

Press release from Elanders AB (publ)**2018-10-19****January - September**

- Net sales increased by 16 percent to MSEK 7,852 (6,758), of which 10 percentage points were organic growth.
- EBITA increased to MSEK 353 (269), which corresponded to an EBITA margin of 4.5 (4.0) percent.
- The operating result increased to MSEK 305 (222).
- The result before tax increased to MSEK 234 (163).
- The result included one-off items of MSEK 0 (-28). One-off items last year consisted primarily of costs for redundancies.
- The net result increased to MSEK 150 (120) or SEK 4.17 (3.41) per share. The net result includes a one-off deferred tax cost of around MSEK 11, when deferred tax assets were revaluated using the new corporate tax rate in Sweden.
- Operating cash flow increased to MSEK 144 (-119).

Third quarter

- Net sales increased to MSEK 2,817 (2,355), which was an increase of 20 percent, of which 9 percentage points were organic growth.
- EBITA increased to MSEK 154 (55), which corresponded to an EBITA margin of 5.5 (2.3) percent.
- The operating result increased to MSEK 138 (40).
- The result before tax increased to MSEK 114 (20).
- The result included one-off items of MSEK 0 (-28). One-off items last year consisted primarily of costs for redundancies.
- The net result increased to MSEK 75 (14) or SEK 2.07 (0.39) per share.
- Operating cash flow increased to MSEK 52 (-6).

COMMENTS FROM THE CEO

The positive trend we discerned at the end of the second quarter continued into the third, which led to Elanders delivering, in terms of results, our best quarter ever. Strong organic growth continues, amounting to nine percent in the quarter. Business area Supply Chain Solutions is behind most of the increase in sales. Growth is generated through both new and existing customers. The combined print and supply chain business in the US with subscription boxes also continued to show strong growth.

Business area Supply Chain Solutions presented a result which was twice the size of that in the third quarter last year. This is a tangible sign that our customer projects, which we previously had problems with, are now in balance. Organic growth amounted to nine percent and was generated in both Europe and Asia. During the quarter we initiated a new customer project with around MSEK 100 in annual net sales and the implementation process went well and even better than planned. In the fourth quarter we will start up yet another customer project with annual net sales of around MSEK 65. This project entails an omnichannel solution for profile articles for a well-known European soccer club with an

almost totally automated warehouse. All in all this is an investment of close to MSEK 50 and most of it has already been made in the second and third quarters. An omnichannel solution refers to a process that handles the entire product flow, both online sales and purchases made in a physical store. The project is proceeding right according to plan.

The market for business area Print & Packaging Solutions continues to be troubled by price pressure due to overcapacity which led to a reduction in the business area's organic growth by three percent in the quarter, not counting the subscription box business in the US. This business continues to show strong growth and we expect sales to double in 2018 compared to 2017 when it generated USD 18 million in net sales. Despite the price pressure the business area presented a better result for the quarter than last year, even if the one-off items from previous year are excluded. The shutdown of our last offset operations in Sweden, where 70 employees were made redundant, has been completed. In connection to the restructuring of the Swedish business, investments are made within supply chain management and, for instance, a logistics unit in Borås has started up.

The positive trend continued in e-Commerce Solutions with a significantly better result for the third quarter and sales in line with last year. The business area is now gearing up for the fourth quarter which is normally its strongest quarter.

Our focus going forward is still on developing our business by selling a larger portion of service where we take a higher degree of responsibility for our customers' value chain. We also need to be more selective in what we offer so that we can successively raise the margins, improve cash flow and reduce the amount of capital tied up.

Magnus Nilsson
President and Chief Executive Officer

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

MSEK	January - September			Third quarter		
	2018	2017	2016	2018	2017	2016
Net sales	7,852	6,758	3,956	2,817	2,355	1,878
Operating expenses	-7,547	-6,536	-3,735	-2,679	-2,315	-1,779
Operating result	305	222	221	138	40	100
Net financial items	-71	-59	-24	-24	-20	-14
Result before tax	234	163	197	114	20	86

GROUP

Our business

Elanders is a global supplier of integrated solutions in supply chain management, print & packaging and e-commerce. The Group has over 7,000 employees and operates in some 20 countries on four continents. Our most important markets are China, Germany, Singapore, Sweden, the United Kingdom and the USA. Our major customers are active in the branches Automotive, Electronics, Fashion & Lifestyle, Industrial and Health Care & Life Science. The business is conducted mainly through three business areas, Supply Chain Solutions, Print & Packaging Solutions and e-Commerce Solutions, which are all more or less independent businesses, but together they form a whole that few companies can compete with.

Net sales and result

January – September

Net sales increased by MSEK 1,094 to MSEK 7,852 (6,758) compared to the same period last year. Cleared of exchange rate fluctuations and effects of acquisitions, net sales grew organically by ten percent, mainly in Supply Chain Solutions. EBITA, i.e. the operating result adjusted for amortization on assets identified in conjunction with acquisitions, increased to MSEK 353 (269), which corresponded to an EBITA margin of 4.5 (4.0)%. The outcome of last year included one-off items of around MSEK 28 that primarily stemmed from redundancy costs. When results in foreign subsidiaries were converted into Swedish krona changes in exchange rates affected the operating result positively by around MSEK 10.

The improved result is mainly a consequence of getting previously problematic customer projects in Supply Chain Solutions under control. These customer projects had a negative affect on the result in the third and fourth quarters of 2017 as well as the first quarter of 2018. We have been able to negotiate increased prices with the customers and a number of streamlining measures have been put into motion.

In June 2018 the Swedish government adopted the new tax proposal on corporate income tax. The new rules will be effective on 1 January 2019 and entail a gradual lowering of corporate income tax from 22.0 to 20.6%. As a consequence the Group's deferred taxes in Sweden were revaluated using the new corporate tax rate which led to a higher deferred tax costs and a negative effect on the net result in the second quarter of MSEK 11.

Third quarter

During the quarter net sales increased by MSEK 462 to MSEK 2,817 (2,355) compared to the same period last year. Cleared of exchange rate fluctuations and effects of acquisitions, net sales grew organically by nine percent, mainly in Supply Chain Solutions. EBITA, i.e. the operating result adjusted for amortization on assets identified in conjunction with acquisitions, increased to MSEK 154 (55), which corresponded to an EBITA margin of 5.5 (2.3)%. The outcome of last year included one-off items of around MSEK 28 that primarily stemmed from redundancy costs. When results in foreign subsidiaries were converted into Swedish krona changes in exchange rates affected the operating result positively by around MSEK 10.

Supply Chain Solutions

Elanders is one of the leading companies in the world in Global Supply Chain Management. Our services include taking responsibility for and optimizing customers' material and information flows, everything from sourcing and procurement combined with warehousing to after sales service.

Supply Chain Solutions	January-September		Third quarter		Last	Full year
	2018	2017	2018	2017	12 months	2017
Net sales, MSEK	5,950	5,108	2,189	1,818	7,849	7,007
EBITA, MSEK	286	247	137	71	342	302
EBITA-margin, %	4.8	4.8	6.2	3.9	4.4	4.3
Operating result, MSEK	246	211	123	59	288	253
Operating margin, %	4.1	4.1	5.6	3.3	3.7	3.6
Average number of employees	5,608	4,952	5,740	5,050	5,547	5,055

The positive trend from the second quarter continued in business area Supply Chain Solutions with a tangibly improved result and organic net sales growth of nine percent for the quarter. There was growth in both Asia and Europe. The comparable figures for last year in the business area included one-off items of MSEK 5 attributable to redundancies.

A couple of the new customer projects mentioned above had, at the end of last year and the beginning of this one, considerably higher initial costs than expected. A large part of these expenses were for extra resources in the form of extra personnel, consultants and transportation that were necessary to

start the projects. As previously communicated these projects were expected to generate a considerably better result during the third and fourth quarters of this year than the previous year, which was proven true in the figures for this quarter. Two new customer projects are in the works in the second half of the year, one in the third quarter and one in the fourth. Implementation of the first one went better than planned and the second is progressing according to plan.

Print & Packaging Solutions

Through its innovative force and global presence the business area Print & Packaging offers cost-effective solutions that can handle customers' local and global needs for printed material and packaging, often in combination with advanced order platforms on the Internet or just-in-time deliveries.

Print & Packaging Solutions	January-September		Third quarter		Last	Full year
	2018	2017	2018	2017	12 months	2017
Net sales, MSEK	1,847	1,592	609	520	2,475	2,220
EBITA, MSEK	89	67	24	4	125	103
EBITA-margin, %	4.8	4.2	4.0	0.7	5.1	4.6
Operating result, MSEK	84	59	23	1	117	92
Operating margin, %	4.5	3.7	3.7	0.2	4.7	4.2
Average number of employees	1,479	1,525	1,470	1,533	1,490	1,525

The market for Print & Packaging Solutions continues to be characterized by price pressure and overcapacity. Lower net sales in Europe and Asia are compensated by organic growth in the US where there has been a noticeable improvement in the result over last year. This improvement can be found in both the existing print business and the part of the operations that has been transformed into a combined print and supply chain management unit. The section of the combined operations that produces supply chain services is still included in Print & Packaging Solutions and is the underlying factor behind the increase in net sales in the business area as a whole. Over the past two years this supply chain service has skyrocketed from nearly zero in net sales to USD 18 million in 2017, and this figure will most likely more than double in 2018. During the period January-September 2018 this section generated net sales of close to USD 32 million.

The shutdown of offset operations in Sweden is now completed and is expected to have some positive effects on the Swedish operations' result in 2019. At the same time the Swedish business is investing in supply chain management and has, for instance, started up a logistics unit in Borås and is holding discussions with several potential customers. The comparable figures for last year in the business area included one-off items of some MSEK 16 primarily attributable to redundancies in Sweden.

On 15 October 2018 Elanders signed a contract with the Edelman Group, a global German packaging company with operations in, for instance, China, Germany, India and the US, to transfer its Beijing, China operations in Print & Packaging Solutions. This unit has nearly 170 employees and annual net sales of around MSEK 80. The deal is expected to be concluded during the fourth quarter.

e-Commerce Solutions

fotokasten, myphotobook and d|o|m are the Group's brands in e-Commerce. Through the technical solutions for e-commerce provided by d|o|m, fotokasten and myphotobook offer a broad range of photo products primarily to consumers.

e-Commerce Solutions	January-September		Third quarter		Last	Full year
	2018	2017	2018	2017	12 months	2017
Net sales, MSEK	112	108	39	36	212	208
EBITA, MSEK	-9	-20	-4	-10	10	-1
EBITA-margin, %	-7.9	-18.2	-10.8	-28.3	4.6	-0.6
Operating result, MSEK	-12	-23	-5	-11	6	-5
Operating margin, %	-10.2	-21.0	-13.1	-30.7	3.0	-2.5
Average number of employees	60	67	51	68	62	67

The business area is showing tangible result improvements compared to last year but has substantial seasonal sales variations and the fourth quarter is normally by far the strongest. A strategic review of the business is in progress at the same time several measures regarding costs and marketing have been implemented. The comparable figures for last year included one-off items of MSEK 5 attributable to a change in management.

Important events during the period

Redundancies in Sweden

In April 2018 employees in Swedish Print & Packaging Solutions were given notice as a result of the decision to close down Elanders' last offset operations in Sweden. In total, some 70 employees were given notice of redundancy. The restructuring has not generated any significant extra costs. The shutdown is part of the streamlining and consolidation process in the Group necessary to adjust to decreasing total volumes, mainly in conventional printing.

Corporate income tax in Sweden

In June 2018 the Swedish government adopted the new tax proposal on corporate income tax. The new rules will be effective on 1 January 2019 and entail a gradual lowering of corporate income tax from 22.0 to 20.6%. As a consequence the Group's deferred taxes in Sweden were revaluated using the new corporate tax rate which led to higher deferred tax costs and a negative effect on the net result of MSEK 11.

Investments and depreciation

January - September

Net investments for the period amounted to MSEK 120 (158), of which acquisitions amounted to MSEK 0 (22). Depreciation and amortization amounted to MSEK 202 (190).

Third quarter

For the quarter net investments amounted to MSEK 41 (54), of which acquisitions amounted to MSEK 0 (22). The investments were mainly related to investments in a totally automated warehouse within business area Supply Chain Solutions. Depreciation and amortization amounted to MSEK 68 (64).

Financial position, cash flow and financing

The net debt as of 30 September 2018 was MSEK 2,890 compared to MSEK 2,665 at the beginning of the year. Of the total increase of MSEK 225, MSEK 124 was related to changes in currency rates, where the Swedish krona has weakened against the euro and the US dollar and a big part of the financing is in these currencies.

Operating cash flow for the period January-September amounted to MSEK 144 (-119), of which acquisitions amounted to MSEK 0 (-22). The comparison figure includes a one-off effect of MSEK -262 related to a repayment of a factoring debt which increased the accounts receivable. For the third quarter the operating cash flow amounted to MSEK 52 (-6), of which acquisitions amounted to MSEK 0 (-22).

Due to the fact that the existing credit agreement with the Group's main banks expires in the summer of 2019 this bank financing is recognized as short-term in the balance sheet although its nature is long-term.

Personnel

January - September

The average number of employees during the period was 7,158 (6,556), whereof 190 (245) in Sweden. At the end of the period the Group had 7,246 (6,708) employees, whereof 160 (242) in Sweden.

Third quarter

The average number of employees during the quarter was 7,271 (6,663), whereof 175 (244) in Sweden.

PARENT COMPANY

The parent company has provided intragroup services. The average number of employees during the period was 11 (11) and at the end of the period 11 (11).

OTHER INFORMATION

Elanders' offer

Elanders offers global integrated solutions in supply chain management, print & packaging and e-commerce. Elanders can take an overall responsibility for complex and global deliveries comprising procurement, warehousing, configuration, production and distribution. Our offer also includes order management, payment solutions and after sales services for our clients.

The services are provided by business-oriented employees. They use their expertise and our intelligent IT solutions to develop our customers' offers, which are often completely dependent on efficient product, component and service flows as well as traceability and information.

In addition to our offer to B2B markets the Group also sells photo products directly to consumers through the own brands fotokasten and myphotobook.

Goal and strategy

Elanders' overall goal is to be a leader in global solutions in supply chain management, print & packaging and e-commerce with a world class integrated offer. Our strategy is to work in niches in each business area where the company can attain a leading position in the market. We will achieve this goal by being best at meeting customers' demands for efficiency and delivery. Acquisitions play an important role in our company's development and provide competence, broader product and service offers and enlarge our customer base.

Risks and uncertainties

Elanders divides risks into circumstantial risk (the future of our products/services and business cycle sensitivity), financial risk (currency, interest, financing and credit risks) as well as business risk (customer concentration, operational risks, risks in operating expenses as well as contracts and disputes). These risks, together with a sensitivity analysis, are described in detail in the Annual Report 2017. Circumstances in the world around us since the Annual Report was published are not believed to have caused any significant risks or influenced the way in which the Group works with these compared to the description in the Annual Report 2017.

Seasonal variations

The Group's net sales, and thereby income, are affected by seasonal variations. Historically the fourth quarter has been the strongest for Elanders before the acquisition of LGI. Nowadays the seasonal variations are not as high as before.

Transaction with related parties

The following significant transactions with related parties have occurred during the period:

- One of the members of the Board, Erik Gabrielson, is a partner in the law firm Vinge, which provides the company with legal services.
- Related parties to Peter Sommer, a member of Group Management and Managing Director of Elanders GmbH, own shares in a property where Elanders GmbH runs most of its operations.

Remuneration is considered on par with the market for all of these transactions.

Events after the balance sheet date

On 15 October 2018 Elanders signed a contract with the Edelmann Group, a global German packaging company with operations in, for instance, China, Germany, India and the US, to transfer its Beijing, China operations in Print & Packaging Solutions. This unit has nearly 170 employees and annual net sales of around MSEK 80. The deal is expected to be concluded during the fourth quarter and have a positive effect on cash flow of about MSEK 20 and a minor negative effect on the operating result.

The Edelmann Group has operations in nine countries, around 3,000 employees and offers packaging solutions for the health care, beauty care and consumer brand sectors.

No other major events have taken place between the balance sheet date and the date this report was signed.

Forecast

No forecast is given for 2018.

Accounting principles

The quarterly report for the Group has been prepared in accordance with the Annual Accounts Act and IAS 34 Interim Financial Reporting and for the parent company in accordance with the Annual Accounts Act. The same accounting principles and calculation methods as those in the last Annual Report have been used, except for the standards with mandatory effective date 1 January 2018, where the significant differences for the Group are presented below.

IFRS 9 "Financial Instruments" had mandatory effective date 1 January 2018. The standard includes a model for classification, measurement and reporting of financial assets and liabilities. IFRS 9 introduces a new write-down model based on expected credit losses and considering forward information. The use of the new model has not had any significant effect on the Group and recalculation of comparative figures for 2017 has therefore not been considered necessary. Furthermore, the new rules in the standard regarding hedge accounting have not had any significant impact on the Group.

IFRS 15 "Revenue from Contracts with Customers" had mandatory effective date 1 January 2018. The standard has not entailed any material impact on the Group's net sales and cost of products and services sold. In accordance with IFRS 15 revenue is recognized when the customer receives control over the goods or services and has the possibility to use and receive the benefit from the goods or services. The Group's revenues from service contracts are normally recognized when final delivery is made, or when contractual partial deliveries are made. The increased disclosure requirements according to IFRS 15 have been considered and disclosures related to disaggregation of revenue are presented on pages 15-16. The transition to IFRS 15 has been based on the Modified retrospective approach.

International Accounting Standards Boards (IASB) has also issued new and revised standards that have not yet come into effect and the most significant one for Elanders is IFRS 16 "Leases". It has mandatory effective date 1 January 2019 and will affect primarily the accounting of the Group's operating lease agreements where there are large commitments in terms of rental contracts for premises and leasing of machinery and equipment. Both types of agreements often have an agreement period between 3-10 years. The assessment by the company's management is that the new standard will have a significant effect on the Group's total assets and liabilities, but there is currently no exact calculation. Based on the information provided by the subsidiaries a rough estimate indicates that the Group has to manage around 1,500 leasing agreements. A project has been initiated to implement and test the instrument to calculate the standard's effect on Group financial reports and the work is proceeding according to plan. The future commitments related to operating leases amounted to close to 1.4 billion Swedish kronor as of 31 December 2017, including rental contracts for premises.

Nomination committee for the Annual General Meeting 2019

The nomination committee for the Annual General Meeting on 29 April 2019 is as follows:

Carl Bennet, Chair	Carl Bennet AB
Hans Hedström	Carnegie Funds
Carl Gustafsson	Didner & Gerge Funds
Göran Espelund	Lannebo Funds
Sophie Nachemson-Ekwall	Representative from the smaller shareholders

Shareholders who would like to submit proposals to Elanders' 2019 Nomination Committee, can contact the Nomination Committee by e-mail at valberedning@elanders.com or by mail: Elanders AB, Att: Nomination Committee, Flöjelbergsgatan 1C, SE-431 35 Mölndal, Sweden.

Annual General Meeting 2019

Elanders AB's Annual General Meeting will be held on April 29, 2019, Gothia Towers, Mässans gata 24, Gothenburg, Sweden. Shareholders wishing to have a matter addressed at the Annual General Meeting on April 29, 2019, can submit their proposal to Elanders' Board Chairman by e-mail: arsstamma@elanders.com, or by mail: Elanders AB, Flöjelbergsgatan 1C, SE-431 35 Mölndal, Sweden. To ensure inclusion in the notice and thus in the Annual General Meeting's agenda, proposals must be received by the company not later than February 28, 2019.

Financial calendar

Q4 2018	29 January 2019
Annual Report 2018	27 March 2019
Q1 2019	29 April 2019
Annual General Meeting 2019	29 April 2019
Q2 2019	16 July 2019
Q3 2019	21 October 2019

Conference call

In connection to the issuing of the Quarterly report for the third quarter 2018 Elanders will hold a Press and Analysts conference call on 19 October 2018, at 15.00 CET, hosted by President and CEO Magnus Nilsson and CFO Andréas Wikner.

To join this event, please use the below Click to Join link 5-10 minutes prior to start time, where you will be asked to enter your phone number and registration details. Our Event Conferencing system will call you on the phone number you provide and place you into the event. Please note that the Click To Join link will be active 15 minutes prior to the event.

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Agenda

14.50 Conference number is opened
15.00 Review of the quarterly report
15.20 Q&A
16.00 End of the conference

During the telephone conference a presentation will be held. To access the presentation, please use this link:

<https://www.elanders.com/presentations>

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AUDITOR'S REPORT

Elanders AB (publ) corp. reg. no. 556008-1621

Introduction

We have reviewed the condensed interim financial information (interim report) of Elanders AB as of 30 September 2018 and the nine-month period then ended. The board of directors and the CEO are responsible for the preparation and presentation of the interim financial information in accordance with IAS 34 and the Swedish Annual Accounts Act. Our responsibility is to express a conclusion on this interim report based on our review.

Scope of Review

We conducted our review in accordance with the International Standard on Review Engagements ISRE 2410, Review of Interim Report Performed by the Independent Auditor of the Entity. A review consists of making inquiries, primarily of persons responsible for financial and accounting matters, and applying analytical and other review procedures. A review is substantially less in scope than an audit conducted in accordance with International Standards on Auditing, ISA, and other generally accepted auditing standards in Sweden. The procedures performed in a review do not enable us to obtain assurance that we would become aware of all significant matters that might be identified in an audit. Accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion.

Conclusion

Based on our review, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the interim report is not prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with IAS 34 and the Swedish Annual Accounts Act, regarding the Group, and with the Swedish Annual Accounts Act, regarding the Parent Company.

Gothenburg, 19 October 2018

PricewaterhouseCoopers AB

Magnus Willfors
Authorized Public Accountant
Auditor in Charge

Tomas Hilmarsson
Authorized Public Accountant

GROUP
Group - Income Statements

MSEK	January-September		Third quarter		Last	Full year
	2018	2017	2018	2017	12 months	2017
Net sales	7,852	6,758	2,817	2,355	10,436	9,342
Cost of products and services sold	-6,831	-5,768	-2,435	-2,061	-9,071	-8,008
Gross profit	1,021	991	382	294	1,365	1,334
Sales and administrative expenses	-762	-802	-259	-258	-1,027	-1,067
Other operating income	70	63	23	19	86	79
Other operating expenses	-24	-30	-8	-15	-32	-38
Operating result	305	222	138	40	392	308
Net financial items	-71	-59	-24	-20	-90	-78
Result after financial items	234	163	114	20	302	230
Income tax	-84	-43	-39	-6	-107	-65
Result for the period	150	120	75	14	195	165
Result for the period attributable to:						
- parent company shareholders	147	120	73	14	191	164
- non-controlling interests	3	-	2	-	4	1
<i>Earnings per share, SEK ^{1) 2)}</i>	<i>4.17</i>	<i>3.41</i>	<i>2.07</i>	<i>0.39</i>	<i>5.41</i>	<i>4.65</i>
<i>Average number of shares, in thousands</i>	<i>35,358</i>	<i>35,358</i>	<i>35,358</i>	<i>35,358</i>	<i>35,358</i>	<i>35,358</i>
<i>Outstanding shares at the end of the year, in thousands</i>	<i>35,358</i>	<i>35,358</i>	<i>35,358</i>	<i>35,358</i>	<i>35,358</i>	<i>35,358</i>

¹⁾ Earnings per share before and after dilution.

²⁾ Earnings per share calculated by dividing the result for the period attributable to parent company shareholders by the average number of outstanding shares during the period.

Group - Statements of Comprehensive Income

MSEK	January-September		Third quarter		Last	Full year
	2018	2017	2018	2017	12 months	2017
Result for the period	150	120	75	14	195	165
<i>Items that will not be reclassified to the income statement</i>						
Actuarial gains/losses on defined benefit pensions plans, after tax	-0	-1	-0	-0	0	-1
<i>Items that will be reclassified to the income statement</i>						
Translation differences, after tax	114	-117	-37	-46	158	-73
Cash flow hedges, after tax	-0	0	0	0	1	1
Hedging of net investment abroad, after tax	-29	42	3	15	-34	37
Other comprehensive income	85	-75	-34	-31	124	-36
Total comprehensive income for the period	235	45	41	-17	319	129
Total comprehensive income attributable to:						
- parent company shareholders	232	45	40	-17	315	128
- non-controlling interests	3	-	1	-	4	1

Group – Statements of Financial Position

MSEK	January-September		Third quarter		Last	Full year
	2018	2017	2018	2017	12 months	2017
Result after financial items	234	163	114	20	302	230
Adjustments for items not included in cash flow	156	169	92	97	245	258
Paid tax	-101	-119	-36	-21	-116	-134
Changes in working capital	-197	-353	-137	-88	-263	-418
Cash flow from operating activities	92	-140	33	8	168	-64
Net investments in intangible and tangible assets	-120	-136	-41	-32	-180	-196
Acquisition of operations	-	-22	-	-22	-45	-67
Payments received regarding long-term holdings	-	1	-	0	0	1
Cash flow from investing activities	-120	-158	-41	-54	-224	-262
Amortization of loans	-120	-79	-41	-26	-147	-106
New loans	-	262	-	-	64	326
Other changes in long- and short-term borrowing	34	148	-19	42	128	243
Dividend to shareholders	-93	-92	-	-	-93	-92
Cash flow from financing activities	-179	239	-60	16	-48	371
Cash flow for the period	-208	-58	-68	-30	-104	45
Liquid funds at the beginning of the period	679	651	596	601	561	651
Translation difference	37	-31	-19	-10	52	-17
Liquid funds at the end of the period	509	561	509	561	509	679
Net debt at the beginning of the period	2,665	2,224	2,915	2,580	2,597	2,224
Translation difference in net debt	124	-23	-21	-33	164	16
Net debt in acquired operations	-	1	-	1	-14	-13
Change in net debt	101	395	-4	49	143	438
Net debt at the end of the period	2,890	2,597	2,890	2,597	2,890	2,665
Operating cash flow	144	-119	52	-6	148	-115

Group – Statements of Financial Position

MSEK	30 Sep 2018	30 Sep 2017	31 Dec 2017
Assets			
Intangible assets	3,230	3,029	3,136
Tangible assets	815	800	828
Other fixed assets	253	233	247
Total fixed assets	4,298	4,061	4,211
Inventories	413	365	390
Accounts receivable	2,040	1,784	1,795
Other current assets	636	313	333
Cash and cash equivalents	509	561	679
Total current assets	3,598	3,024	3,198
Total assets	7,896	7,085	7,409
Equity and liabilities			
Equity	2,596	2,365	2,453
Liabilities			
Non-interest-bearing long-term liabilities	207	200	208
Interest-bearing long-term liabilities	186	2,477	2,504
Total long-term liabilities	393	2,677	2,712
Non-interest-bearing short-term liabilities	1,694	1,362	1,403
Interest-bearing short-term liabilities	3,213	681	840
Total short-term liabilities	4,907	2,043	2,243
Total equity and liabilities	7,896	7,085	7,409

Due to the fact that the existing credit agreement with the Group's main banks expires in the summer of 2019 this bank financing is recognized as short-term in the balance sheet although its nature is long-term.

Group – Statements of Changes in Equity

MSEK	Equity attributable to parent company shareholders	Equity attributable to non- controlling interests	Total equity
Opening balance on 1 Jan. 2017	2,411	-	2,411
Dividend to shareholders	-92	-	-92
Change in non-controlling interests	-	5	5
Total comprehensive income for the period	128	1	129
Closing balance on 31 Dec. 2017	2,447	6	2,453
Opening balance on 1 Jan. 2017	2,411	-	2,411
Dividend to shareholders	-92	-	-92
Total comprehensive income for the period	45	-	45
Closing balance on 30 Sep. 2017	2,365	-	2,365
Opening balance on 1 Jan. 2018	2,447	6	2,453
Dividend to shareholders	-92	-1	-93
Total comprehensive income for the period	232	3	235
Closing balance on 30 Sep. 2018	2,587	8	2,596

Segment reporting

The three business areas are reported as reportable segments, since this is how the Group is governed and the President has been identified as the highest executive decision-maker. The operations within each reportable segment have similar economic characteristics and resemble each other regarding the nature of their products and services, production processes and customer types. Sales between segments are made on market terms.

Net sales

MSEK	January-September		Third quarter		Last 12 months	Full year
	2018	2017	2018	2017		
Supply Chain Solutions	5,950	5,108	2,189	1,818	7,849	7,007
Print & Packaging Solutions	1,847	1,592	609	520	2,475	2,220
e-Commerce Solutions	112	108	39	36	212	208
Group functions	35	29	12	10	41	35
Eliminations	-92	-79	-32	-29	-141	-128
Group net sales	7,852	6,758	2,817	2,355	10,436	9,342

Operating result

MSEK	January-September		Third quarter		Last 12 months	Full year
	2018	2017	2018	2017		
Supply Chain Solutions	246	211	123	59	288	253
Print & Packaging Solutions	84	59	23	1	117	92
e-Commerce Solutions	-12	-23	-5	-11	6	-5
Group functions	-13	-25	-3	-9	-19	-32
Group operating result	305	222	138	40	392	308

For the comparison periods, the operating result in the third quarter last year has been charged with one-off items of MSEK 28 primarily referring to redundancy costs, of which MSEK 5 within Supply Chain Solutions, MSEK 16 within Print & Packaging Solutions, MSEK 5 within e-Commerce Solutions and MSEK 2 within Group functions.

Disaggregation of revenue

Revenue has been divided into geographic markets, main revenue streams and customer segments since these are the categories the Group uses to present and analyze revenue in other contexts. Income for each category is presented per reportable segment. The Group's customer contracts are easy to identify and products and services in a contract are largely connected and dependent on each other, and therefore part of an integrated offer.

Main revenue streams are presented based on the internal names used in the Group. Sourcing & Procurement services refer to the purchase and procurement of products for customers as well as handling the flows connected to these products. Freight and transportation services refer to revenue from freight and transportation with our own trucks as well as pure freight forwarding. Other supply chain services such as fulfilment, kitting, warehousing, assembly and after sales services are presented under Other contract logistics services. Other work/services refer to pure print services and other services that do not fit into any of the first three categories.

Disaggregation of revenue, January – September 2018

MSEK	Supply Chain Solutions	Print & Packaging Solutions	e-Commerce Solutions	Total
Total net sales	5,950	1,847	112	7,909
Less: net sales to group companies	-11	-46	-0	-57
Net sales	5,939	1,801	112	7,852

MSEK	Supply Chain Solutions	Print & Packaging Solutions	e-Commerce Solutions	Group
Geographic markets				
Europe	3,746	1,249	111	5,106
Asia	1,834	57	-	1,891
North and South America	273	465	0	738
Other	86	30	1	117
Net sales	5,939	1,801	112	7,852
Main revenue streams				
Sourcing and procurement services	1,744	-	-	1,744
Freight and transportation services	1,993	206	-	2,199
Other contract logistics services	1,970	252	-	2,221
Other work/services	232	1,343	112	1,687
Net sales	5,939	1,801	112	7,852
Customer segments				
Automotive	1,576	385	-	1,961
Electronics	2,450	28	-	2,478
Fashion & Lifestyle	934	295	-	1,229
Health Care & Life Science	149	145	-	294
Industrial	646	558	-	1,204
Other	184	390	112	686
Net sales	5,939	1,801	112	7,852

Disaggregation of revenue, third quarter 2018

MSEK	Supply Chain Solutions	Print & Packaging Solutions	e-Commerce Solutions	Total
Total net sales	2,189	609	39	2,837
Less: net sales to group companies	-4	-16	-0	-20
Net sales	2,185	593	39	2,817

MSEK	Supply Chain Solutions	Print & Packaging Solutions	e-Commerce Solutions	Group
Geographic markets				
Europe	1,333	403	39	1,775
Asia	715	18	-	733
North and South America	102	161	0	263
Other	35	11	0	46
Net sales	2,185	593	39	2,817
Main revenue streams				
Sourcing and procurement services	681	-	-	681
Freight and transportation services	701	74	-	775
Other contract logistics services	724	58	-	782
Other work/services	79	461	39	579
Net sales	2,185	593	39	2,817
Customer segments				
Automotive	545	126	-	671
Electronics	961	6	-	967
Fashion & Lifestyle	351	103	-	454
Health Care & Life Science	51	50	-	101
Industrial	222	171	-	393
Other	55	137	39	231
Net sales	2,185	593	39	2,817

Financial assets and liabilities measured at fair value

The financial instruments recognized at fair value in the Group's report on financial position are derivatives identified as hedging instruments. The derivatives consist of forward contracts and are used for hedging purposes. Valuation at fair value of forward contracts is based on published forward rates on an active market. All derivatives are therefore included in level 2 in the fair value hierarchy. Since all the financial instruments recognized at fair value are included in level 2 there have been no transfers between valuation levels.

Derivative instruments in hedge accounting relationships recognized at fair value is presented under other current assets and non-interest bearing short-term liabilities. These items gross are below MSEK 1 both per 30 September 2018 and the comparison periods.

The fair value of other financial assets and liabilities valued at their amortized purchase price is estimated to be equivalent to their book value.

PARENT COMPANY
Parent Company – Income Statements

MSEK	January-September		Third quarter		Last 12 months	Full year 2017
	2018	2017	2018	2017		
Net sales	35	28	12	11	42	35
Operating expenses	-51	-54	-14	-21	-64	-67
Operating result	-16	-26	-2	-10	-22	-32
Net financial items	29	153	20	36	125	249
Result after financial items	13	127	18	26	103	217
Income tax	-6	-17	-3	-6	-7	-18
Result for the period	7	111	15	20	96	199

Parent Company - Statements of Comprehensive Income

MSEK	January-September		Third quarter		Last 12 months	Full year 2017
	2018	2017	2018	2017		
Result for the period	7	111	15	20	96	199
Other comprehensive income	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total comprehensive income for the period	7	111	15	20	96	199

Parent Company - Balance Sheets

MSEK	30 Sep	30 Sep	31 Dec
	2018	2017	2017
Assets			
Fixed assets	4,520	4,302	4,461
Current assets	365	262	471
Total assets	4,885	4,564	4,932
Equity, provisions and liabilities			
Equity	1,662	1,659	1,747
Provisions	3	3	3
Long-term liabilities	66	2,155	2,184
Short-term liabilities	3,153	747	998
Total equity, provisions and liabilities	4,885	4,564	4,932

Due to the fact that the existing credit agreement with the Group's main banks expires in the summer of 2019 this bank financing is recognized as short-term in the balance sheet although its nature is long-term.

Parent Company - Statements of Changes in Equity

MSEK	Share capital	Statutory reserve	Unrestricted equity	Total equity
Opening balance on 1 Jan. 2017	354	332	953	1,640
Dividend	-	-	-92	-92
Total comprehensive income for the period	-	-	199	199
Closing balance on 31 Dec. 2017	354	332	1,061	1,747
Opening balance on 1 Jan. 2017	354	332	953	1,640
Dividend	-	-	-92	-92
Total comprehensive income for the period	-	-	111	111
Closing balance on 30 Sep. 2017	354	332	972	1,659
Opening balance on 1 Jan. 2018	354	332	1,061	1,747
Dividend	-	-	-92	-92
Total comprehensive income for the period	-	-	7	7
Closing balance on 30 Sep. 2018	354	332	976	1,662

QUARTERLY DATA

MSEK	2018 Q3	2018 Q2	2018 Q1	2017 Q4	2017 Q3	2017 Q2	2017 Q1	2016 Q4	2016 Q3
Net sales	2,817	2,613	2,422	2,584	2,355	2,264	2,139	2,330	1,878
EBITDA	206	168	134	151	104	155	152	187	152
EBITA	154	116	83	103	55	108	105	139	112
EBITA-margin, %	5.5	4.4	3.4	4.0	2.3	4.8	4.9	6.0	6.0
Operating result	138	100	68	86	40	93	90	123	100
Operating margin, %	4.9	3.8	2.8	3.3	1.7	4.1	4.2	5.3	5.3
Result after financial items	114	74	46	68	20	73	69	103	86
Result after tax	75	42	34	45	14	54	53	79	58
Earnings per share, SEK ^{1) 2)}	2.07	1.15	0.95	1.24	0.39	1.52	1.49	2.37	2.04
Operating cash flow	52	127	-34	5	-6	47	-161	69	-1,565
Cash flow per share, SEK ^{2) 3)}	0.94	2.85	-1.17	2.14	0.23	1.12	-5.31	2.83	6.30
Depreciation and write-downs	68	68	67	65	64	63	63	65	52
Net investments	41	41	38	104	54	73	31	79	1,787
Goodwill	2,440	2,466	2,429	2,337	2,261	2,269	2,264	2,272	2,274
Total assets	7,896	7,850	7,684	7,409	7,085	7,058	7,064	6,782	6,713
Equity	2,596	2,554	2,559	2,453	2,365	2,382	2,454	2,411	1,607
Equity per share, SEK ²⁾	73.16	72.02	72.17	69.21	66.88	67.38	69.39	71.87	56.93
Net debt	2,890	2,915	2,834	2,665	2,597	2,580	2,437	2,224	2,921
Capital employed	5,486	5,469	5,392	5,118	4,961	4,962	4,890	4,635	4,528
Return on total assets, % ⁴⁾	7.0	6.3	5.1	4.8	2.3	5.3	5.2	7.3	7.8
Return on equity, % ⁴⁾	11.4	6.4	5.4	7.3	2.3	8.9	8.7	15.8	14.8
Return on capital employed, % ⁴⁾	10.1	7.3	5.2	6.8	3.2	7.5	7.5	10.7	11.7
Debt/equity ratio	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.0	0.9	1.8
Equity ratio, %	32.9	32.5	33.3	33.1	33.4	33.8	34.7	35.6	23.9
Interest coverage ratio ⁵⁾	4.7	3.7	3.8	4.1	4.5	5.5	6.4	7.8	11.0
Number of employees at the end of the period	7,246	7,170	7,085	6,997	6,708	6,589	6,501	6,444	6,472

¹⁾ There is no dilution.

²⁾ Historic number of shares have been adjusted for the bonus issue element in the new share issue in 2016.

³⁾ Cash flow per share refers to cash flow from operating activities.

⁴⁾ Return ratios have been annualized (the result has been recalculated to correspond to the result for a 12 month period).

⁵⁾ Interest coverage ratio calculation is based on a moving 12 month period.

FIVE YEAR OVERVIEW – JANUARY - SEPTEMBER

	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Net sales, MSEK	7,852	6,758	3,956	3,113	2,631
EBITA, MSEK	353	269	245	197	118
Result after tax, MSEK	150	120	138	101	43
Earnings per share, SEK ^{1) 2)}	4.17	3.41	4.89	3.58	1.62
Cash flow from operating activities per share, SEK ²⁾	2.59	-3.95	8.35	1.18	0.10
Equity per share, SEK ²⁾	73.16	66.88	56.93	51.19	44.09
Return on equity, % ³⁾	11.6	6.7	12.0	9.7	5.0
Return on capital employed, % ³⁾	7.6	6.1	10.4	10.4	6.9
EBITA-margin, %	4.5	4.0	6.2	6.3	4.5
Operating margin, %	3.9	3.3	5.6	5.8	4.0
Average number of shares, in thousands ²⁾	35,358	35,358	28,224	28,224	26,359

FIVE YEAR OVERVIEW – THIRD QUARTER

	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Net sales, MSEK	2,817	2,355	1,878	1,041	870
EBITA, MSEK	154	55	112	69	32
Result after tax, MSEK	75	14	58	36	11
Earnings per share, SEK ^{1) 2)}	2.07	0.39	2.04	1.27	0.40
Cash flow from operating activities per share, SEK ²⁾	0.94	0.23	6.30	-1.87	-0.98
Equity per share, SEK ²⁾	73.16	66.88	56.93	51.19	44.09
Return on equity, % ³⁾	11.4	2.3	14.8	10.0	3.3
Return on capital employed, % ³⁾	10.1	3.2	11.7	10.9	4.9
EBITA-margin, %	5.5	2.3	6.0	6.7	3.6
Operating margin, %	4.9	1.7	5.3	6.2	3.1
Average number of shares, in thousands ²⁾	35,358	35,358	28,224	28,224	28,224

FIVE YEAR OVERVIEW – FULL YEAR

	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
Net sales, MSEK	9,342	6,285	4,236	3,730	2,096
EBITDA, MSEK	563	516	428	292	229
EBITA, MSEK	371	384	313	194	139
Result after financial items, MSEK	230	300	259	140	102
Result after tax, MSEK	165	217	175	88	70
Earnings per share, SEK ^{1) 2)}	4.65	7.35	6.18	3.27	2.81
Cash flow from operating activities per share, SEK ²⁾	-1.81	11.19	9.52	6.03	5.15
Equity per share, SEK ²⁾	69.21	68.19	52.72	47.75	42.93
Dividends per share, SEK ²⁾	2.60	2.60	2.07	1.03	0.73
EBITA-margin, %	4.0	6.1	7.4	5.2	6.6
Return on total assets, %	4.3	6.7	8.2	5.9	5.6
Return on equity, %	6.8	12.4	12.1	7.4	7.0
Return on capital employed, %	6.2	10.0	12.6	8.7	7.7
Net debt/EBITDA ratio	4.7	4.3	1.7	3.1	3.2
Debt/equity ratio	1.1	0.9	0.5	0.7	0.7
Equity ratio, %	33.1	35.6	42.0	37.8	42.2
Average number of shares, in thousands ²⁾	35,358	29,555	28,224	26,825	24,900

¹⁾ There is no dilution.

²⁾ Historic number of shares and historic key ratios have been adjusted for the bonus issue element in the new share issues in 2014 and 2016.

³⁾ Return ratios have been annualized (results are recalculated to correspond to a 12-month period).

RECONCILIATION ALTERNATIVE PERFORMANCE MEASURES – QUARTERLY DATA

MSEK	2018 Q3	2018 Q2	2018 Q1	2017 Q4	2017 Q3	2017 Q2	2017 Q1	2016 Q4	2016 Q3
Operating result	138	100	68	86	40	93	90	123	100
Depreciation, amortization and write-downs	68	68	67	65	64	63	63	65	52
EBITDA	206	168	134	151	104	155	152	187	152
Operating result	138	100	68	86	40	93	90	123	100
Amortization of assets identified in conjunction with acquisitions	16	16	16	17	15	16	15	16	12
EBITA	154	116	83	103	55	108	105	139	112
Cash flow from operating activities	33	101	-41	76	8	40	-188	95	178
Net financial items	24	26	22	19	20	20	22	20	14
Paid tax	36	42	23	14	21	61	37	34	30
Net investments	-41	-41	-38	-104	-54	-73	-31	-79	-1,787
Operating cash flow	52	127	-34	5	-6	47	-161	69	-1,565
Average total assets	7,873	7,767	7,547	7,247	7,072	7,061	6,923	6,748	5,112
Average cash and cash equivalents	-552	-574	-616	-620	-581	-657	-682	-639	-558
Average non-interest-bearing liabilities	-1,844	-1,763	-1,676	-1,587	-1,529	-1,478	-1,478	-1,527	-1,141
Average capital employed	5,477	5,430	5,255	5,040	4,962	4,926	4,763	4,581	3,412
Annualized operating result	552	399	271	344	159	371	359	490	398
Return on capital employed, %	10.1	7.3	5.2	6.8	3.2	7.5	7.5	10.7	11.7
Interest-bearing long-term liabilities	186	2,575	2,559	2,504	2,477	2,563	2,595	2,647	2,666
Interest-bearing short-term liabilities	3,213	935	826	840	681	618	555	228	883
Cash and cash equivalents	-509	-596	-552	-679	-561	-601	-713	-651	-628
Net debt	2,890	2,915	2,834	2,665	2,597	2,580	2,437	2,224	2,921

RECONCILIATION ALTERNATIVE PERFORMANCE MEASURES – JANUARY - SEPTEMBER

MSEK	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Operating result	305	222	222	181	104
Amortization of assets identified in conjunction with acquisitions	48	47	24	16	14
EBITA	353	269	245	197	118
Average total assets	7,710	6,997	4,327	3,558	2,900
Average cash and cash equivalents	-584	-632	-542	-414	-276
Average non-interest-bearing liabilities	-1,760	-1,504	-959	-825	-605
Average capital employed	5,366	4,862	2,826	2,319	2,019
Annualized operating result	407	296	295	241	139
Return on capital employed, %	7.6	6.1	10.4	10.4	6.9

RECONCILIATION ALTERNATIVE PERFORMANCE MEASURES –THIRD QUARTER

MSEK	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Operating result	138	40	100	64	27
Amortization of assets identified in conjunction with acquisitions	16	15	12	5	5
EBITA	154	55	112	69	32
Average total assets	7,873	7,072	5,112	3,526	3,307
Average cash and cash equivalents	-552	-581	-558	-389	-354
Average non-interest-bearing liabilities	-1,844	-1,529	-1,141	-794	-746
Average capital employed	5,477	4,962	3,412	2,344	2,206
Annualized operating result	552	159	398	256	108
Return on capital employed, %	10.1	3.2	11.7	10.9	4.9

RECONCILIATION ALTERNATIVE PERFORMANCE MEASURES – FULL YEAR

MSEK	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
Operating result	308	344	292	175	131
Depreciation, amortization and write-downs	255	172	136	117	98
EBITDA	563	516	428	292	229
Operating result	308	344	292	175	131
Amortization of assets identified in conjunction with acquisitions	63	40	21	19	8
EBITA	371	384	313	194	139
Average total assets	7,154	5,132	3,559	3,017	2,363
Average cash and cash equivalents	-639	-573	-418	-336	-192
Average non-interest-bearing liabilities	-1,532	-1,131	-816	-671	-461
Average capital employed	4,983	3,428	2,325	2,010	1,710
Annualized operating result	308	344	292	175	131
Return on capital employed, %	6.2	10.0	12.6	8.7	7.7

DEFINITIONS

Average number of employees	The number of employees at the end of each month divided by number of months.
Average number of shares	Weighted average number of shares outstanding during the period.
Capital employed	Total assets less liquid funds and non-interest bearing liabilities.
Debt/equity ratio	Net debt in relation to reported equity, including non-controlling interests.
Earnings per share	Result for the period attributable to parent company shareholders divided by the average number of shares.
EBIT	Earnings before interest and taxes; operating result.
EBITA	Earnings before interest, taxes and amortization; operating result plus amortization of assets identified in conjunction with acquisitions.
EBITDA	Earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization; operating result plus depreciation, amortization and write-downs of intangible assets and tangible fixed assets.
Equity ratio	Equity, including non-controlling interests, in relation to total assets.
Interest coverage ratio	Operating result plus interest income divided by interest costs.
Net debt	Interest bearing liabilities less liquid funds.
Operating cash flow	Cash flow from operating activities and investing activities, adjusted for paid taxes and financial items.
Operating margin	Operating result in relation to net sales.
Return on capital employed (ROCE)	Operating result in relation to average capital employed.
Return on equity	Result for the year in relation to average equity.
Return on total assets	Operating result plus financial income in relation to average total assets.