## H \& M HENNES \& MAURITZ AB

## THREE-MONTH REPORT

1 December 2006-28 February 2007

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- Profit after financial items was SEK $3,411 \mathrm{~m}(2,680)$, an increase of 27 per cent. Group profit after tax was SEK $2,302 \mathrm{~m}(1,809)$, corresponding to SEK 2.78 (2.19) per share.
- Gross profit amounted to SEK 9,876 m (8,514), corresponding to a margin of 58.9 per cent (56.5).
- Operating profit amounted to SEK $3,223 \mathrm{~m}(2,574)$. The operating margin was 19.2 per cent (17.1).


## Sales

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In local currencies, sales in February increased by 15 per cent compared to the same month last year. Sales in comparable stores increased by 5 per cent.

During the first quarter, the Group opened nine stores (6) and three stores were closed (3). The total number of stores in the Group thus amounts to $1,351(1,196)$ as at 28 February 2007.

## Results

Gross profit for the first quarter amounted to SEK 9,876 m (8,514), which corresponds to 58.9 per cent (56.5) of sales.

The operating profit after deducting selling and administrative expenses was SEK $3,223 \mathrm{~m}(2,574)$. The result corresponds to an operating margin of 19.2 per cent (17.1).

Operating profit for the quarter has been charged with depreciation amounting to SEK 469 m (408).

Consolidated net interest income was SEK 188 m (106).

Profit after financial items amounted to SEK 3,411 m (2,680), an increase of 27 per cent.

Group profit after tax (estimated average effective tax rate) of 32.5 per cent (32.5) for the three-month period was SEK $2,302 \mathrm{~m}(1,809)$, corresponding to earnings per share of SEK 2.78 (2.19).

Return on shareholders' equity (rolling 12 months) was 38.9 per cent (37.1) and return on capital employed (rolling 12 months) was 56.9 per cent (54.0).

All figures within parenthesis refer to the corresponding period or point of time previous year.

## Comments on the first quarter

Well composed collections appreciated by customers have led to a sales increase of 16 per cent in local currencies. The appreciation of the Swedish krona, in relation to other sales currencies of the Group, resulted in a sales increase of 11 per cent when translated into Swedish kronor.

The gross margin increased by 2.4 percentage units to 58.9 per cent compared to the same period previous year. The explanation is a lower USdollar exchange rate, a more efficient buying process and a lower proportion of price reductions.

Selling and administrative expenses in relation to sales have increased marginally. Preparations for four new markets, several new concepts and an increase in the number of openings by 50 per cent for the Group during the second quarter, compared to the same quarter previous year, has affected the level of expenses.

Deliveries of the extended shoe assortment for women to 200 selected H\&M stores have begun during the quarter. Sales have started very well.

The three-month profit before tax was negatively affected by currency translation effects of approximately SEK 125 m compared to the same period last year. These currency effects arise because of the development in exchange rates between foreign subsidiaries' local currencies and the Swedish krona compared to the same period previous year.

## Financial position and cash flow

Consolidated total assets as of 28 February 2007 increased by 12 per cent compared to the same point of time last year and amounted to SEK 38,164 m $(34,206)$.

During the first three months of the financial year the Group generated a positive cash flow from current operations of SEK $2,836 \mathrm{~m}(1,253)$. Cash flow was affected by investments in fixed assets of SEK $662 \mathrm{~m}(249)$ and financial investments with duration of three to twelve months of SEK $112 \mathrm{~m}(-790)$. Cash flow for the quarter was SEK $2,272 \mathrm{~m}$ (247). Liquid funds and short term investments amounted to SEK 20,931 m (17,812).

Stock-in-trade increased by 2 per cent compared to the same point of time previous year and amounted to SEK $7,196 \mathrm{~m}(7,073)$. This corresponds to 10.3 per cent (11.1) of sales excluding VAT, revolving 12 months. The stock-in-trade was 18.9 per cent (20.7) of total assets.

The equity/assets ratio was 79.7 per cent (80.8) and the share of risk bearing capital was 81.1 per cent (82.7).

Shareholders' equity apportioned on the outstanding 827,536,000 shares as at 28 February 2007 was 36.74 (33.40).

## Expansion

In the second quarter H\&M plans to open 75 stores and to close three. The majority of the stores will be opened in the USA, the United Kingdom, the Netherlands, Poland and Italy. In the corresponding period last year 51 stores were opened and three were closed.

In the second quarter stores are opened in the, for H\&M, new markets Hong Kong, Shanghai, Greece, Slovakia and Qatar.

So far in March around 20 stores have been opened. Among these the first store in Hong Kong can be mentioned with sales that have exceeded our expectations so far. The first COS store was opened in March on Regent Street in London. Also here the response was very positive.

## The Parent Company

In the first three months of the financial year the parent company achieved sales excluding VAT of SEK $1,963 \mathrm{~m}(1,754)$ with a result before balance sheet appropriations of SEK $376 \mathrm{~m}(1,031)$, of which SEK $0 \mathrm{~m}(660)$ consisted of dividends from subsidiaries. Investments in fixed assets amounted to SEK 26 (11).

## Accounting principles

With effect from 1 December 2005 the Group is applying International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS). This report for the Group has been prepared in accordance with IAS 34 Interim Financial Reporting, which accords with the requirements set in Recommendation RR 31 of the Swedish Financial Accounting Standards Council on Consolidated Interim Financial Reporting.

The accounting principles applied in this report are those described in the Annual Report for 2005/2006, in Note 1 - Accounting principles.

## Parent company

With effect from 1 December 2005 the parent company is applying Recommendation RR 32, Accounting for Legal Entities, which essentially means that IFRS is being applied. In accordance with RR 32:06, the parent company is not applying IAS 39. The main difference is that hedge accounting is applied in accordance with the principles of deferred hedge accounting, which means that the derivatives are not recognised until the hedged transaction takes place.

## Calendar

3 May 2007 Annual General Meeting at 3 pm, in the Victoria Hall, International Fairs, in Stockholm.
20 June 2007
26 September 2007
31 January 2008
27 March 2008
8 May 2008 Half-Year Report, 1 Dec 2006 - 31 May 2007 Nine-Month Report, 1 Dec 2006-31 August 2007 Full-Year Report, 1 Dec 2006-30 November 2007
Three-Month Report, 1 Dec 2007- 29 Feb. 2008 Annual General Meeting 2008

This three-month report has not been audited.

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## CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT

 (SEK m)|  | 1 December 2006- <br> 28 February 2007 | 1 December 200528 February 2006 | 1 December 200530 November 2006 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Sales including VAT | 19701 | 17686 | 80081 |
| Sales excluding VAT | 16772 | 15071 | 68400 |
| Cost of goods sold | -6 896 | -6 557 | -27 736 |
| GROSS PROFIT | 9876 | 8514 | 40664 |
| Selling expenses | -6 260 | -5 605 | -23 971 |
| Administrative expenses | -393 | -335 | -1 395 |
| OPERATING PROFIT | 3223 | 2574 | 15298 |
| Profit from financial investments |  |  |  |
| Interest income | 189 | 107 | 515 |
| Interest expenses | -1 | -1 | -5 |
| PROFIT AFTER FINANCIAL ITEMS | 3411 | 2680 | 15808 |
| Tax | -1 109 | -871 | -5 011 |
| PROFIT FOR THE PERIOD | 2302 | 1809 | 10797 |
| Earnings per share, SEK, (before and after dilution) | 2.78 | 2.19 | 13.05 |
| Number of shares, 827, 536,000 (before and after dilution) |  |  |  |
| Depreciation, total | 469 | 408 | 1624 |
| of which cost of goods sold | 49 | 50 | 172 |
| of which selling expenses | 397 | 339 | 1374 |
| of which administrative expenses | 23 | 19 | 78 |

# CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET (SEK m) 

28 Feb. 200728 Feb. 200630 Nov. 2006

## ASSETS

## Fixed assets

| Intangible assets | 220 | 293 | 222 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Tangible assets | 7829 | 7393 | 7554 |
| Financial assets | 277 | 174 | 257 |
| Total fixed assets | 8326 | 7860 | 8033 |
| Current assets |  |  |  |
| Stock-in-trade | 7196 | 7073 | 7220 |
| Current receivables | 1711 | 1461 | 1677 |
| Short-term investments, 3-12 months | 8636 | 7140 | 8748 |
| Liquid funds | 12295 | 10672 | 9877 |
|  |  |  |  |
| Total current assets | 29838 | 26346 | 27522 |
| Total assets | $\mathbf{3 8 1 6 4}$ | $\mathbf{3 4 2 0 6}$ | $\mathbf{3 5 5 5 5}$ |

## Equity and liabilities

| Equity | 30401 | 27638 | 27779 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Long-term liabilities* | 790 | 779 | 780 |
| Short-term liabilities* | 6973 | 5789 | 6996 |
|  |  |  |  |
| Total equity and liabilities | $\mathbf{3 8 1 6 4}$ | $\mathbf{3 4 2 0 6}$ | $\mathbf{3 5 5 5 5}$ |
| * Only provisions for pensions are interest bearing. |  |  |  |

## CHANGE IN EQUITY

| Equity, opening balance | 27779 | 25924 | 25924 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Dividend | - | - | -7861 |
| Currency translation effects etc. | 320 | -95 | -1081 |
| Profit for the period | 2302 | 1809 | 10797 |
| Equity, closing balance | 30401 | 27638 | 27779 |


| Current operations | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \text { Dec. 2006- } \\ & 28 \text { Feb. } 2007 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \text { Dec. 2005- } \\ & 28 \text { Feb. } 2006 \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Profit after financial items* | 3411 | 2680 |
| Provisions for pensions | 5 | 5 |
| Depreciation | 469 | 408 |
| Tax paid | -1 284 | -1619 |
| Cash flow from current operations before changes in working capital | 2601 | 1474 |
| Cash flow from changes in working capital |  |  |
| Current receivables | 23 | -1 |
| Stock-in-trade | 150 | -252 |
| Current liabilities | 62 | 32 |
| CASH FLOW FROM CURRENT OPERATIONS | 2836 | 1253 |
| Investment activities |  |  |
| Investment in intangible assets | -4 | -69 |
| Investments in tangible assets | -658 | -180 |
| Financial investments, 3-12 months | 112 | -790 |
| CASH FLOW FROM INVESTMENT ACTIVITIES | -550 | -1 039 |
| Financing activities |  |  |
| Financial fixed assets | -14 | 33 |
| CASH FLOW FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES | -14 | 33 |
| CASH FLOW FOR THE PERIOD | 2272 | 247 |
| Liquid funds, opening balance (incl. short-term investments, 0-3 months) | 9877 | 10496 |
| Cash flow for the period | 2272 | 247 |
| Exchange rate effect | 146 | -71 |
| Liquid funds, closing balance (incl. short-term investments, 0-3 months) | 12295 | 10672 |
| * Interest paid amounts to SEK 1,1 (1,0) |  |  |

## FIVE YEAR SUMMARY (SEK m)

## Three months

Sales including VAT
Sales excluding VAT
Change from previous year, \%
Operating profit
Operating margin, \%
Depreciation for the period
Profit after financial items
Profit after tax
Liquid funds (including short-term investments)
Stock-in-trade
Equity
Number of shares (thousand)
Earnings per share (before and after dilution)
Shareholders' equity per share
Share of risk-bearing capital, \%
Equity/asset ratio, \%
Number of stores
Rolling, twelve months
Earnings per share (before and after dilution)
Return on shareholders' equity, \%
Return on capital employed, \%

28 Feb. 200728 Feb. 2006

| 19701 | 17686 | 14820 | 13807 | 12636 |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 16772 | 15071 | 12610 | 11756 | 10771 |
| 11.3 | 19.5 | 7.3 | 9.1 | 12.4 |
| 3223 | 2574 | 2204 | 1701 | 1558 |
| 19.2 | 17.1 | 17.5 | 14.5 | 14.5 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| 469 | 408 | 336 | 308 | 284 |
| 3411 | 2680 | 2309 | 1788 | 1689 |
| 2302 | 1809 | 1501 | 1162 | 1098 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| 20931 | 17812 | 15966 | 13784 | 13492 |
| 7196 | 7073 | 5395 | 5130 | 4368 |
| 30401 | 27638 | 23850 | 21520 | 19999 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| 827536 | 827536 | 827536 | 827536 | 827536 |
| 2.78 | 2.19 | 1.81 | 1.40 | 1.33 |
| 36.74 | 33.40 | 28.82 | 26.00 | 24.17 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| 81.1 | 82.7 | 84.2 | 84.7 | 82.6 |
| 79.7 | 80.8 | 80.8 | 81.2 | 79.4 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| 1351 | 1196 | 1069 | 948 | 849 |


| 13.64 | 11.55 | 9.20 | 7.79 | 7.27 |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 38.9 | 37.1 | 33.6 | 31.1 | 33.6 |
| 56.9 | 54.0 | 50.7 | 46.8 | 50.8 |

Definition of key figures see Annual Report.
The International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) are being applied from 2005/2006. The restatement of 2004/2005 according to IFRS has not involved any adjustments.
Years 2001/2002-2003/2004 have been reported according to the previously applied principles based on the Swedish Financial Accounting Standards Council's recommendations.

## SALES BY COUNTRY AND NUMBER OF STORES

## 1 December 2006-- 28 February 2007

| SEK m |  |  | Change | Change | No. of stores | Openings during | Closings during |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{gathered} \text { 2006/07 } \\ \text { incl. VAT } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { 2005/06 } \\ \text { Incl. VAT } \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { SEK } \\ \% \end{array}$ | local currency | 28 Feb. 2007 | the year | the year |
| Sweden | 1598 | 1520 | 5 | 5 | 123 |  |  |
| Norway | 1162 | 1165 | 0 | 5 | 78 |  | 1 |
| Denmark | 803 | 765 | 5 | 8 | 58 |  |  |
| United Kingdom | 1648 | 1488 | 11 | 12 | 111 |  | 1 |
| Switzerland | 928 | 889 | 4 | 12 | 56 |  |  |
| Germany | 4834 | 4548 | 6 | 10 | 303 |  |  |
| Netherlands | 1196 | 1041 | 15 | 19 | 81 |  |  |
| Belgium | 679 | 645 | 5 | 9 | 51 | 1 |  |
| Austria | 1005 | 969 | 4 | 7 | 54 |  |  |
| Luxembourg | 74 | 70 | 6 | 8 | 7 |  |  |
| Finland | 486 | 466 | 4 | 8 | 33 |  |  |
| France | 1526 | 1331 | 15 | 18 | 85 |  |  |
| USA | 1194 | 1061 | 13 | 28 | 118 | 4 |  |
| Spain | 1138 | 819 | 39 | 44 | 69 | 1 |  |
| Poland | 343 | 226 | 52 | 58 | 35 | 1 | 1 |
| Czech Republic | 129 | 102 | 26 | 28 | 13 |  |  |
| Portugal | 161 | 93 | 73 | 79 | 14 |  |  |
| Italy | 292 | 185 | 58 | 63 | 19 | 1 |  |
| Canada | 248 | 165 | 50 | 72 | 26 |  |  |
| Slovenia | 85 | 60 | 42 | 44 | 3 |  |  |
| Ireland | 87 | 72 | 21 | 24 | 6 | 1 |  |
| Hungary | 40 | 6 | 567 | 565 | 4 |  |  |
| Franchise | 45 |  |  |  | 4 |  |  |
| Total | 19701 | 17686 | 11 | 16 | 1351 | 9 | 3 |

## SEGMENT REPORTING

Internal follow-up is carried out by country. To present the information by segments in a comprehensive way the countries are divided into three regions: the Nordic Region, the Eurozone excluding Finland and the Rest of the World.
There is no internal division into different lines of business and hence reporting in secondary segments is not relevant.
Slovenia has changed its currency from SIT to EUR, consequently both years' sales figures have been moved to Eurozone from Rest of the World.

|  | 1 Dec. 200628 Feb. 2007 | 1 Dec. 200528 Feb. 2006 | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \text { Dec. 2005- } \\ & 20 \text { Nov. } 2006 \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Nordic Region |  |  |  |
| Net sales | 3253 | 3145 | 13499 |
| Operating profit | 767 | 654 | 3655 |
| Operating margin, \% | 23.6 | 20.8 | 27.1 |
| Eurozone excl. Finland |  |  |  |
| Net sales | 9370 | 8367 | 37804 |
| Operating profit | 1975 | 1588 | 8676 |
| Operating margin, \% | 21.1 | 19.0 | 22.9 |
| Rest of the world |  |  |  |
| Net sales | 4149 | 3559 | 17097 |
| Operating profit | 481 | 332 | 2967 |
| Operating margin, \% | 11.6 | 9.3 | 17.4 |
| Totalt |  |  |  |
| Net sales | 16772 | 15071 | 68400 |
| Operating profit | 3223 | 2574 | 15298 |
| Operating margin, \% | 19.2 | 17.1 | 22.4 |

