dividends in JV and associated companies	-8	-7	-21	22	73	-16
Depreciation, amortization and impairment losses	2,197	5,431	2,610	2,308	2,104	2,097
Other	-48	527	865	630	988	652
<b>Net income reconciled to cash</b>	<b>-833</b>	<b>-9,249</b>	<b>1,557</b>	<b>1,498</b>	<b>1,321</b>	<b>3,631</b>
<b>Changes in operating net assets</b>						
Inventories	-1,146	-3,585	4,286	980	-1,667	-4,212
Customer finance, current and non-current	1,140	-834	-106	223	-816	-251
Trade receivables	450	2,397	3,713	-624	-564	3,408
Trade payables	41	626	3,306	-2,371	2,457	-617
Provisions and post-employment benefits	324	4,645	2,772	130	218	-14
Other operating assets and liabilities, net	25	4,459	3,884	-2,153	-1,662	-4,317
	<b>834</b>	<b>7,708</b>	<b>17,855</b>	<b>-3,815</b>	<b>-2,034</b>	<b>-6,003</b>
<b>Cash flow from operating activities</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>-1,541</b>	<b>19,412</b>	<b>-2,317</b>	<b>-713</b>	<b>-2,372</b>
<b>Investing activities</b>						
Investments in property, plant and equipment	-1,018	-1,015	-1,699	-1,384	-1,572	-1,474
Sales of property, plant and equipment	37	69	277	111	50	44
Acquisitions/divestments of subsidiaries and other operations, net	9	3	-50	16	-480	-108
Product development	-315	-865	-1,291	-885	-1,099	-1,208
Other investing activities	-42	110	-2,341	-508	-890	735
Interest-bearing securities	-676	-11,886	-1,505	610	5,355	1,013
<b>Cash flow from investing activities</b>	<b>-2,005</b>	<b>-13,584</b>	<b>-6,609</b>	<b>-2,040</b>	<b>1,364</b>	<b>-998</b>
<b>Cash flow before financing activities</b>	<b>-2,004</b>	<b>-15,125</b>	<b>12,803</b>	<b>-4,357</b>	<b>651</b>	<b>-3,370</b>
<b>Financing activities</b>						
Dividends paid	-3,274	-4		-163	-12,067	-33
Other financing activities	-5,636	10,902	-1,039	-1,295	2,761	94
<b>Cash flow from financing activities</b>	<b>-8,910</b>	<b>10,898</b>	<b>-1,039</b>	<b>-1,458</b>	<b>-9,306</b>	<b>61</b>
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash	-594	215	801	1,285	1,652	-981
<b>Net change in cash and cash equivalents</b>	<b>-11,508</b>	<b>-4,012</b>	<b>12,565</b>	<b>-4,530</b>	<b>-7,003</b>	<b>-4,290</b>

<b>Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period</b>	<b>32,954</b>	<b>36,966</b>	<b>24,401</b>	<b>28,931</b>	<b>35,934</b>	<b>40,224</b>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents, end of period</b>	<b>21,446</b>	<b>32,954</b>	<b>36,966</b>	<b>24,401</b>	<b>28,931</b>	<b>35,934</b>

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## PARENT COMPANY INCOME STATEMENT

SEK million	Apr-Jun		Jan-Jun		Jan-Dec
	2017	2016	2017	2016	2016
Net sales					
Cost of sales					
<b>Gross income</b>					
Operating expenses	-355	-267	-644	-490	-1,185
Other operating income and expenses	618	616	1,190	1,190	2,698
<b>Operating income</b>	<b>263</b>	<b>349</b>	<b>546</b>	<b>700</b>	<b>1,513</b>
Financial net	2,040	12,496	1,709	12,507	14,039
<b>Income after financial items</b>	<b>2,303</b>	<b>12,845</b>	<b>2,255</b>	<b>13,207</b>	<b>15,552</b>
Transfers to ( ) / from untaxed reserves	-120		-120		-1,100
Taxes	22	-89	12	-134	-206
<b>Net income</b>	<b>2,205</b>	<b>12,756</b>	<b>2,147</b>	<b>13,073</b>	<b>14,246</b>

## PARENT COMPANY STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

SEK million	Apr-Jun		Jan-Jun		Jan-Dec
	2017	2016	2017	2016	2016
<b>Net income</b>	<b>2,205</b>	<b>12,756</b>	<b>2,147</b>	<b>13,073</b>	<b>14,246</b>
Available-for-sale financial assets					
Gains/losses arising during the period	41		73		-7
Reclassification adjustments on gains/losses included in profit or loss	2		5		
Revaluation of other investments in shares and participations					
Fair value remeasurement				-5	-5
Tax on items that may be reclassified to profit or loss	-9		-17		
<b>Total other comprehensive income, net of tax</b>	<b>34</b>		<b>61</b>	<b>-5</b>	<b>-12</b>
<b>Total comprehensive income</b>	<b>2,239</b>	<b>12,756</b>	<b>2,208</b>	<b>13,068</b>	<b>14,234</b>

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## PARENT COMPANY BALANCE SHEET

SEK million	Jun 30 2017	Dec 31 2016
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>Fixed assets</b>		
Intangible assets	434	547
Tangible assets	435	396
Financial assets*	125,614	111,981
	<b>126,483</b>	<b>112,924</b>
<b>Current assets</b>		
Inventories	1	3
Receivables	33,685	38,476
Short-term investments	10,414	12,991
Cash and cash equivalents	8,598	22,311
	<b>52,698</b>	<b>73,781</b>
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>179,181</b>	<b>186,705</b>
<b>STOCKHOLDERS EQUITY, PROVISIONS AND LIABILITIES</b>		
<b>Equity</b>		
Restricted equity	48,164	48,148
Non-restricted equity	43,712	44,753
	<b>91,876</b>	<b>92,901</b>
<b>Provisions</b>	656	885
<b>Non-current liabilities</b>	58,857	50,428
<b>Current liabilities</b>	27,792	42,491
<b>Total stockholders equity, provisions and liabilities</b>	<b>179,181</b>	<b>186,705</b>
<i>* Of which interest-bearing securities, non-current</i>	22,122	7,586

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**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

ACCOUNTING POLICIES

**THE GROUP**

This interim report is prepared in accordance with IAS 34. The term "IFRS" used in this document refers to the application of IAS and IFRS as well as interpretations of these standards as issued by IASB's Standards Interpretation Committee (SIC) and IFRS Interpretations Committee (IFRIC). The accounting policies adopted are consistent with those of the annual report for the year ended December 31, 2016, and should be read in conjunction with that annual report.

There is no significant difference between IFRS effective as per June 30, 2017 and IFRS as endorsed by the EU.

None of the new or amended standards and interpretations that became effective January 1, 2017, have had a significant impact on the financial result or position of the Company.

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## NET SALES BY SEGMENT BY QUARTER\*

Isolated quarters, SEK million	2017			2016		
	Q2	Q1	Q4	Q3	Q2	Q1
Networks	36,839	34,860	47,791	37,020	40,245	39,935
<i>Of which products</i>	20,786	19,410	27,519	19,249	23,037	22,795
<i>Of which services</i>	16,053	15,450	20,272	17,771	17,208	17,140
IT & Cloud	10,888	9,545	14,884	11,716	11,500	9,830
<i>Of which products</i>	5,065	4,103	6,682	5,479	5,298	4,773
<i>Of which services</i>	5,823	5,442	8,202	6,237	6,202	5,057
Other	2,212	1,964	2,540	2,340	2,363	2,444
<b>Total</b>	<b>49,939</b>	<b>46,369</b>	<b>65,215</b>	<b>51,076</b>	<b>54,108</b>	<b>52,209</b>

Sequential change, percent	2017			2016		
	Q2	Q1	Q4	Q3	Q2	Q1
Networks	6%	-27%	29%	-8%	1%	
<i>Of which products</i>	7%	-29%	43%	-16%	1%	
<i>Of which services</i>	4%	-24%	14%	3%	0%	
IT & Cloud	14%	-36%	27%	2%	17%	
<i>Of which products</i>	23%	-39%	22%	3%	11%	
<i>Of which services</i>	7%	-34%	32%	1%	23%	
Other	13%	-23%	9%	-1%	-3%	
<b>Total</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>-29%</b>	<b>28%</b>	<b>-6%</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>-29%</b>

Year over year change, percent	2017		2016			
	Q2	Q1	Q4	Q3	Q2	Q1
Networks	-8%	-13%				
<i>Of which products</i>	-10%	-15%				
<i>Of which services</i>	-7%	-10%				
IT & Cloud	-5%	-3%				
<i>Of which products</i>	-4%	-14%				
<i>Of which services</i>	-6%	8%				
Other	-6%	-20%				
<b>Total</b>	<b>-8%</b>	<b>-11%</b>	<b>-11%</b>	<b>-14%</b>	<b>-11%</b>	<b>-2%</b>

Year to date, SEK million	2017			2016		
	Jan-Jun	Jan-Mar	Jan-Dec	Jan-Sep	Jan-Jun	Jan-Mar
Networks	71,699	34,860	164,991	117,200	80,180	39,935

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<i>Of which products</i>	40,196	19,410	92,600	65,081	45,832	22,795
<i>Of which services</i>	31,503	15,450	72,391	52,119	34,348	17,140
IT & Cloud	20,433	9,545	47,930	33,046	21,330	9,830
<i>Of which products</i>	9,168	4,103	22,232	15,550	10,071	4,773
<i>Of which services</i>	11,265	5,442	25,698	17,496	11,259	5,057
Other	4,176	1,964	9,687	7,147	4,807	2,444
<b>Total</b>	<b>96,308</b>	<b>46,369</b>	<b>222,608</b>	<b>157,393</b>	<b>106,317</b>	<b>52,209</b>

Year to date, year over year change, percent	2017			2016		
	Jan-Jun	Jan-Mar	Jan-Dec	Jan-Sep	Jan-Jun	Jan-Mar
Networks	-11%	-13%	-11%			
<i>Of which products</i>	-12%	-15%	-12%			
<i>Of which services</i>	-8%	-10%	-8%			
IT & Cloud	-4%	-3%	-7%			
<i>Of which products</i>	-9%	-14%	-16%			
<i>Of which services</i>	0%	8%	1%			
Other	-13%	-20%	-7%			
<b>Total</b>	<b>-9%</b>	<b>-11%</b>	<b>-10%</b>	<b>-9%</b>	<b>-7%</b>	<b>-2%</b>

\* Net sales by segment has been restated for each quarter of 2016 and for the full year 2015. Comparisons against isolated quarters in 2015 are not available by segment. As of Q2 2017, the former Media segment was renamed to Other .

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## SALES GROWTH ADJUSTED FOR COMPARABLE UNITS AND CURRENCY\*

Sequential change, percent	2017			2016		
	Q2	Q1	Q4	Q3	Q2	Q1
Networks	7%	-27%				
IT & Cloud	16%	-35%				
Other	13%	-23%				
<b>Total</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>-29%</b>	<b>23%</b>	<b>-9%</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>-28%</b>

Isolated quarter, year over year change, percent	2017			2016		
	Q2	Q1	Q4	Q3	Q2	Q1
Networks	-14%	-18%				
IT & Cloud	-10%	-7%				
Other	-11%	-22%				
<b>Total</b>	<b>-13%</b>	<b>-16%</b>	<b>-15%</b>	<b>-14%</b>	<b>-7%</b>	<b>-1%</b>

Year to date, year over year change, percent	2017			2016		
	Jan-Jun	Jan-Mar	Jan-Dec	Jan-Sep	Jan-Jun	Jan-Mar
Networks	-16%	-18%				
IT & Cloud	-8%	-7%				
Other	-17%	-22%				
<b>Total</b>	<b>-15%</b>	<b>-16%</b>	<b>-10%</b>	<b>-8%</b>	<b>-4%</b>	<b>-1%</b>

\* Sales growth adjusted for comparable units and currency has not been restated by segment for 2016.

## GROSS INCOME AND GROSS MARGIN BY SEGMENT BY QUARTER

Isolated quarters, SEK million	2017			2016		
	Q2	Q1	Q4	Q3	Q2	Q1
Networks	10,357	7,980	11,783	9,867	12,522	13,011
IT & Cloud	2,828	-2,100	4,676	3,833	4,061	3,281
Other	748	558	561	760	912	1,098
<b>Total</b>	<b>13,933</b>	<b>6,438</b>	<b>17,020</b>	<b>14,460</b>	<b>17,495</b>	<b>17,390</b>

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Isolated quarters, As percentage of net sales	2017			2016		
	Q2	Q1	Q4	Q3	Q2	Q1
Networks	28%	23%	25%	27%	31%	33%
IT & Cloud	26%	-22%	31%	33%	35%	33%
Other	34%	28%	22%	32%	39%	45%
<b>Total</b>	<b>28%</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>26%</b>	<b>28%</b>	<b>32%</b>	<b>33%</b>

Year to date, SEK million	2017			2016		
	Jan-Jun	Jan-Mar	Jan-Dec	Jan-Sep	Jan-Jun	Jan-Mar
Networks	18,337	7,980	47,183	35,400	25,533	13,011
IT & Cloud	728	-2,100	15,851	11,175	7,342	3,281
Other	1,306	558	3,331	2,770	2,010	1,098
<b>Total</b>	<b>20,371</b>	<b>6,438</b>	<b>66,365</b>	<b>49,345</b>	<b>34,885</b>	<b>17,390</b>

Year to date, As percentage of net sales	2017			2016		
	Jan-Jun	Jan-Mar	Jan-Dec	Jan-Sep	Jan-Jun	Jan-Mar
Networks	26%	23%	29%	30%	32%	33%
IT & Cloud	4%	-22%	33%	34%	34%	33%
Other	31%	28%	34%	39%	42%	45%

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