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**LM ERICSSON TELEPHONE COMPANY**

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Date: **July 19, 2017**

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SECOND QUARTER 2017, AS ADJUSTED FOR

INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE

Stockholm, July 18, 2017

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| Reported sales decreased by -8% YoY. The RAN equipment market for 2017 is estimated to show a high single-digit percentage decline compared with previous estimate of -2% to -6%.  | 2 |
| Gross margin was 27.9% (32.3%).  | 3 |
| Operating income was SEK -1.2 b.   | 4 |
| Networks operating margin was 7%.  | 6 |
| IT & Cloud operating income was negatively impacted by less capitalization of development expenses QoQ and YoY.  | 7 |
| Planned cost reduction activities will be accelerated, due to current market environment, to achieve an annual run rate reduction of at least SEK 10 b. by mid-2018.   | 2 |
| The company sees an increased risk of further market and customer project adjustments with an estimated negative impact on operating income of SEK 3-5 b. for the coming 12 months.  | 2 |
| Due to technology and portfolio shifts capitalization of costs will be reduced and is estimated to result in a net negative impact on operating income of SEK -2.9 (1.3) b. in the second half 2017, with no impact on cash. | 2 |
| Cash flow from operating activities was SEK 0.0 (-0.7) b.  | 9 |

| SEK b.                              | Q2<br>2017 | Q2<br>2016 | YoY<br>change | Q1<br>2017 | QoQ<br>change | 6 months<br>2017 | 6 months<br>2016 |
|-------------------------------------|------------|------------|---------------|------------|---------------|------------------|------------------|
| Net sales                           | 49.9       | 54.1       | -8%           | 46.4       | 8%            | 96.3             | 106.3            |
| Gross margin                        | 27.9%      | 32.3%      |               | 13.9%      |               | 21.2%            | 32.8%            |
| Operating income                    | -1.2       | 2.8        | -145%         | -12.3      | -90%          | -13.6            | 6.2              |
| Operating margin                    | -2.5%      | 5.1%       |               | -26.6%     |               | -14.1%           | 5.9%             |
| Net income                          | -1.0       | 1.6        | -164%         | -10.9      | -91%          | -11.9            | 3.7              |
| EPS diluted, SEK                    | -0.30      | 0.48       | -163%         | -3.29      | -91%          | -3.59            | 1.08             |
| Cash flow from operating activities | 0.0        | -0.7       | -100%         | -1.5       | -100%         | -1.5             | -3.1             |

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### CEO COMMENTS

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

Based on the development in the first half of the year, our current view of the Radio Access Network (RAN) equipment market outlook is in line with external estimates of a high single-digit percentage decline for the full year 2017.

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

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

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

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

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

The work to refocus our Managed Services business to improve profitability is well underway. So far, we have identified 42 contracts, with sales of SEK 7 b. in 2016, which we will either exit,

renegotiate or transform. To date, we have either exited, renegotiated or transformed nine of these contracts resulting in an annualized profit improvement of approximately SEK 140 million going forward.

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

Our IT & Cloud business is of strategic importance as our customers are preparing for 5G and will digitalize their operations and invest in a future network architecture based on software-defined logic. A key driver of performance in the business is the success of our new product portfolio, for which the rolling 12 month sales have grown 7%.

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

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

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

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

**Börje Ekholm**

President and CEO

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## FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

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

## PLANNING ASSUMPTIONS GOING FORWARD

**Market related**

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

**Ericsson focused strategy related**

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### **Other Ericsson related**

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

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

#### **Net sales**

Sales as reported decreased by -8% YoY. The mobile broadband market remained weak in the quarter.

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

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

As anticipated, sequential sales growth was below normal seasonality, following continued low investments in mobile broadband. Sales increased by 8% QoQ.

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

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### **IPR licensing revenues**

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

### **Gross margin**

Gross margin declined to 27.9% (32.3%) with lower gross margins in all segments.

Gross margin increased sequentially to 27.9% from 13.9%. Q1 2017 included provisions and adjustments related to certain customer projects impacting gross margin negatively.

### **Operating expenses**

Operating expenses increased to SEK 15.4 (14.5) b.

Operating expenses declined sequentially to SEK 15.4 b. from SEK 18.9 b.

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

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

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

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

### **Restructuring charges**

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

### **Operating income**

Operating income decreased to SEK -1.2 (2.8) b. due to lower gross margin, lower sales and increased operating expenses.

Operating income improved sequentially from SEK -12.3 b.

### **Changes in treatment of cost going forward**



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

### Financial net

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

### Taxes

Taxes were positive in the quarter following the negative income.

### Net income and EPS

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

### Employees

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

### Focused strategy execution

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

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

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

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

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

**South East Asia, Oceania and India**

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

**North East Asia**

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

**North America**

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

**Europe and Latin America**

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

**Middle East and Africa**

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

**Other**

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

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## SEGMENT RESULTS

## NETWORKS

| SEK b.                                 | Q2<br>2017 | Q2<br>2016 | YoY<br>change | Q1<br>2017 | QoQ<br>change | 6 months<br>2017 | 6 months<br>2016 |
|--|------------|------------|---------------|------------|---------------|------------------|------------------|
| Net sales                              | 36.8       | 40.2       | -8%           | 34.9       | 6%            | 71.7             | 80.2             |
| <i>Of which products</i>               | 20.8       | 23.0       | -10%          | 19.4       | 7%            | 40.2             | 45.8             |
| <i>Of which IPR licensing revenues</i> | 1.6        | 1.7        | -9%           | 1.6        | -3%           | 3.2              | 4.8              |
| <i>Of which services</i>               | 16.1       | 17.2       | -7%           | 15.5       | 4%            | 31.5             | 34.3             |
| Gross income                           | 10.4       | 12.5       | -17%          | 8.0        | 30%           | 18.3             | 25.5             |
| Gross margin                           | 28%        | 31%        |               | 23%        |               | 26%              | 32%              |
| Operating income                       | 2.6        | 4.8        | -46%          | -0.5       |               | 2.1              | 10.6             |
| Operating margin                       | 7%         | 12%        |               | -2%        |               | 3%               | 13%              |
| Restructuring charges                  | -0.9       | -0.5       | 97%           | -1.4       |               | -2.4             | -0.9             |

**Net sales**

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

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

Reported sales increased by 6% QoQ. Sales in market areas North East Asia and South East Asia, Oceania and India declined QoQ with lower sales in Japan and Vietnam – two markets that reported strong sales in Q1 2017.

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

**Gross margin**

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

Gross margin increased sequentially to 28% from 23% following provisions, adjustments and large restructuring charges made in Q1.

**Operating income and margin**

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

Operating income and margin increased sequentially.

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| SEK b.                                 | Q2<br>2017 | Q2<br>2016 | YoY<br>change | Q1<br>2017 | QoQ<br>change | 6 months<br>2017 | 6 months<br>2016 |
|--|------------|------------|---------------|------------|---------------|------------------|------------------|
| Net sales                              | 10.9       | 11.5       | -5%           | 9.5        | 14%           | 20.4             | 21.3             |
| <i>Of which products</i>               | 5.1        | 5.3        | -4%           | 4.1        | 23%           | 9.2              | 10.1             |
| <i>Of which IPR licensing revenues</i> | 0.2        | 0.2        | -10%          | 0.2        | -3%           | 0.4              | 0.6              |
| <i>Of which services</i>               | 5.8        | 6.2        | -6%           | 5.4        | 7%            | 11.3             | 11.3             |
| Gross income                           | 2.8        | 4.1        | -30%          | -2.1       |               | 0.7              | 7.3              |
| Gross margin                           | 26%        | 35%        |               | -22%       |               | 4%               | 34%              |
| Operating income                       | -2.9       | -1.5       | 86%           | -9.0       | -68%          | -11.9            | -3.5             |
| Operating margin                       | -26%       | -13%       |               | -94%       |               | -58%             | -17%             |
| Restructuring charges                  | -0.5       | -0.5       |               | -0.2       |               | -0.7             | -0.7             |

**Net sales**

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

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

**Gross margin**

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

Gross income and margin increased QoQ.

**Operating income and margin**

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

Operating income improved QoQ. The positive impact from increased sales was more than offset by the negative net effect of capitalized and amortized R&D.

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| SEK b.                                 | Q2<br>2017 | Q2<br>2016 | YoY<br>change | Q1<br>2017 | QoQ<br>change | 6 months<br>2017 | 6 months<br>2016 |
|--|------------|------------|---------------|------------|---------------|------------------|------------------|
| Net sales                              | 2.2        | 2.4        | -6%           | 2.0        | 13%           | 4.2              | 4.8              |
| <i>Of which IPR licensing revenues</i> | 0.2        | 0.2        | -10%          | 0.2        | -3%           | 0.4              | 0.6              |
| Gross income                           | 0.7        | 0.9        | -18%          | 0.6        | 34%           | 1.3              | 2.0              |
| Gross margin                           | 34%        | 39%        |               | 28%        |               | 31%              | 42%              |
| Operating income                       | -1.0       | -0.5       | 101%          | -2.8       | -66%          | -3.8             | -0.8             |
| Operating margin                       | -44%       | -20%       |               | -143%      |               | -90%             | -16%             |
| Restructuring charges                  | -0.1       | -0.1       |               | -0.1       |               | -0.2             | -0.1             |

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

**Net sales**

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

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

**Gross margin**

Gross margin declined YoY partly due to increased restructuring charges.

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

**Operating income and margin**

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

Operating income improved QoQ.

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

**Operating activities**

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

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

**Investing activities**

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

**Financing activities**

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

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

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



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## FINANCIAL POSITION

|  | Jun 30<br>2017 | Jun 30<br>2016 | Mar 31<br>2017 |
|--|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| SEK b.                                     |                |                |                |
| + Cash and cash equivalents                | 21.4           | 28.9           | 33.0           |
| + Interest-bearing securities, current     | 10.8           | 19.8           | 13.5           |
| + Interest-bearing securities, non-current | 22.1           |                | 19.1           |
| Borrowings, current                        | 3.2            | 9.7            | 9.5            |
| Borrowings, non-current                    | 27.1           | 18.2           | 27.8           |
| Equity                                     | 123.8          | 136.7          | 126.8          |
| Total assets                               | 274.9          | 277.4          | 292.2          |

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

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

**Debt maturity profile, Parent Company**

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### **OTHER INFORMATION**

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### **Increase in total number of shares and votes in Telefonaktiebolaget LM Ericsson**

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

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

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

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

#### **Patent infringement lawsuit**

In 2012 and 2013, Intellectual Ventures ( IV ) filed patent infringement lawsuits in the United States District Court for the District of Delaware accusing a number of Ericsson's U.S. customers of infringing 16 U.S. patents, seeking an injunction and monetary damages.

The first of these cases is set to go to trial in January 2018. IV subsequently filed another wave of lawsuits in the District of Delaware accusing a number of Ericsson's U.S. customers of infringing 12 U.S. patents, seeking monetary damages. The first of these cases, scheduled to go to trial in July 2017, has been cancelled.

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

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

### **POST-CLOSING EVENTS**

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

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

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

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

### **DISCLOSURE PURSUANT TO SECTION 219 OF THE IRAN THREAT REDUCTION AND SYRIA HUMAN RIGHTS ACT OF 2012 (ITRA)**

During the second quarter of 2017, Ericsson made sales of communications infrastructure related products and services in Iran to Mobile Communication Company of Iran and to MTN Irancell, which generated gross revenues (reported as net sales) of approximately SEK 468 million. Ericsson does not normally allocate quarterly net profit (reported as net income) on a country-by-country or activity-by-activity basis, other than as set forth in Ericsson's consolidated financial statements prepared in accordance with IFRS as issued by the IASB. However, Ericsson has estimated that its operating income (income before taxes and financial net) from such sales, after internal cost allocation, during the second quarter of 2017 would be substantially lower than such gross revenues.

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**RISK FACTORS**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Changes in foreign exchange rates, in particular USD;

Political unrest and uncertainty in certain markets;

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

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

Cybersecurity incidents, which may have a material negative impact.

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

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

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**SAFE HARBOR STATEMENT**

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

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



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## FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT

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

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

## STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

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

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## CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET

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

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

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## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

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

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

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## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

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

## CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT ISOLATED QUARTERS

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

Net income attributable to:



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|   |        |         |        |       |       |       |
|---|--------|---------|--------|-------|-------|-------|
| Stockholders of the Parent Company              | -1,010 | -10,897 | -1,604 | -233  | 1,587 | 1,966 |
| Non-controlling interests                       | 14     | 42      | 7      | 53    | -21   | 140   |
| Other information                               |        |         |        |       |       |       |
| Average number of shares, basic (million)       | 3,275  | 3,272   | 3,268  | 3,264 | 3,261 | 3,258 |
| Earnings per share, basic (SEK) <sup>1)</sup>   | -0.31  | -3.33   | -0.49  | -0.07 | 0.49  | 0.60  |
| Earnings per share, diluted (SEK) <sup>1)</sup> | -0.30  | -3.29   | -0.48  | -0.07 | 0.48  | 0.60  |

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

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## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS ISOLATED QUARTERS

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

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

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**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

ACCOUNTING POLICIES

**THE GROUP**

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

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

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

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## NET SALES BY SEGMENT BY QUARTER\*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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## GROSS INCOME AND GROSS MARGIN BY SEGMENT BY QUARTER

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

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

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

| Year to date, As percentage of net sales | 2017       |            |            | 2016       |            |            |
|--|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
|  | Jan-Jun    | Jan-Mar    | Jan-Dec    | Jan-Sep    | Jan-Jun    | Jan-Mar    |
| Networks                                 | 26%        | 23%        | 29%        | 30%        | 32%        | 33%        |
| IT & Cloud                               | 4%         | -22%       | 33%        | 34%        | 34%        | 33%        |
| Other                                    | 31%        | 28%        | 34%        | 39%        | 42%        | 45%        |
| <b>Total</b>                             | <b>21%</b> | <b>14%</b> | <b>30%</b> | <b>31%</b> | <b>33%</b> | <b>33%</b> |

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## OPERATING INCOME AND OPERATING MARGIN BY SEGMENT BY QUARTER

| Isolated quarters, SEK million | 2017          |                |             | 2016       |              |              |
|--------------------------------|---------------|----------------|-------------|------------|--------------|--------------|
|                                | Q2            | Q1             | Q4          | Q3         | Q2           | Q1           |
| Networks                       | 2,603         | -538           | 2,380       | 2,839      | 4,789        | 5,762        |
| IT & Cloud                     | -2,869        | -8,997         | -1,819      | -1,740     | -1,546       | -1,977       |
| Other                          | -967          | -2,804         | -841        | -758       | -480         | -310         |
| <b>Total</b>                   | <b>-1,233</b> | <b>-12,339</b> | <b>-280</b> | <b>341</b> | <b>2,763</b> | <b>3,475</b> |

| Isolated quarters, As percentage of net sales | 2017       |             |           | 2016      |           |           |
|---|------------|-------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
|   | Q2         | Q1          | Q4        | Q3        | Q2        | Q1        |
| Networks                                      | 7%         | -2%         | 5%        | 8%        | 12%       | 14%       |
| IT & Cloud                                    | -26%       | -94%        | -12%      | -15%      | -13%      | -20%      |
| Other   | -44%       | -143%       | -33%      | -32%      | -20%      | -13%      |
| <b>Total</b>                                  | <b>-2%</b> | <b>-27%</b> | <b>0%</b> | <b>1%</b> | <b>5%</b> | <b>7%</b> |

| Year to date, SEK million | 2017           |                |              | 2016         |              |              |
|---------------------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
|                           | Jan-Jun        | Jan-Mar        | Jan-Dec      | Jan-Sep      | Jan-Jun      | Jan-Mar      |
| Networks                  | 2,065          | -538           | 15,770       | 13,390       | 10,551       | 5,762        |
| IT & Cloud                | -11,866        | -8,997         | -7,082       | -5,263       | -3,523       | -1,977       |
| Other                     | -3,771         | -2,804         | -2,389       | -1,548       | -790         | -310         |
| <b>Total</b>              | <b>-13,572</b> | <b>-12,339</b> | <b>6,299</b> | <b>6,579</b> | <b>6,238</b> | <b>3,475</b> |

| Year to date As percentage of net sales | 2017        |             |           | 2016      |           |           |
|---|-------------|-------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
|   | Jan-Jun     | Jan-Mar     | Jan-Dec   | Jan-Sep   | Jan-Jun   | Jan-Mar   |
| Networks                                | 3%          | -2%         | 10%       | 11%       | 13%       | 14%       |
| IT & Cloud                              | -58%        | -94%        | -15%      | -16%      | -17%      | -20%      |
| Other                                   | -90%        | -143%       | -25%      | -22%      | -16%      | -13%      |
| <b>Total</b>                            | <b>-14%</b> | <b>-27%</b> | <b>3%</b> | <b>4%</b> | <b>6%</b> | <b>7%</b> |



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## NET SALES BY MARKET AREA BY QUARTER\*

| Isolated quarters, SEK million            | 2017          |               |               | 2016          |               |               |
|---|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
|   | Q2            | Q1            | Q4            | Q3            | Q2            | Q1            |
| South East Asia, Oceania and India        | 7,730         | 8,009         | 9,718         | 7,678         | 7,730         | 7,905         |
| North East Asia                           | 5,853         | 5,561         | 9,623         | 6,122         | 6,041         | 5,579         |
| North America                             | 12,457        | 11,811        | 14,851        | 13,178        | 13,358        | 13,147        |
| Europe and Latin America <sup>1) 2)</sup> | 15,231        | 12,707        | 19,128        | 15,104        | 17,082        | 15,100        |
| Middle East and Africa                    | 6,018         | 5,414         | 9,129         | 6,298         | 7,239         | 5,699         |
| Other <sup>1) 2)</sup>                    | 2,650         | 2,867         | 2,766         | 2,696         | 2,658         | 4,779         |
| <b>Total</b>                              | <b>49,939</b> | <b>46,369</b> | <b>65,215</b> | <b>51,076</b> | <b>54,108</b> | <b>52,209</b> |

<sup>1) Of which in Sweden</sup> 701 925 843 690 477 1,113

<sup>2) Of which in EU</sup> 8,840 8,239 11,154 8,507 9,635 9,229

| Sequential change, percent                | 2017      |             |            | 2016       |           |             |
|---|-----------|-------------|------------|------------|-----------|-------------|
|   | Q2        | Q1          | Q4         | Q3         | Q2        | Q1          |
| South East Asia, Oceania and India        | -3%       | -18%        | 27%        | -1%        | -2%       | -7%         |
| North East Asia                           | 5%        | -42%        | 57%        | 1%         | 8%        | -37%        |
| North America                             | 5%        | -20%        | 13%        | -1%        | 2%        | -21%        |
| Europe and Latin America <sup>1) 2)</sup> | 20%       | -34%        | 27%        | -12%       | 13%       | -31%        |
| Middle East and Africa                    | 11%       | -41%        | 45%        | -13%       | 27%       | -36%        |
| Other <sup>1) 2)</sup>                    | -8%       | 4%          | 3%         | 1%         | -44%      | -44%        |
| <b>Total</b>                              | <b>8%</b> | <b>-29%</b> | <b>28%</b> | <b>-6%</b> | <b>4%</b> | <b>-29%</b> |

<sup>1) Of which in Sweden</sup> -24% 10% 22% 45% -57% 15%

<sup>2) Of which in EU</sup> 7% -26% 31% -12% 4% -27%

| Year-over-year change, percent            | 2017       |             |             | 2016        |             |            |
|---|------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|------------|
|   | Q2         | Q1          | Q4          | Q3          | Q2          | Q1         |
| South East Asia, Oceania and India        | 0%         | 1%          | 14%         | -9%         | -3%         | 1%         |
| North East Asia                           | -3%        | 0%          | 8%          | -4%         | -13%        | -7%        |
| North America                             | -7%        | -10%        | -11%        | -8%         | -8%         | 8%         |
| Europe and Latin America <sup>1) 2)</sup> | -11%       | -16%        | -13%        | -20%        | -12%        | -15%       |
| Middle East and Africa                    | -17%       | -5%         | 2%          | -25%        | -21%        | -15%       |
| Other <sup>1) 2)</sup>                    | 0%         | -40%        | -67%        | -6%         | -3%         | 54%        |
| <b>Total</b>                              | <b>-8%</b> | <b>-11%</b> | <b>-11%</b> | <b>-14%</b> | <b>-11%</b> | <b>-2%</b> |

<sup>1) Of which in Sweden</sup> 47% -17% -13% -39% -20% 2%

<sup>2) Of which in EU</sup> -8% -11% -12% -20% -16% -15%

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| Year to date, SEK million                 | Jan-Jun       | Jan-Mar       | Jan-Dec        | Jan-Sep        | Jan-Jun        | Jan-Mar       |
|---|---------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|
| South East Asia, Oceania and India        | 15,739        | 8,009         | 33,031         | 23,313         | 15,635         | 7,905         |
| North East Asia                           | 11,414        | 5,561         | 27,365         | 17,742         | 11,620         | 5,579         |
| North America                             | 24,268        | 11,811        | 54,534         | 39,683         | 26,505         | 13,147        |
| Europe and Latin America <sup>1) 2)</sup> | 27,938        | 12,707        | 66,414         | 47,286         | 32,182         | 15,100        |
| Middle East and Africa                    | 11,432        | 5,414         | 28,365         | 19,236         | 12,938         | 5,699         |
| Other <sup>1) 2)</sup>                    | 5,517         | 2,867         | 12,899         | 10,133         | 7,437          | 4,779         |
| <b>Total</b>                              | <b>96,308</b> | <b>46,369</b> | <b>222,608</b> | <b>157,393</b> | <b>106,317</b> | <b>52,209</b> |
| <i><sup>1)</sup> Of which in Sweden</i>   | <i>1,626</i>  | <i>925</i>    | <i>3,123</i>   | <i>2,280</i>   | <i>1,590</i>   | <i>1,113</i>  |
| <i><sup>2)</sup> Of which in EU</i>       | <i>17,079</i> | <i>8,239</i>  | <i>38,525</i>  | <i>27,371</i>  | <i>18,864</i>  | <i>9,229</i>  |

| Year to date, year-over-year change, percent | 2017       |             |             | 2016        |             |             |
|--|------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
|  | Jan-Jun    | Jan-Mar     | Jan-Dec     | Jan-Sep     | Jan-Jun     | Jan-Mar     |
| South East Asia, Oceania and India           | 1%         | 1%          | 1%          | -4%         | -1%         | 1%          |
| North East Asia                              | -2%        | 0%          | -3%         | -8%         | -10%        | -7%         |
| North America                                | -8%        | -10%        | -6%         | -3%         | -1%         | 8%          |
| Europe and Latin America <sup>1) 2)</sup>    | -13%       | -16%        | -15%        | -15%        | -13%        | -15%        |
| Middle East and Africa                       | -12%       | -5%         | -15%        | -21%        | -18%        | -15%        |
| Other <sup>1) 2)</sup>                       | -26%       | -40%        | -25%        | 16%         | 27%         | 54%         |
| <b>Total</b>                                 | <b>-9%</b> | <b>-11%</b> | <b>-10%</b> | <b>-9%</b>  | <b>-7%</b>  | <b>-2%</b>  |
| <i><sup>1)</sup> Of which in Sweden</i>      | <i>2%</i>  | <i>-17%</i> | <i>-18%</i> | <i>-19%</i> | <i>-6%</i>  | <i>2%</i>   |
| <i><sup>2)</sup> Of which in EU</i>          | <i>-9%</i> | <i>-11%</i> | <i>-15%</i> | <i>-17%</i> | <i>-16%</i> | <i>-15%</i> |

\* As of Q2 2017, net sales by geographical area has been restated using the new structure of five Market Areas + Other, replacing the previous structure of 10 regions + Other. Broadcast services, reported as Region Other during 2016, is now reported per geographical area. In addition, part of the business related to former Telcordia, reported per geographical area during 2016, has been transferred to Other. All changes have been applied retrospectively to ensure valid comparisons between periods.

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## TOP 5 COUNTRIES IN SALES

| Country<br>Percentage of Net sales | Q2   |      | Jan-Jun |      |
|------------------------------------|------|------|---------|------|
|                                    | 2017 | 2016 | 2017    | 2016 |
| United States                      | 26%  | 26%  | 26%     | 26%  |
| China                              | 9%   | 8%   | 8%      | 9%   |
| India                              | 4%   | 5%   | 5%      | 5%   |
| Australia                          | 4%   | 3%   | 4%      | 2%   |
| Japan                              | 3%   | 2%   | 4%      | 3%   |

## NET SALES BY MARKET AREA BY SEGMENT

| SEK million                           | Q2 2017       |               |              |               | Jan-Jun 2017  |               |              |               |
|---------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|
|                                       | Networks      | IT & Cloud    | Other        | Total         | Networks      | IT & Cloud    | Other        | Total         |
| South East Asia,<br>Oceania and India | 6,292         | 1,319         | 119          | 7,730         | 12,945        | 2,597         | 197          | 15,739        |
| North East Asia                       | 4,118         | 1,693         | 42           | 5,853         | 8,743         | 2,582         | 89           | 11,414        |
| North America                         | 9,953         | 2,053         | 451          | 12,457        | 19,182        | 4,340         | 746          | 24,268        |
| Europe and Latin<br>America           | 10,513        | 3,865         | 853          | 15,231        | 19,099        | 7,191         | 1,648        | 27,938        |
| Middle East and<br>Africa             | 4,171         | 1,756         | 91           | 6,018         | 7,922         | 3,309         | 201          | 11,432        |
| Other                                 | 1,792         | 202           | 656          | 2,650         | 3,808         | 414           | 1,295        | 5,517         |
| <b>Total</b>                          | <b>36,839</b> | <b>10,888</b> | <b>2,212</b> | <b>49,939</b> | <b>71,699</b> | <b>20,433</b> | <b>4,176</b> | <b>96,308</b> |
| Share of total                        | 74%           | 22%           | 4%           | 100%          | 75%           | 21%           | 4%           | 100%          |

| Sequential change, percent         | Q2 2017   |            |            |           |
|------------------------------------|-----------|------------|------------|-----------|
|                                    | Networks  | IT & Cloud | Other      | Total     |
| South East Asia, Oceania and India | -5%       | 3%         | 53%        | -3%       |
| North East Asia                    | -11%      | 90%        | -11%       | 5%        |
| North America                      | 8%        | -10%       | 53%        | 5%        |
| Europe and Latin America           | 22%       | 16%        | 7%         | 20%       |
| Middle East and Africa             | 11%       | 13%        | -17%       | 11%       |
| Other                              | -11%      | -5%        | 3%         | -8%       |
| <b>Total</b>                       | <b>6%</b> | <b>14%</b> | <b>13%</b> | <b>8%</b> |

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| Year over year change, percent     | Q2 2017    |            |            | Jan-Jun 2017 |             |            |             |            |
|------------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|--------------|-------------|------------|-------------|------------|
|                                    | Networks   | IT & Cloud | Other      | Total        | Networks    | IT & Cloud | Other       | Total      |
| South East Asia, Oceania and India | -2%        | 10%        | 7%         | 0%           | -1%         | 9%         | 1%          | 1%         |
| North East Asia                    | -12%       | 25%        | 20%        | -3%          | -2%         | -1%        | 11%         | -2%        |
| North America                      | -5%        | -11%       | -23%       | -7%          | -10%        | 8%         | -33%        | -8%        |
| Europe and Latin America           | -11%       | -12%       | -10%       | -11%         | -15%        | -9%        | -13%        | -13%       |
| Middle East and Africa             | -19%       | -13%       | 23%        | -17%         | -13%        | -10%       | 19%         | -12%       |
| Other                              | 0%         | -19%       | 7%         | 0%           | -29%        | -40%       | -5%         | -26%       |
| <b>Total</b>                       | <b>-8%</b> | <b>-5%</b> | <b>-6%</b> | <b>-8%</b>   | <b>-11%</b> | <b>-4%</b> | <b>-13%</b> | <b>-9%</b> |

IPR LICENSING REVENUES BY SEGMENT BY QUARTER

| Isolated quarters, SEK million | 2017         |              |              | 2016         |              |              |
|--------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
|                                | Q2           | Q1           | Q4           | Q3           | Q2           | Q1           |
| Networks                       | 1,562        | 1,609        | 1,612        | 1,610        | 1,724        | 3,064        |
| IT & Cloud                     | 195          | 201          | 202          | 201          | 216          | 383          |
| Other                          | 195          | 201          | 202          | 201          | 216          | 383          |
| <b>Total</b>                   | <b>1,952</b> | <b>2,011</b> | <b>2,016</b> | <b>2,012</b> | <b>2,156</b> | <b>3,830</b> |

| Year to date, SEK million, | 2017         |              |               | 2016         |              |              |
|----------------------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
|                            | Jan-Jun      | Jan-Mar      | Jan-Dec       | Jan-Sep      | Jan-Jun      | Jan-Mar      |
| Networks                   | 3,171        | 1,609        | 8,010         | 6,398        | 4,788        | 3,064        |
| IT & Cloud                 | 396          | 201          | 1,002         | 800          | 599          | 383          |
| Other                      | 396          | 201          | 1,002         | 800          | 599          | 383          |
| <b>Total</b>               | <b>3,963</b> | <b>2,011</b> | <b>10,014</b> | <b>7,998</b> | <b>5,986</b> | <b>3,830</b> |

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## PROVISIONS

| Isolated quarters, SEK million                     | 2017          |               |              | 2016         |              |              |
|--|---------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
|  | Q2            | Q1            | Q4           | Q3           | Q2           | Q1           |
| <b>Opening balance</b>                             | <b>10,560</b> | <b>6,357</b>  | <b>3,245</b> | <b>3,387</b> | <b>3,532</b> | <b>3,838</b> |
| Additions  | 1,403         | 6,365         | 4,349        | 666          | 839          | 492          |
| Utilization/Cash out                               | -1,324        | -2,085        | -976         | -716         | -794         | -667         |
| <i>Of which restructuring</i>                      | <i>-1,075</i> | <i>-1,586</i> | <i>-785</i>  | <i>-529</i>  | <i>-639</i>  | <i>-487</i>  |
| Reversal of excess amounts                         | -65           | -66           | -253         | -129         | -240         | -67          |
| Reclassification, translation difference and other | -162          | -11           | -8           | 37           | 50           | -64          |
| <b>Closing balance</b>                             | <b>10,412</b> | <b>10,560</b> | <b>6,357</b> | <b>3,245</b> | <b>3,387</b> | <b>3,532</b> |

| Year to date, SEK million                          | 2017          |               |               | 2016          |               |              |
|--|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|
|  | Jan-Jun       | Jan-Mar       | Jan-Dec       | Jan-Sep       | Jan-Jun       | Jan-Mar      |
| <b>Opening balance</b>                             | <b>6,357</b>  | <b>6,357</b>  | <b>3,838</b>  | <b>3,838</b>  | <b>3,838</b>  | <b>3,838</b> |
| Additions  | 7,768         | 6,365         | 6,346         | 1,997         | 1,331         | 492          |
| Utilization/Cash out                               | -3,409        | -2,085        | -3,153        | -2,177        | -1,461        | -667         |
| <i>Of which restructuring</i>                      | <i>-2,661</i> | <i>-1,586</i> | <i>-2,440</i> | <i>-1,655</i> | <i>-1,126</i> | <i>-487</i>  |
| Reversal of excess amounts                         | -131          | -66           | -689          | -436          | -307          | -67          |
| Reclassification, translation difference and other | -173          | -11           | 15            | 23            | -14           | -64          |
| <b>Closing balance</b>                             | <b>10,412</b> | <b>10,560</b> | <b>6,357</b>  | <b>3,245</b>  | <b>3,387</b>  | <b>3,532</b> |

## INFORMATION ON INVESTMENTS

Investments in assets subject to depreciation, amortization, impairment and write-downs

| Isolated quarters, SEK million                          | 2017         |              |              | 2016         |              |              |
|---|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
|   | Q2           | Q1           | Q4           | Q3           | Q2           | Q1           |
| <b>Additions</b>  |              |              |              |              |              |              |
| Property, plant and equipment                           | 1,018        | 1,015        | 1,699        | 1,384        | 1,572        | 1,474        |
| Capitalized development expenses <sup>1)</sup>          | 315          | 865          | 1,291        | 885          | 1,099        | 1,208        |
| IPR, brands and other intangible assets                 | 19           | 1            | 0            | -4           | 13           | 5            |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>1,352</b> | <b>1,881</b> | <b>2,990</b> | <b>2,265</b> | <b>2,684</b> | <b>2,687</b> |
| <b>Depreciation, amortization and impairment losses</b> |              |              |              |              |              |              |
| Property, plant and equipment                           | 1,061        | 1,075        | 1,318        | 1,106        | 1,083        | 1,062        |
| Capitalized development expenses                        | 690          | 2,481        | 652          | 511          | 386          | 351          |
| IPR, brands and other intangible assets                 | 446          | 1,875        | 640          | 691          | 635          | 684          |

|              |              |              |              |              |              |              |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| <b>Total</b> | <b>2,197</b> | <b>5,431</b> | <b>2,610</b> | <b>2,308</b> | <b>2,104</b> | <b>2,097</b> |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|

1) Including reclassification

| Year to date, SEK million                               | 2017         |              |               | 2016         |              |              |
|---|--------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
|   | Jan-Jun      | Jan-Mar      | Jan-Dec       | Jan-Sep      | Jan-Jun      | Jan-Mar      |
| <b>Additions</b>  |              |              |               |              |              |              |
| Property, plant and equipment                           | 2,033        | 1,015        | 6,129         | 4,430        | 3,046        | 1,474        |
| Capitalized development expenses <sup>1)</sup>          | 1,180        | 865          | 4,483         | 3,192        | 2,307        | 1,208        |
| IPR, brands and other intangible assets                 | 20           | 1            | 14            | 14           | 18           | 5            |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>3,233</b> | <b>1,881</b> | <b>10,626</b> | <b>7,636</b> | <b>5,371</b> | <b>2,687</b> |
| <b>Depreciation, amortization and impairment losses</b> |              |              |               |              |              |              |
| Property, plant and equipment                           | 2,136        | 1,075        | 4,569         | 3,251        | 2,145        | 1,062        |
| Capitalized development expenses                        | 3,171        | 2,481        | 1,900         | 1,248        | 737          | 351          |
| IPR, brands and other intangible assets                 | 2,321        | 1,875        | 2,650         | 2,010        | 1,319        | 684          |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>7,628</b> | <b>5,431</b> | <b>9,119</b>  | <b>6,509</b> | <b>4,201</b> | <b>2,097</b> |

1) Including reclassification

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## OTHER INFORMATION

| SEK million   | Apr-Jun |        | Jan-Jun |        | Jan-Dec |
|---|---------|--------|---------|--------|---------|
|   | 2017    | 2016   | 2017    | 2016   | 2016    |
| <b>Number of shares and earnings per share</b>                        |         |        |         |        |         |
| Number of shares, end of period (million)                             | 3,334   | 3,331  | 3,334   | 3,331  | 3,331   |
| Of which class A-shares (million)                                     | 262     | 262    | 262     | 262    | 262     |
| Of which class B-shares (million)                                     | 3,072   | 3,069  | 3,072   | 3,069  | 3,069   |
| Number of treasury shares, end of period (million)                    | 58      | 69     | 58      | 69     | 62      |
| Number of shares outstanding, basic, end of period (million)          | 3,276   | 3,262  | 3,276   | 3,262  | 3,269   |
| Numbers of shares outstanding, diluted, end of period (million)       | 3,319   | 3,298  | 3,319   | 3,298  | 3,309   |
| Average number of treasury shares (million)                           | 58      | 55     | 59      | 55     | 60      |
| Average number of shares outstanding, basic (million)                 | 3,275   | 3,261  | 3,273   | 3,259  | 3,263   |
| Average number of shares outstanding, diluted (million) <sup>1)</sup> | 3,318   | 3,297  | 3,316   | 3,296  | 3,303   |
| Earnings per share, basic (SEK)                                       | 0.31    | 0.49   | 3.64    | 1.09   | 0.53    |
| Earnings per share, diluted (SEK) <sup>1)</sup>                       | 0.30    | 0.48   | 3.59    | 1.08   | 0.52    |
| <b>Ratios</b>   |         |        |         |        |         |
| Days sales outstanding  |         |        | 114     | 115    | 95      |
| Inventory turnover days   | 86      | 83     | 78      | 81     | 69      |
| Payable days  | 64      | 56     | 60      | 59     | 56      |
| <b>Exchange rates used in the consolidation</b>                       |         |        |         |        |         |
| SEK/EUR closing rate  |         |        | 9.65    | 9.42   | 9.56    |
| SEK/USD closing rate  |         |        | 8.46    | 8.45   | 9.06    |
| <b>Other</b>  |         |        |         |        |         |
| Regional inventory, end of period                                     | 19,552  | 18,749 | 19,552  | 18,749 | 16,231  |
| Export sales from Sweden  | 21,697  | 27,797 | 43,157  | 51,051 | 107,036 |

<sup>1)</sup> Potential ordinary shares are not considered when their conversion to ordinary shares would increase earnings per share.

## NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES

| End of period                          | 2017           |                |                | 2016           |                |                |
|--|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
|  | Jun 30         | Mar 31         | Dec 31         | Sep 30         | Jun 30         | Mar 31         |
| South East Asia, Oceania and India     | 26,748         | 27,221         | 26,570         | 26,453         | 26,725         | 26,602         |
| North East Asia                        | 12,972         | 12,962         | 13,042         | 13,434         | 13,547         | 13,623         |
| North America                          | 11,073         | 11,253         | 11,547         | 12,229         | 13,838         | 14,081         |
| Europe and Latin America <sup>1)</sup> | 53,173         | 54,194         | 54,873         | 56,035         | 56,477         | 55,009         |
| Middle East and Africa                 | 5,161          | 5,268          | 5,432          | 5,646          | 5,920          | 5,985          |
| <b>Total</b>                           | <b>109,127</b> | <b>110,898</b> | <b>111,464</b> | <b>113,797</b> | <b>116,507</b> | <b>115,300</b> |

|   |               |               |               |               |               |               |
|---|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| <i><sup>1)</sup> Of which in Sweden</i> | <i>14,483</i> | <i>14,712</i> | <i>15,303</i> | <i>15,872</i> | <i>16,190</i> | <i>16,290</i> |
|---|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|

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