

## INTERIM REPORT JANUARY - MARCH 2009

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### Magnus Yngen, President and CEO:

"Market conditions were generally weaker than in the first quarter of 2008. Retailers were more cautious about building up inventories for the garden season.

Group sales declined by 9%, adjusted for changes in exchange rates and acquisitions, and as compared to a strong quarter in 2008. Apart from lower sales and production volumes, operating income was negatively affected by a less favorable product mix, particularly for Consumer Products outside North America and for Construction. Material costs were higher than in 2008, mainly for Consumer Products in North America.

On the positive side, pricing remained stable in both Europe and North America. Sales for Consumer Products in North America increased for the second consecutive quarter and we strengthened our market position. Operating cash flow improved substantially, mainly on the basis of measures taken to reduce working capital. The Group's financial position was also strengthened by the rights issue."

- Net sales rose by 11% to SEK 11,152m (10,043). Adjusted for acquisitions and changes in exchange rates, net sales declined by 9%.
- Operating income decreased by 35% to SEK 786m (1,202), corresponding to a margin of 7,0% (12.0). Income for the period was SEK 464m (753), corresponding to SEK 0.98 (1.65) per share.
- The decline in operating income refers mainly to Consumer Products outside North America and Construction products within Professional Products.
- Operating cash flow improved to SEK 714m (-3,169), mainly as a result of lower working capital including the sale of trade receivables.
- The Group's rights issue was fully subscribed and increased Group equity by approximately SEK 3 billion.

SEKm	Q1 2009	Q1 2008	Change, %		Full year 2008
			As reported	Adjusted <sup>1</sup>	
Net sales	11,152	10,043	11	-9	32,342
EBITDA	1,138	1,488	-24	-28	3,524
<i>EBITDA margin, %</i>	10.2	14.8	-	-	10.9
Operating income	786	1,202	-35	-36	2,361
<i>Operating margin, %</i>	7.0	12.0	-	-	7.3
Income after financial items	590	1,060	-44	-	1,767
<i>Margin, %</i>	5.3	10.6	-	-	5.5
Income for the period	464	753	-38	-	1,288
Earnings per share, SEK <sup>2</sup>	0.98	1.65	-41	-	2.81
Return on capital employed, %	8.4	17.4	-	-	10.7
Return on equity, %	11.2	29.6	-	-	15.8

<sup>1</sup> Excluding costs for personnel cutbacks, acquisitions and adjusted for changes in exchange rates.

<sup>2</sup> Earnings per share for 2008 have been restated as an effect of the rights issue.

## NET SALES AND INCOME FIRST QUARTER

### **Net sales**

Net sales rose by 11% to SEK 11,152m (10,043). The increase refers mainly to Consumer Products in North America and to exchange-rate effects resulting from the weaker SEK.

Adjusted for changes in exchange rates and acquisitions, net sales declined by 9%. Sales for Consumer Products in North America rose from the previous year, while sales decreased for all other product areas. The largest downturns were reported for Construction and Consumer Products outside North America.

### **Operating income**

Operating income declined by 35% to SEK 786m (1,202), and operating margin decreased to 7.0% (12.0).

Operating income includes a charge of SEK 35m for costs related to personnel cutbacks in addition to the previously implemented cost-cutting measures that were announced in the autumn of 2008 (see below). Apart from these costs the decline in operating income referred to lower sales volumes, a less favorable product mix and higher costs for materials and components. Lower production levels aimed at reducing inventories resulted in lower absorption of fixed costs, primarily in the beginning of the quarter.

In terms of operations, the decline in operating income refers mainly to Consumer Products outside North America and to Construction products within Professional Products.

Changes in exchange rates, including both translation and transaction effects net of hedging, had a total positive effect on operating income of approximately SEK 90m (15). As a substantial part of the products for the European market are produced in North America, the stronger USD resulted in negative transaction effects. Hedging contracts had a positive effect of SEK 74m (-67).

#### *Costs for personnel cut backs*

Announced personnel cutbacks now involve a total reduction of approximately 1,250 employees, as against the previously stated 960. The total cost is estimated at approximately SEK 350m, of which SEK 316m was charged against operating income in 2008. Annual savings are estimated at approximately SEK 440m, as against the previously stated SEK 350m, and are expected to take full effect as of the third quarter of 2009.

### **Financial net**

Net financial items amounted to SEK -196m (-142). The difference from the previous year is primarily a result of the weaker SEK, as the greater part of the funding is denominated in foreign currencies. At the end of the quarter, the average interest rate on borrowings was 3.9% (4.9).

### **Income after financial items**

Income after financial items amounted to SEK 590m (1,060) corresponding to a margin of 5.3% (10.6).

### **Taxes**

Total taxes amounted to SEK -126m (-307), corresponding to 21% (29) of income after financial items. The lower tax rate is an effect of previously announced changes in the Group's structure.

### **Earnings per share**

Income for the period was SEK 464m (753), corresponding to 0.98 SEK (1.65) per share after dilution.

## OUTLOOK FOR SECOND QUARTER 2009

Retail inventories of the Group's garden products at the end of the first quarter are estimated to have been substantially lower than in the previous year, as retailers were more cautious than last year about building up inventories for the season.

Since consumer demand is likely to remain low and retailers are expected to continue focusing on maintaining inventories at low levels, the Group expects shipments in the second quarter of 2009 to be somewhat lower than in the second quarter of 2008. It is also expected that consumer products for the mass-market channels will account for a greater share of total sales, while the share of professional products for the construction market will be lower. Weather conditions will be important in this quarter as it represents the peak of the garden season.

## OPERATING CASH FLOW

Operating cash flow improved to SEK 714m (-3,169). Due to the seasonality of the Group's sales and income, operating cash flow is normally negative in the first quarter. The improvement over the previous year is mainly a result of lower sales and production volumes as retailers have been cautious about building up inventories for the garden season, as well as the sale of trade receivables in the amount of approximately SEK 2,000m.

<b>Operating cash flow</b> SEKm	<b>Q1</b> <b>2009</b>	Q1 2008	Full year 2008
Cash flow from operations, excluding changes in operating assets and liabilities	1,095	1,266	2,703
Changes in operating assets and liabilities	-166	-4,182	441
<b>Cash flow from operations</b>	<b>929</b>	<b>-2,916</b>	<b>3,144</b>
Cash flow from investments, excluding acquisitions	-215	-253	-1,131
<b>Operating cash flow</b>	<b>714</b>	<b>-3,169</b>	<b>2,013</b>

## FINANCIAL POSITION

Group equity as of 31 March 2009, excluding minority interests, amounted to SEK 12,534m (7,862), corresponding to SEK 26.5 (17.3) per share. The rights issue, which was completed in March, increased Group equity by SEK 2,985m net of transaction costs.

The Group's net debt as of 31 March 2009 declined to SEK 10,312m (14,734), mainly as a result of the rights issue and the above-mentioned measures for reducing working capital. Net debt was adversely affected by the weakening of the SEK against all major currencies used for debt financing, i.e. EUR, USD and JPY. The increase in net debt due to changes in exchange rates was approximately SEK 0.5 bn in the quarter and SEK 3.7 bn since 31 March 2008.

The Group's net debt normally peaks at the end of the first quarter and the beginning of the second quarter, as a result of the seasonal build-up of working capital.

The net debt/equity ratio improved to 0.82 (1.86) and the equity/asset ratio to 33.5% (23.7).

<b>Net debt</b> SEKm	<b>31 March</b> <b>2009</b>	31 March 2008	31 December 2008
Interest-bearing liabilities	12,895	16,245	16,287
Liquid funds	2,583	1,511	2,735
<b>Net debt</b>	<b>10,312</b>	<b>14,734</b>	<b>13,552</b>

Husqvarna finances its operations on the basis of shareholders' equity, cash flow and various types of loans. Long-term loans amount to SEK 10,144m, and short-term loans total SEK 2,356m. The long-term funding consists of SEK 2,107m in medium-term notes as well as bank loans of SEK 8,037m. In 2009 and 2010, medium-term notes totaling SEK 1,500m will expire. The bank loans mature in 2011 and onward. In addition to the above funding, Husqvarna has a revolving credit facility totaling SEK 8,000m, of which SEK 1,000m has been utilized. The major part of this facility expires in 2013.

## PERFORMANCE BY BUSINESS AREA

### FIRST QUARTER

#### Consumer Products

SEKm	Q1 2009	Q1 2008	Change, %		Full year 2008
			As reported	Adjusted*	
Net sales	8,092	6,830	18	-5	19,849
Operating income	532	727	-27	-29	963
Operating margin, %	6.6	10.6	-	-	4.9

\* Excluding costs for personnel cutbacks, acquisitions and adjusted for changes in exchange rates.

Sales of garden equipment in the first quarter comprise mainly shipments to retailers prior to the coming season. Due to anticipated weak consumer demand, retailers were more cautious about building up inventory than in the previous year.

Sales for the Consumer Products business area increased substantially in SEK, but declined after adjustment for changes in exchange rates and for acquisitions. Sales in North America rose in local currency, mainly as a result of higher volumes of handheld products such as chainsaws, as well as new listings with retailers. Industry shipments showed a significant downturn during the quarter for most product categories except chainsaws.

Sales for the operation outside North America declined, for products sold both through the mass-market channels and servicing dealers. Sales in Eastern Europe and Russia showed a particularly sharp downturn.

Operating income and margin for this business area decreased in comparison to a strong first quarter in the previous year. Operating income for the North American operation increased in SEK, but margin declined due to higher costs for materials and components as well as a less favorable product mix. Income for the operation outside North America showed a considerable downturn as a result of lower volumes and a less favorable product mix.

#### Professional Products

SEKm	Q1 2009	Q1 2008	Change, %		Full year 2008
			As reported	Adjusted*	
Net sales	3,060	3,213	-5	-17	12,493
Operating income	293	522	-44	-44	1,587
Operating margin, %	9.6	16.2	-	-	12.7

\* Excluding costs for personnel cutbacks, acquisitions and adjusted for changes in exchange rates.

Sales for the Professional Products business area were lower than in the previous year. The decline refers to Construction and Lawn and Garden, while Forestry reported an increase. However, all product areas reported lower sales after adjustment for changes in exchange rates and for acquisitions. Sales of chainsaws rose in North America on the basis of higher demand, but decreased in other regions, particularly in Russia and Eastern Europe.

Operating income and margin for this business area decreased considerably both in SEK and after adjustment for changes in exchange rates and for acquisitions. The decline refers mainly to lower sales and production volumes for Construction, as well as to a less favorable product and country mix for both Forestry and Lawn and Garden. Operating income includes a charge of SEK 35m related to costs for personnel cutbacks in addition to the previously announced cost-cutting measures.

## RIGHTS ISSUE

In February the Board of Directors decided on a rights issue, which was approved by an Extraordinary Shareholders' Meeting on 9 March 2009. Shareholders had preferential rights to subscribe for one new A-share or B-share for every two A-shares or B-shares held. The subscription price was SEK 16 and the subscription period was 16-30 March.

The rights issue was fully subscribed. The total proceeds from the issue amounted to SEK 3,059m and to SEK 2,985m after transaction costs.

As a result of the rights issue, the number of A-shares in Husqvarna increased by 49,190,010 to 147,570,030, and the number of B-shares by 142,016,873 to 428,773,748 B-shares. The total number of shares after the issue amounts to 576,343,778. Trading in the new shares began on April 8.

## RISKS AND UNCERTAINTY FACTORS

A number of factors can affect Husqvarna's operations in terms of operational and financial risks. Operational risks are managed by the operative units, and financial risks by Group Treasury.

### Operational risks

Operational risks include general economic conditions and consumer spending, particularly in North America and Europe, where the majority of the Group's products are sold. An economic downturn in these markets may have an adverse effect on Group earnings.

Demand for the Group's products is also dependent on weather conditions. Dry weather can reduce demand for products such as lawn mowers and tractors, but can stimulate demand for irrigation products. Demand for chainsaws normally increases after storms and during cold winters.

Husqvarna's operations are also subject to seasonal variations. Demand for consumer garden products and commercial lawn and garden products normally peaks in the second quarter, while the peak season for chainsaws is normally the third quarter. Husqvarna has adapted its production processes and supply chain to respond to these conditions. However, parameters such as cash flow and production levels follow the seasonal variations in demand, which results in relatively greater risk exposure for the Group over short periods of time.

### Financial risks

Financial risks refer primarily to exchange rates, interest rates, financing, and credit risks. Risk management within the Husqvarna Group is regulated by a financial policy established by the Board of Directors. The higher indebtedness resulting from acquisitions as well as the seasonality of the Group's operations involve greater exposure to changes in exchange rates and interest rates, and also affect the possibility of accessing capital.

### Acquisitions

Husqvarna has completed a number of acquisitions during the past 12 months. Although the Group has historically demonstrated an ability to successfully integrate acquired businesses, such integration always involves certain risks. Net sales can be adversely affected and costs can be higher than anticipated.

For more information on risk factors, see the Annual Report 2008, page 34.

## PARENT COMPANY

Net sales in the first quarter for the Parent Company, Husqvarna AB, amounted to SEK 3,039m (3,364), of which SEK 2,482m (2,652) referred to sales to Group Companies and SEK 557m (712) to external customers. Income after financial items amounted to SEK -258m (609). Income for the period was SEK -188m (451).

Investments in tangible and intangible assets during the period amounted to SEK 52m (69). Cash and cash equivalents amounted to SEK 27m (63). Undistributed earnings in the Parent Company at the end of the period amounted to SEK 14,411m (8,193).

## DECISIONS BY THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of Husqvarna AB was held on 23 April 2009 in Jönköping.

### **Board of Directors, remuneration to the Directors and the Auditors**

Lars Westerberg, Peggy Bruzelius, Robert F. Connolly, Börje Ekholm, Tom Johnstone, Ulf Lundahl, Anders Moberg and Gun Nilsson were re-elected, and Magnus Yngen was elected to the Board. Bengt Andersson declined re-election. Lars Westerberg was elected Chairman of the Board.

The AGM approved of the proposed Board remuneration in accordance with the following: SEK 1,600,000 to the Chairman of the Board, SEK 460,000 to each of the Directors elected by the AGM and not employed by the company. The Chairman of the Audit Committee shall receive SEK 175,000 and the two members shall receive SEK 75,000 each. The Chairman of the Remuneration Committee shall receive SEK 100,000 and the two members SEK 50,000 each. The Auditor's fee shall be paid on the basis of approved invoice.

### **Dividend**

No dividend will be distributed for 2008.

### **Nomination Committee**

The AGM decided that the company shall have a Nomination Committee consisting of five members. The members should be one representative of each of the four largest shareholders in the company with regard to the number of votes held, together with the Chairman of the Board of Directors.

### **Principles for remuneration and resolution on long-term incentive program**

The AGM decided to approve the Board's proposal regarding remuneration principles for Husqvarna Group Management. Furthermore, the AGM resolved in accordance with the Board's proposal to adopt a performance-based long-term incentive program for 2009 (LTI 2009).

### **Re-purchase and transfer of own shares**

The AGM authorized the Board to pass a resolution on one or more occasions for the period up until the next AGM on purchasing so many B-shares that the Company's holding does not at any time exceed 3% of the total number of shares in the Company. The purchase of shares shall take place on the NASDAQ OMX Stockholm and may only occur at a price within the share price interval registered at that time.

Furthermore, it was resolved to authorize the Board of Directors to pass a resolution on one or more occasions for the period up until the next Annual General Meeting on transferring the Company's own B-shares on the NASDAQ OMX Stockholm. The transfer of shares on the NASDAQ OMX Stockholm may only occur at a price within the share price interval registered at that time.

The purpose of the authorizations is to hedge the Company's undertakings (including social costs) for the Company's incentive programs and to continuously adapt the number of shares held for these purposes. Further, acquired shares will be used to hedge costs (including social costs) arising in connection with the grant of synthetic shares as part of the remuneration to the Board.

The AGM resolved that not more than 3,781,200 B-shares may be transferred to employees in accordance with LTI 2009.

## ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLES

Husqvarna applies International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) as adopted by the European Union. This interim report has been prepared in accordance with IAS 34, Interim Financial Reporting, and RFR 1.2 from the Swedish Financial Reporting Board.

The financial statements of the Parent Company have been prepared in accordance with the Swedish Annual Accounts Act and the accounting standard RFR 2.2 "Accounting for Legal Entities".

IASB (International Accounting Standards Boards) has issued new and amended IFRS standards applicable as of 1 January 2009. IAS 1 Presentation of financial statements has been revised. For Husqvarna, IAS 1 results in that income and expense previously reported directly in equity should instead be reported in a separate statement, Comprehensive income statement, in connection to the Group's income statement. Only changes referring to transactions with shareholders can be reported in the equity statement. IFRS 8 Operating Segments replaces IAS 14 Segment reporting. The new standard applies to reporting of segments. This standard has not impacted Husqvarna's presentation of segments. Other new or revised IFRS and interpretations from IFRIC have not had any material effect on the financial position of the Group or the Parent Company.

For a complete description of the accounting principles applied by the Group and the Parent Company in this quarterly report see Husqvarna's Annual Report for 2008.

Stockholm, 8 May 2009

*Magnus Yngen*  
President and CEO

## AUDITORS' REPORT

This report has not been audited.

## Consolidated income statement

SEKm	Q1 2009	Q1 2008	Full year 2008
Net sales	11,152	10,043	32,342
Cost of goods sold	-8,485	-7,022	-22,965
<b>Gross operating income</b>	<b>2,667</b>	<b>3,021</b>	<b>9,377</b>
Selling expense	-1,509	-1,447	-5,496
Administrative expense	-374	-371	-1,474
Other operating income/expense	2	-1	-46
<b>Operating income<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>786</b>	<b>1,202</b>	<b>2,361</b>
Margin, %	7.0	12.0	7.3
Financial items, net	-196	-142	-594
<b>Income after financial items</b>	<b>590</b>	<b>1,060</b>	<b>1,767</b>
Margin, %	5.3	10.6	5.5
Taxes	-126	-307	-479
<b>Income for the period</b>	<b>464</b>	<b>753</b>	<b>1,288</b>
Attributable to:			
<b>Equity holders of the Parent Company</b>	<b>463</b>	<b>749</b>	<b>1,278</b>
Minority interest in income for the period	1	4	10
Basic earnings per share, SEK			
	0.98	1.65	2.81
Diluted earnings per share, SEK			
	0.98	1.65	2.81
Basic weighted average number of shares outstanding, millions			
	473.5	454.5	454.3
Diluted weighted average number of shares, millions			
	473.6	454.5	454.5

## Consolidated comprehensive income statement

SEKm	Q1 2009	Q1 2008	Full year 2008
<b>Income for the period</b>	<b>464</b>	<b>753</b>	<b>1,288</b>
Other comprehensive income, net of tax:			
Exchange differences on translating foreign operations	317	-268	1,038
Available-for-sale instrument	0	0	3
Cash flow hedges	-3	28	16
<b>Other comprehensive income, net of tax</b>	<b>314</b>	<b>-240</b>	<b>1,057</b>
<b>Total comprehensive income for the period</b>	<b>778</b>	<b>513</b>	<b>2,345</b>
Attributable to:			
Equity holders of the Parent Company	776	511	2,331
Minority interest in comprehensive income	2	2	14
<sup>1</sup> Of which depreciation and amortization			
	-352	-286	-1,163



## Consolidated balance sheet

SEKm	31 March 2009	31 March 2008	31 December 2008
<b>Assets</b>			
Property, plant and equipment	5,150	4,125	5,035
Goodwill	7,000	5,310	6,788
Other intangible assets	4,813	4,001	4,789
Investments in associates	7	11	7
Deferred tax assets	904	873	928
Financial assets	191	203	187
<b>Total non-current assets</b>	<b>18,065</b>	<b>14,523</b>	<b>17,734</b>
Inventories	8,975	7,723	8,556
Trade receivables	6,825	8,789	4,184
Derivatives	693	537	907
Tax receivables	537	177	577
Other current assets	607	577	551
Cash and cash equivalents	1,890	974	1,828
<b>Total current assets</b>	<b>19,527</b>	<b>18,777</b>	<b>16,603</b>
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>37,592</b>	<b>33,300</b>	<b>34,337</b>
<i>Assets pledged</i>	42	41	49
<b>Equity and liabilities</b>			
Total equity attributable to equity holders of the Parent Company	12,534	7,862	8,772
Minority interests	45	41	43
<b>Total equity</b>	<b>12,579</b>	<b>7,903</b>	<b>8,815</b>
Long-term borrowings	10,144	9,371	10,694
Deferred tax liabilities	1,874	1,670	1,829
Provisions for pensions and other post-employment benefits	1,158	1,039	1,170
Other provisions	762	523	686
<b>Total non-current liabilities</b>	<b>13,938</b>	<b>12,603</b>	<b>14,379</b>
Trade payables	5,303	3,284	3,280
Tax liabilities	408	433	367
Other liabilities	2,250	1,983	1,474
Short-term borrowings	2,356	6,699	3,159
Derivatives	395	175	2,434
Other provisions	363	220	429
<b>Total current liabilities</b>	<b>11,075</b>	<b>12,794</b>	<b>11,143</b>
<b>Total equity and liabilities</b>	<b>37,592</b>	<b>33,300</b>	<b>34,337</b>
<i>Contingent liabilities</i>	17	20	24

## Consolidated cash flow statement

SEKm	Q1 2009	Q1 2008	Full year 2008
<b>Operations</b>			
Income after financial items	590	1,060	1,767
Depreciation and amortization	352	286	1,163
Capital loss/write downs	0	0	40
Change in accrued and prepaid interest	-13	2	12
Provision for restructuring	35	-	264
Taxes paid	131	-82	-543
<b>Cash flow from operations, excluding change in operating assets and liabilities</b>	<b>1,095</b>	<b>1,266</b>	<b>2,703</b>
<b>Change in operating assets and liabilities</b>			
Change in inventories	-88	-275	260
Change in trade receivables	-2,494	-5,129	196
Change in trade payables	1,837	664	114
Change in other operating assets/liabilities	579	558	-129
<b>Cash flow from operating assets and liabilities</b>	<b>-166</b>	<b>-4,182</b>	<b>441</b>
<b>Cash flow from operations</b>	<b>929</b>	<b>-2,916</b>	<b>3,144</b>
<b>Investments</b>			
Acquisitions of operations	-43	0	-845
Sale of fixed assets	0	0	30
Capital expenditure in property, plant and equipment	-167	-193	-909
Capitalization of product development and software	-57	-58	-254
Other	9	-2	2
<b>Cash flow from investments</b>	<b>-258</b>	<b>-253</b>	<b>-1,976</b>
<b>Total cash flow from operations and investments</b>	<b>671</b>	<b>-3,169</b>	<b>1,168</b>
<b>Financing</b>			
Change in interest-bearing liabilities	-3,638	2,974	175
Dividend paid to shareholders	-	-	-862
Rights issue	2,985	-	-
Repurchase of shares	-	-	-48
Dividend to minorities	-	-	-11
<b>Cash flow from financing</b>	<b>-653</b>	<b>2,974</b>	<b>-746</b>
<b>Total cash flow</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>-195</b>	<b>422</b>
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	1,828	1,216	1,216
Exchange-rate differences	44	-47	190
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at end of period</b>	<b>1,890</b>	<b>974</b>	<b>1,828</b>

## Change in Group equity

SEKm	Q1 2009			Q1 2008		
	Equity holders	Minority	Total equity	Equity holders	Minority	Total equity
<b>Opening balance</b>	<b>8,772</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>8,815</b>	<b>7,349</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>7,389</b>
Rights issue <sup>1</sup>	2,985	0	2,985	-	-	-
Share-based payment	1	0	1	2	-	2
Other	0	0	0	-	-1	-1
Total comprehensive income	776	2	778	511	2	513
<b>Closing balance</b>	<b>12,534</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>12,579</b>	<b>7,862</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>7,903</b>

<sup>1</sup> Reported net of costs associated with the rights issue amounting to SEK 74m, net of tax.

## Key figures

	Q1 2009	Q1 2008	Full year 2008
Net sales, SEKm	11,152	10,043	32,342
Operating income, SEKm	786	1,202	2,361
Net sales growth, %	11	9	-3
Gross margin, %	23.9	30.1	29.0
Operating margin, %	7.0	12.0	7.3
Working capital, SEKm	6,700	9,784	6,462
Return on capital employed, %	8.4	17.4	10.7
Return on equity, %	11.2	29.6	15.8
Earnings per share, SEK <sup>1</sup>	0.98	1.65	2.81
Capital-turnover rate, times	1.5	1.7	1.5
Operating cash flow, SEKm	714	-3,169	2,013
Net debt/equity ratio	0.82	1.86	1.54
Capital expenditure, SEKm	224	251	1,163
Average number of employees	17,000	17,300	15,720

<sup>1</sup> Earnings per share for 2008 have been restated as an effect of the rights issue.

## Net sales by business area

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<b>Total</b>	<b>11,152</b>	<b>10,043</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>-9</b>	<b>32,342</b>

\*Adjusted for changes in exchange-rates

## Operating income by business area

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Consumer Products	532	727	-27	-29	963
Margin, %	6.6	10.6	-	-	4.9
Professional Products	293	522	-44	-44	1,587
Margin, %	9.6	16.2	-	-	12.7
<b>Total business areas</b>	<b>825</b>	<b>1,249</b>	<b>-34</b>	<b>-36</b>	<b>2,550</b>
Margin, %	7.4	12.4	-	-	7.9
Group common costs etc.	-39	-47	17	17	-189
<b>Total</b>	<b>786</b>	<b>1,202</b>	<b>-35</b>	<b>-36</b>	<b>2,361</b>
Margin, %	7.0	12.0	-	-	7.3

<sup>1</sup> Excluding costs for personnel cutbacks, acquisitions and adjusted for changes in exchange rates

## Net assets by business area

SEKm	Assets			Liabilities			Net Assets		
	Q1 2009	Q1 2008	Full year 2008	Q1 2009	Q1 2008	Full year 2008	Q1 2009	Q1 2008	Full year 2008
Consumer Products	22,304	20,590	19,895	6,603	4,299	4,117	15,701	16,291	15,778
Professional Products	11,455	10,144	10,648	2,958	2,803	2,773	8,497	7,341	7,875
Other	1,250	1,054	1,059	2,557	2,049	2,345	-1,307	-995	-1,286
<b>Total</b>	<b>35,009</b>	<b>31,788</b>	<b>31,602</b>	<b>12,118</b>	<b>9,151</b>	<b>9,235</b>	<b>22,891</b>	<b>22,637</b>	<b>22,367</b>

Liquid assets, interest-bearing liabilities and equity is not included in the above table

Other includes deferred taxes and Husqvarna's common group services such as Holding, Treasury and Risk Management.

## Net sales and income by quarter, Group

SEKm		Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Full year
<b>Net sales</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>11,152</b>				
	2008	10,043	10,343	6,830	5,126	32,342
	2007	9,214	12,048	6,826	5,196	33,284
<b>Operating income</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>786</b>				
	<b>Margin, %</b>	<b>7.0</b>				
	2008	1,202	1,321	310	-472	2,361
	<b>Margin, %</b>	<b>12.0</b>	<b>12.8</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>-9.2</b>	<b>7.3</b>
	2007	984	1,758	553	269	3,564
	<b>Margin, %</b>	<b>10.7</b>	<b>14.6</b>	<b>8.1</b>	<b>5.2</b>	<b>10.7</b>
<b>Income after financial items</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>590</b>				
	<b>Margin, %</b>	<b>5.3</b>				
	2008	1,060	1,141	178	-612	1,767
	<b>Margin, %</b>	<b>10.6</b>	<b>11.0</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>-11.9</b>	<b>5.5</b>
	2007	876	1,528	391	94	2,889
	<b>Margin, %</b>	<b>9.5</b>	<b>12.7</b>	<b>5.7</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>8.7</b>
<b>Income for the period</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>464</b>				
	2008	753	810	143	-418	1,288
	2007	613	1,070	273	80	2,036
<b>Earnings per share, SEK</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>0.98</b>				
	2008 <sup>1</sup>	1.65	1.77	0.32	-0.93	2.81
	2007 <sup>1</sup>	1.34	2.34	0.59	0.19	4.46

<sup>1</sup> Earnings per share have been restated as an effect of the rights issue.

## Net sales by business area per quarter

SEKm		Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Full year
<b>Consumer Products</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>8,092</b>				
	2008	6,830	6,773	3,764	2,482	19,849
	2007	6,207	8,418	3,668	2,328	20,621
<b>Professional Products</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>3,060</b>				
	2008	3,213	3,570	3,066	2,644	12,493
	2007	3,007	3,630	3,158	2,868	12,663
<b>Total Group</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>11,152</b>				
	2008	10,043	10,343	6,830	5,126	32,342
	2007	9,214	12,048	6,826	5,196	33,284

## Operating income by business area per quarter

SEKm		Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Full year
<b>Consumer Products</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>532</b>				
	<b>Margin, %</b>	<b>6.6</b>				
	2008	727	745	-71	-438	963
	<b>Margin, %</b>	<b>10.6</b>	<b>11.0</b>	<b>-1.9</b>	<b>-17.7</b>	<b>4.9</b>
	2007	521	1,164	66	-113	1,638
	<b>Margin, %</b>	<b>8.4</b>	<b>13.8</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>-4.9</b>	<b>7.9</b>
<b>Professional Products</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>293</b>				
	<b>Margin, %</b>	<b>9.6</b>				
	2008	522	623	436	6	1,587
	<b>Margin, %</b>	<b>16.2</b>	<b>17.5</b>	<b>14.2</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>12.7</b>
	2007	510	642	529	442	2,123
	<b>Margin, %</b>	<b>17.0</b>	<b>17.7</b>	<b>16.8</b>	<b>15.4</b>	<b>16.8</b>
<b>Group common costs</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>-39</b>				
	2008	-47	-47	-55	-40	-189
	2007	-47	-48	-42	-60	-197
<b>Total Group</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>786</b>				
	<b>Margin, %</b>	<b>7.0</b>				
	2008	1,202	1,321	310	-472	2,361
	<b>Margin, %</b>	<b>12.0</b>	<b>12.8</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>-9.2</b>	<b>7.3</b>
	2007	984	1,758	553	269	3,564
	<b>Margin, %</b>	<b>10.7</b>	<b>14.6</b>	<b>8.1</b>	<b>5.2</b>	<b>10.7</b>

## Net sales and operating income, 12 months rolling

SEKm		Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
<b>Net sales</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>33,451</b>			
	2008	34,113	32,408	32,412	32,342
	2007	29,278	31,193	32,627	33,284
<b>Operating income</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>1,945</b>			
	Margin, %	5.8			
	2008	3,782	3,345	3,102	2,361
	Margin, %	11.1	10.3	9.6	7.3
	2007	3,176	3,659	3,641	3,564
	Margin, %	10.8	11.7	11.2	10.7

## Five-year review

	2008	2007	2006	2005 <sup>2</sup>	2004 <sup>1,2</sup>
Net sales, SEKm	32,342	33,284	29,402	28,768	27,202
Operating income, SEKm	2,361	3,564	3,121	2,927	2,983
Net sales growth, %	-3	13	2	6	1
Gross margin, %	29.0	29.4	27.0	26.6	26.9
Operating margin, %	7.3	10.7	10.6	10.2	11.0
Return on capital employed, %	10.7	17.6	23.8 <sup>2</sup>	24.1	31.1
Return on equity, %	15.8	28.6	32.5 <sup>2</sup>	40.1	41.9
Capital turn-over rate, times	1.5	1.8	2.4	2.6	2.9
Operating cash flow, SEKm	2,013	1,843	535 <sup>2</sup>	949	2,073
Capital expenditure, SEKm	1,163	857	890	1,259	1,040
Average number of employees	15,720	16,093	11,412	11,681	11,657

<sup>1</sup> Restated to comply with IFRS, except for IAS 39. If IAS 39 had been applied in 2004, the volatility in income, net borrowings and equity would probably have been higher.

<sup>2</sup> Pro forma

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## Income statement

SEKm	Q1 2009	Q1 2008	Full-year 2008
<b>Net sales</b>	<b>3,039</b>	<b>3,364</b>	<b>10,011</b>
Cost of goods sold	-2,434	-2,470	-7,281
<b>Gross operating income</b>	<b>605</b>	<b>894</b>	<b>2,730</b>
Selling expense	-248	-268	-861
Administrative expense	-88	-90	-336
Other operating income/expense	3	-1	5,006
<b>Operating income</b>	<b>272</b>	<b>535</b>	<b>6,539</b>
Financial items, net	-530	74	-227
<b>Income after financial items</b>	<b>-258</b>	<b>609</b>	<b>6,312</b>
Appropriations	5	19	61
<b>Income before taxes</b>	<b>-253</b>	<b>628</b>	<b>6,373</b>
Taxes	65	-177	-290
<b>Income for the period</b>	<b>-188</b>	<b>451</b>	<b>6,083</b>

## Balance sheet

SEKm	31 March 2009	31 March 2008	31 December 2008
Non-current assets	30,376	5,068	30,824
Current assets	9,993	26,172	6,037
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>40,369</b>	<b>31,240</b>	<b>36,861</b>
Equity	15,586	8,986	12,834
Untaxed reserves	898	944	902
Provisions	130	56	108
Interest-bearing liabilities	18,980	18,550	17,551
Current liabilities	4,775	2,704	5,466
<b>Total equity and liabilities</b>	<b>40,369</b>	<b>31,240</b>	<b>36,861</b>

## Number of shares

	A-shares	B-shares	Total
<b>Number of shares as of 31 December 2008</b>	<b>98,380,020</b>	<b>286,756,875</b>	<b>385,136,895</b>
<i>Of which re-purchased shares</i>	-	2,919,000	2,919,000
Rights issue March 2009	49,190,010	142,016,873	191,206,883
<b>Number of shares as of 31 March 2009</b>	<b>147,570,030</b>	<b>428,773,748</b>	<b>576,343,778</b>
<i>Of which re-purchased shares</i>	-	2,723,128	2,723,128

## DEFINITIONS

### Capital indicators

Capital employed	Total liabilities and equity less non-interest-bearing debt, including deferred tax liability.
Equity/assets ratio	Equity as a percentage of total assets.
Net assets	Total assets exclusive of liquid funds and interest-bearing financial receivables, less operating liabilities, non-interest-bearing provisions and deferred tax liabilities.
Net debt	Total interest-bearing liabilities less liquid funds.
Net debt/equity ratio	Net debt in relation to total adjusted equity.
Operating working capital	Inventories and trade receivables less trade payables.
Liquid funds	Cash and cash equivalents, short term investments and fair-value derivative assets.
Working capital	Current assets exclusive of liquid funds and interest-bearing financial receivables, less operating liabilities and non-interest-bearing provisions.

### Other key ratios

Capital expenditure	Property, plant and equipment and capitalization of product development and software.
Earnings per share	Income for the period divided by the average number of shares.
Average number of shares	Weighted number of outstanding shares during the period, after repurchase of own shares.
EBITDA	Earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization.
Excluding acquisitions	Figures excluding acquisitions are reported in order to enable comparison of the current period with the corresponding period in the previous year. Adjustment is made for acquisitions with annual sales of SEK 100m or more.
Gross margin	Gross operating income as a percentage of net sales.
Net sales growth	Net sales as a percentage of net sales in the preceding period.
Operating cash flow	Total cash flow from operations and investments, excluding acquisitions and divestments.
Operating margin	Operating income as a percentage of net sales.
Return on capital employed	Operating income plus financial income as a percentage of average capital employed.
Return on equity	Income for the period as a percentage of average equity.



## TELEPHONE CONFERENCE

A combined presentation and telephone conference will be held at 14.00 CET on 8 May 2009 at Scandic Anglais, Humlegårdsgatan 23, Stockholm. In order to participate in the telephone conference, please call +46 8 505 20 114 or +44 207 1620 177. A replay of the telephone conference will be available at [www.husqvarna.com/ir](http://www.husqvarna.com/ir)

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