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Report of Foreign Issuer

Persuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16 of  
the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Report on Form 6-K dated April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2007

### Swedish Match AB

(Translation of Registrant's Name into English)

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(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

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SIGNATURES

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

Swedish Match AB

Date: April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2007

By: /s/ Bertil Raihle  
Bertil Raihle

Vice President Corporate Control

**Interim Report**

**January March 2007**

Sales for the first quarter amounted to 2,663 MSEK (2,951)

A sharp increase in the excise tax for snus effective January 1, 2007, resulted in exceptionally low deliveries of snus to the Swedish market during the first quarter

Operating profit for the first quarter amounted to 534 MSEK (733)

Net profit for the first quarter amounted to 332 MSEK (488)

EPS for the first quarter amounted to 1.23 SEK (1.62)

**Summary of Consolidated Income Statement**

	January	March	Full year
<i>MSEK</i>	2007	2006	2006
<b>Sales</b>	<b>2,663</b>	<b>2,951</b>	<b>12,911</b>
<b>Operating profit excl. larger one time items</b>	<b>534</b>	<b>733</b>	<b>3,137</b>
<b>Operating profit</b>	<b>534</b>	<b>733</b>	<b>3,285</b>
<b>Profit before income tax</b>	<b>468</b>	<b>697</b>	<b>3,173</b>
<b>Net profit for the period</b>	<b>332</b>	<b>488</b>	<b>2,335</b>
<b>Earnings per share (SEK)</b>	<b>1.23</b>	<b>1.62</b>	<b>8.13</b>

**Sales and results for the first quarter**

In local currencies and excluding divested businesses sales for the first quarter 2007 declined by 3 percent compared with the first quarter 2006. Reported sales for the first quarter declined by 10 percent to 2,663 MSEK (2,951). Currency translation has affected the sales comparison negatively by 161 MSEK.

For snuff, sales declined by 16 percent during the first quarter to 662 MSEK (785) and operating profit declined by 40 percent to 231 MSEK (383). Last years operating profit included an income of 17 MSEK related to the recovery of excise taxes. North European snuff sales were down 20 percent, following retailer inventory destocking and reduced consumer takeaway after a sharp excise tax increase on snuff in Sweden effective January 1, 2007. Sales for North American snuff increased by 10 percent in local currency, driven by strong volume growth and market share gains.

Sales of cigars in the first quarter were 735 MSEK (759), while operating profit was 164 MSEK (163). Sales and operating profit for cigars grew in both the US and in Europe in local currencies. Operating margin for cigars reached 22.3 percent (21.5).

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Group operating profit for the first quarter declined by 27 percent to 534 MSEK (733). Currency translation has affected the operating profit comparison negatively by 44 MSEK.

Operating margin for the first quarter amounted to 20.0 percent compared to 24.8 percent for the first quarter 2006.

EPS (basic) for the first quarter was 1.23 SEK (1.62). Diluted EPS amounted to 1.22 SEK (1.61).

**Sales by product area**

<i>MSEK</i>	January - March		Chg %	Full year 2006
	2007	2006		
Snuff	662	785	-16	3,363
Cigars	735	759	-3	3,407
Chewing tobacco	238	273	-13	1,063
Pipe tobacco & Accessories	205	238	-14	899
Lights	340	387	-12	1,503
Other operations	483	510	-5	2,677
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,663</b>	<b>2,951</b>	<b>-10</b>	<b>12,911</b>

**Operating profit by product area**

<i>MSEK</i>	January - March		Chg %	Full year 2006
	2007	2006		
Snuff	231	383	-40	1,614
Cigars	164	163	0	770
Chewing tobacco	72	86	-17	338
Pipe tobacco & Accessories	56	76	-27	265
Lights	57	63	-9	249
Other operations	-45	-38		-99
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>534</b>	<b>733</b>	<b>-27</b>	<b>3,137</b>
<i>Larger one time items</i>				
Pension curtailment gain				148
<b>Total</b>	<b>534</b>	<b>733</b>	<b>-27</b>	<b>3,285</b>

**Operating margin by product area**

<i>Percent</i>	January - March		Full year 2006
	2007	2006	
Snuff	34.9	48.8	48.0
Cigars	22.3	21.5	22.6
Chewing tobacco	30.1	31.5	31.8
Pipe tobacco & Accessories	27.1	31.8	29.5
Lights	16.8	16.2	16.6
<b>Group*</b>	<b>20.0</b>	<b>24.8</b>	<b>24.3</b>

\* Excluding larger one time items

### **Snuff / Snus**

Sweden is the world's largest snuff market measured by per capita consumption. In Sweden, a substantially larger proportion of the male population uses the Swedish type of moist snuff called snus\* compared to cigarettes. The Norwegian market, which is significantly smaller than the Swedish market, is at present showing strong growth. The US is the world's largest snuff market measured in number of cans and is approximately five times larger than the Swedish market. In Sweden and Norway, Swedish Match has a leading position. In the US, the Company is well positioned as number three on the market. Some of the best known brands include General, Ettan, and Grov in Sweden, Timber Wolf and Longhorn in the US and Taxi in South Africa.

During the first quarter, sales revenues decreased by 16 percent versus the previous year, to 662 MSEK (785), and operating profit decreased by 40 percent, to 231 MSEK (383). Operating profit in the first quarter of 2006 included 17 MSEK of one time income as a result of recovered excise taxes. Currency translation impacts have affected the sales and operating profit comparison negatively. The decline in operating profit and margin is primarily a result of the exceptionally low volumes delivered to the Swedish market. The sharp decline in sales is deemed to be of temporary character. With a cost structure based on higher volumes, the impact on the first quarter operating margin was significant. Operating margin was 34.9 percent (48.8).

In Sweden, volumes decreased by 31 percent measured in number of cans as a result of retailer inventory reductions following trade hoarding in December caused by the weight based tax increase effective January 1, 2007. Consumer takeaway is also estimated to have declined, especially in the beginning of the quarter. In Scandinavia as a total the volume decrease was 21 percent as sales volumes to Norway and tax free channels increased substantially. In Sweden, pouched snuff represented 65 percent of the volumes sold by Swedish Match compared to 58 percent in the first quarter of 2006.

In the US, sales volumes for the first quarter were up by 13 percent versus previous year measured in number of cans. Sales of Longhorn were considerably higher than the year before, and sales for Timber Wolf also increased.

### **Cigars**

Swedish Match is the world's second largest producer of cigars and cigarillos in sales value. Swedish Match offers a full range of different cigars and brands. Well known brands include Macanudo, La Gloria Cubana, White Owl, Garcia y Vega, La Paz, Hajenius, Justus van Maurik, Willem II, Salsa, and Wings. The US is the largest cigar market in the world where Swedish Match has a leading position in the premium segment and is well established in the segment for machine made cigars. After the US, the most important cigar markets are in Europe, where Swedish Match is well represented in most countries, with an especially good market position in The Netherlands and in the Nordic area.

During the first quarter, sales revenues declined by 3 percent, to 735 MSEK (759), while operating profit was 164 MSEK (163). Currency translation has affected the comparisons for both sales and operating profit negatively. In local currencies,

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\* Swedish snus is moist snuff which is produced using a special heat treated process, much like pasteurization as opposed to other snuff products for which a fermentation process is used.

sales in the first quarter grew by 4 percent and operating profit by 8 percent. Sales and operating profit increased in both in the US and in Europe in local currencies. Operating margin reached 22.3 percent (21.5). The main increase in sales on the European market came from the acquisition of the Hajenius and Oud Kampen cigar brands. In Europe, a shift toward smaller cigars has continued.

### **Chewing tobacco**

Chewing tobacco is sold primarily on the North American market, mainly in the southern US. Well known brands include Red Man and Southern Pride. Swedish Match is the leading producer of chewing tobacco in the US. The chewing tobacco segment shows a declining trend.

During the first quarter, sales revenues declined by 13 percent, to 238 MSEK (273). Operating profit declined by 17 percent, to 72 MSEK (86). Currency translation, as well as timing of promotional activity affected the operating profit comparison negatively. In the US, sales declined by 2 percent, and operating profit declined by 7 percent in local currency. Operating margin was 30.1 percent (31.5). In late March Swedish Match North America announced a price increase of 7 percent.

### **Pipe tobacco and Accessories**

Swedish Match is one of the largest pipe tobacco companies in the world and its products are marketed worldwide. The Borkum Riff brand is sold in over 60 countries. The Company has its most significant presence in South Africa, where local production takes place. Best Blend and Boxer are the most important brands in South Africa. Accessories include the sales of papers, filters, and other smoking related items, primarily in the UK and Australia. Pipe tobacco consumption is declining on most established markets.

During the first quarter, sales revenues decreased by 14 percent to 205 MSEK (238) and the operating profit declined by 27 percent to 56 MSEK (76). The sales and operating profit comparisons are affected by the sharp depreciation of the South African Rand. In local currencies, sales increased by 1 percent. Operating margin was 27.1 percent (31.8).

### **Lights**

Swedish Match is a market leader in a number of markets for matches. The brands are mostly local, and have leading positions in their home countries. Larger brands include Solstickan, Three Stars, Fiat Lux, and Redheads. The Company produces and distributes disposable lighters and the main brand is Cricket. Swedish Match's largest market for lighters is Russia.

During the first quarter sales revenues amounted to 340 MSEK (387), while operating profit amounted to 57 MSEK (63). Excluding divested businesses and in local currencies, sales declined by 1 percent, while operating profit declined by 2 percent. Operating margin was 16.8 percent (16.2).

### **Other operations**

Other operations include primarily the distribution of tobacco products on the Swedish market, as well as corporate overheads.

Sales in Other operations for the first quarter decreased to 483 MSEK compared to 510 MSEK previous year. Operating profit for Other operations was a negative 45 MSEK (negative 38). Sales in the Swedish distribution of tobacco products was unusually low in the beginning of the year as a consequence of high retailer

inventories in anticipation of the sharply raised tobacco excise taxes effective January 1, 2007.

#### **Taxes**

Total tax expense for the first quarter amounted to 136 MSEK (209), corresponding to an average tax rate of 29 percent (30). The lower tax rate in 2007 is primarily the result of a more efficient capital structure.

#### **Earnings per share**

Earnings per share for the first quarter amounted to 1.23 SEK (1.62).

#### **Depreciation and amortization**

Total depreciation and amortization amounted to 109 MSEK (110), of which depreciation on property, plant and equipment amounted to 76 MSEK (80) and amortization of intangible assets amounted to 33 MSEK (30).

#### **Financing and cash flow**

At the close of the period the Group's net debt amounted to 6,800 MSEK, as compared to 5,658 MSEK on December 31, 2006, an increase of 1,141 MSEK. The definition of net debt now includes the net of pension plan assets and liabilities. As of December 31, 2006 and March 31, 2007 net pension liabilities of 532 MSEK and 534 MSEK respectively are included in net debt. The increase in net debt during the first quarter is primarily due to share repurchases, net, of 1,121 MSEK. The Group's direct investments in tangible fixed assets amounted to 124 MSEK (60).

Cash flow from operations was 34 MSEK compared with a negative 657 MSEK a year ago. Tax payments in the first quarter were 169 MSEK, compared with an unusually high level of 995 MSEK in the first quarter 2006. The cash flow from change in working capital has been negatively impacted by unusually high payments of tobacco excise taxes as a result of exceptionally strong sales of snuff in Sweden and in the Swedish distribution of tobacco products at the end of 2006 in anticipation of the sharply increased tobacco excise taxes effective January 1, 2007.

During the period new bond loans of 1,050 MSEK have been issued. Amortization for the period amounted to 310 MSEK.

Cash and cash equivalents, together with current investments, amounted to 2,697 MSEK at the end of the period, compared with 3,098 MSEK at the beginning of the year.

Net finance cost for the period amounted to a negative 66 MSEK (negative 36).

#### **Average number of Group employees**

The average number of employees in the Group during the first quarter was 12,422 compared with 12,465 for the full year 2006.

#### **Share structure**

During the first quarter 10.2 million shares were repurchased at an average price of 121.71 SEK. Total shares bought back by Swedish Match since the buyback programs started have been repurchased at an average price of 72.84 SEK. During the first quarter the Company also sold 1.6 million treasury shares at an average price of 75.95 SEK as a result of option holders exercising their options. As per March 31, 2007 Swedish Match held 14.2 million shares in its treasury, corresponding to 5.1 percent of the total number of shares. The number of shares

outstanding, net after repurchase and after the sale of treasury shares, as per March 31, 2007 amounted to 265.8 million. In addition, the Company has issued call options and as of March 31, 2007 call options corresponding to 2.4 million shares exercisable in gradual stages from 2007-2011 were outstanding.

### **Annual General Meeting**

The Annual General Meeting on April 23, 2007 approved the Board's proposal to pay a dividend to the shareholders of 2.50 SEK per share for a total of 664 MSEK. The Meeting also approved a mandate to repurchase shares for a maximum amount of 3.0 billion SEK until the next Annual General Meeting with the condition that the Company at any time does not hold more than 10 percent of all shares of the Company. In addition, a decision was made to cancel 13.0 million shares held in treasury, with a contemporaneous bonus issue, without issuing of new shares, of an amount equivalent the amount represented by the cancelled shares or 18.1 MSEK. With the latter transaction the Company's share capital will not decrease through the cancellation of shares. The total amount of registered shares in the Company before the cancellation of shares is 280,000,000. The Annual General Meeting also approved the proposal of the Board of Directors that the Company may issue a maximum of 1,315,577 call options to senior Company officials and key employees for the stock option program for 2006 and that the Company, in deviation from the preferential rights of shareholders, be permitted to transfer a maximum of 1,315,577 shares of the Company at a selling price of 145.50 SEK per share in conjunction with a demand for the redemption of these call options. Redemption can take place from March 2010 to February 2012.

The Meeting re-elected Andrew Cripps, Sven Hindrikes, Arne Jurbrant, Conny Karlsson, Kersti Strandqvist and Meg Tivéus as Board members and elected Charles A. Blixt and John P. Bridendall as new members of the Board. Conny Karlsson was elected Chairman of the Board.

### **Other events**

The Stockholm head office building was acquired in the fourth quarter of 2006. The book value of the building is 764 MSEK and is recorded as assets held for sale. Sale of the building is expected to take place during the year.

Due to a prior listing on the American Nasdaq stock exchange, Swedish Match is presently registered with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) and therefore subject to extensive and costly SEC reporting obligations. The SEC has proposed new rules on termination of registration with the SEC, which will become effective in June this year. With reference to these new rules, Swedish Match intends to deregister from the SEC.

### **Accounting principles**

The financial information in this interim report has been prepared in accordance with the International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) approved by the European Commission for application within the EU. The report is prepared in accordance with the Accounting Standard IAS 34 Interim Financial Reporting.

The accounting principles are the same as in the 2006 Annual Report except for the accounting for pensions and other retirement benefits in accordance with IAS 19, Employee Benefits, as described below.



**New accounting principle**

In order to enhance transparency Swedish Match has changed the principle for reporting of actuarial gains and losses in the Group's various defined benefit plans. These actuarial gains and losses are now recognized directly in equity in the period in which they occur.

The net of plan surpluses and deficits is included in the calculation of net debt. The total cost relating to defined benefit plans which previously was charged to personnel costs is now divided between personnel costs and financial income and expenses. Financial income and expenses are calculated from the net value of each plan at the beginning of the year. For surplus plans financial income is calculated using the expected return on plan assets and for deficit plans financial expenses is calculated using the discount factor decided for each plan.

The new method of accounting for actuarial gains and losses is a change of accounting principles and 2006 has been restated. The effect of the restatement on Swedish Match's opening equity 2006 amounts to a negative 284 MSEK and an increased net liability for retirement benefits of 397 MSEK. The effect on the closing equity 2006 compared with previously reported numbers amounts to a negative 250 MSEK and an increased net liability for retirement benefits of 304 MSEK. The restated operating profit for 2006 increases by 50 MSEK, finance net is charged with 44 MSEK and tax is charged with 2 MSEK.

**Outlook**

As previously announced, the operating margin for snuff in Q1 was significantly impacted by a sharp decline in volumes on the Swedish market due to the doubling of the excise tax for snuff effective January 1. Sales volumes recovered significantly towards the end of the quarter. However, some negative impact on volumes compared to last year is expected in the second quarter as well but to a much lesser extent. The increased initiatives to drive organic growth will continue throughout the year. Our outlook for the US snuff market remains firm and we target solid double digit volume growth for the full year.

**Additional information**

This report has not been reviewed by the Company's auditors. The January-June 2007 report will be released on July 20.

Stockholm, April 27, 2007

Sven Hindrikes

President and Chief Executive Officer

## Key data

	January	March	12 months ended	Full year
	2007	2006	Mar 31, 2007	2006
Operating margin, % <sup>1)</sup>	20.0	24.8	23.3	24.3
Operating capital, MSEK	8,486	8,755	8,486	8,059
Return on operating capital, % <sup>1)</sup>			34.1	38.1
Return on shareholders' equity, %			75.4	68.3
Net debt, MSEK	6,800	3,322	6,800	5,658
Net debt/equity ratio, %	484.0	75.8	484.0	277.3
Equity/assets ratio, %	9.2	26.6	9.2	13.0
Investments in property, plant and equipment, MSEK <sup>2)</sup>	124	60	368	304
EBITDA, MSEK <sup>3)</sup>	642	843	3,382	3,583
EBITA, MSEK <sup>4)</sup>	566	764	3,072	3,269
EBITA interest cover	8.4	21.6	12.8	15.7
Net debt/EBITA			2.2	1.7
<i>Share data<sup>5)</sup></i>				
Earnings per share, SEK				
Basic	1.23	1.62	7.80	8.13
Diluted	1.22	1.61	7.77	8.10
Shareholders' equity per share, SEK	5.28	14.71	5.28	7.43
Number of shares outstanding at end of period	265,759,734	297,558,105	265,759,734	274,367,981
Average number of shares outstanding	270,159,813	300,674,904	279,433,572	287,062,345
Average number of shares outstanding, diluted	271,198,474	302,089,460	280,433,505	288,161,247

1) Excluding larger one time items

2) Includes investments in assets held for sale and biological assets

3) Operating profit excluding larger one time items adjusted for depreciation, amortization and writedowns

4) Operating profit excluding larger one time items adjusted for amortization and writedowns of intangible assets

5) Profit attributable to equity holders of the Parent

## Consolidated Income Statement in summary

	January -	March	Chg	12 months	Full	Chg
	2007	2006	%	ended	year	%
	2007	2006		Mar 31, 07	2006	
<b>MSEK</b>						
Sales, including tobacco tax	4,623	4,797		21,817	21,991	
Less tobacco tax	-1,961	-1,846		-9,195	-9,080	
<b>Sales</b>	<b>2,663</b>	<b>2,951</b>	<b>-10</b>	<b>12,622</b>	<b>12,911</b>	<b>-2</b>
Cost of sales	-1,368	-1,456		-6,586	-6,674	
<b>Gross profit</b>	<b>1,295</b>	<b>1,495</b>	<b>-13</b>	<b>6,036</b>	<b>6,237</b>	<b>-3</b>
Sales and administrative expenses*	-762	-763		-2,962	-2,963	
Share of profit in equity accounted investees	0	1		11	11	
<b>Operating profit</b>	<b>534</b>	<b>733</b>	<b>-27</b>	<b>3,086</b>	<b>3,285</b>	<b>-6</b>
Financial income**	36	32		244	239	
Financial expenses	-102	-68		-386	-351	
Net finance cost	-66	-36		-142	-112	
<b>Profit before income taxes</b>	<b>468</b>	<b>697</b>	<b>-33</b>	<b>2,944</b>	<b>3,173</b>	<b>-7</b>
Income tax expense	-136	-209		-764	-838	

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<b>Net profit for the period</b>	<b>332</b>	<b>488</b>	<b>-32</b>	<b>2,179</b>	<b>2,335</b>	<b>-7</b>
<i>Attributable to:</i>						
Equity holders of the Parent	332	488		2,179	2,335	
Minority interests	0	0		1	1	
<b>Net profit for the period</b>	<b>332</b>	<b>488</b>	<b>-32</b>	<b>2,179</b>	<b>2,335</b>	<b>-7</b>
Earnings per share, basic, SEK	1.23	1.62		7.80	8.13	
Earnings per share, diluted, SEK	1.22	1.61		7.77	8.10	

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\* Including a pension curtailment gain of 148 MSEK during the second quarter 2006

\*\* Including a gain on sale of securities of 111 MSEK in the fourth quarter 2006

**Consolidated Balance Sheet in summary**

MSEK

	Mar 31, 2007	Dec 31, 2006
Intangible fixed assets	3,462	3,469
Property, plant and equipment	2,266	2,221
Financial fixed assets	1,134	1,055
Current operating assets*	5,791	5,827
Other current investments	55	56
Cash and cash equivalents	2,641	3,042
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>15,350</b>	<b>15,670</b>
Equity attributable to equity holders of the Parent	1,402	2,037
Minority interests	3	3
Total equity	1,405	2,041
Non-current provisions	1,253	1,192
Non-current loans	8,218	7,815
Other non-current liabilities	677	657
Current provisions	49	61
Current loans	744	409
Other current liabilities	3,003	3,495
<b>Total equity and liabilities</b>	<b>15,350</b>	<b>15,670</b>

\*Includes assets held for sale amounting to 774 MSEK, mainly attributable to the head office in Stockholm

**Consolidated Cash Flow Statement in summary**

MSEK

	January - March	
	2007	2006
<b>Profit before income taxes</b>	<b>468</b>	<b>697</b>
Adjustments for non-cash items and other	100	127
Income tax paid	-169	-995
<b>Cash flow from operating activities before changes in working capital</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>-170</b>
Cash flow from changes in working capital	-365	-487
<b>Net cash from operating activities</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>-657</b>
<i>Investing activities</i>		
Acquisition of property, plant and equipment*	-124	-60
Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment	16	75
Acquisition of intangible assets	-34	-257
Proceeds from sale of subsidiaries, net of cash disposed of		30
Changes in financial receivables etc.	47	-29
Changes in current investments	1	29
<b>Net cash used in investing activities</b>	<b>-94</b>	<b>-212</b>
<i>Financing activities</i>		
Changes in loans	740	1,433

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Repurchase of own shares	-1,243	-881
Sale of treasury shares	122	19
Other	14	-4
<b>Net cash used in financing activities</b>	<b>-367</b>	<b>566</b>
<b>Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents</b>	<b>-427</b>	<b>-303</b>
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the period	3,042	3,325
Effect of exchange rate fluctuations on cash and cash equivalents	26	-18
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the period**</b>	<b>2,641</b>	<b>3,004</b>

\* Includes investments held for sale and biological assets

\*\* Cash and cash equivalents include other current investments with a maturity of less than 90 days from acquisition

**Statement of recognized income and expense**

<i>MSEK</i>	January - March	
	2007	2006
Actuarial gains and losses related to pensions, incl. payroll tax*	0	0
Available-for-sale financial assets		23
Cash flow hedges	21	
Translation difference in foreign operations	131	-61
Tax on items taken to/transferred from equity	-6	-8
<b>Total transactions taken to equity</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>-47</b>
Net profit for the period recognized in the income statement	332	488
<b>Total income and expense recognized for the period</b>	<b>478</b>	<b>441</b>
<i>Attributable to:</i>		
Equity holders of the Parent	478	441
Minority interests	0	0
<b>Total income and expense recognized for the period</b>	<b>478</b>	<b>441</b>

\* Actuarial gains and losses are recalculated on a yearly basis

**Change in Shareholders' equity**

<i>MSEK</i>	January - March	
	2007	2006
<b>Opening balance as per December 31</b>	<b>2,040</b>	<b>5,083</b>
Total income and expense recognized for the period	478	441
Changed accounting principle IAS 19, net after tax		-284
Acquisition of own shares	-1,243	-881
Stock options exercised	122	19
Share-based payments, IFRS 2	8	4
<b>Closing balance at end of period</b>	<b>1,405</b>	<b>4,381</b>

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Quarterly data\*

MSEK	Q1/05	Q2/05	Q3/05	Q4/05	Q1/06	Q2/06	Q3/06	Q4/06	Q1/07
Sales, including tobacco tax	4,886	5,604	5,754	5,876	4,797	5,502	5,595	6,097	4,623
Less tobacco tax	-1,918	-2,220	-2,294	-2,376	-1,846	-2,260	-2,335	-2,640	-1,961
<b>Sales</b>	<b>2,967</b>	<b>3,384</b>	<b>3,461</b>	<b>3,500</b>	<b>2,951</b>	<b>3,242</b>	<b>3,261</b>	<b>3,457</b>	<b>2,663</b>
Cost of sales	-1,629	-1,842	-1,848	-1,959	-1,456	-1,657	-1,675	-1,877	-1,368
<b>Gross profit</b>	<b>1,338</b>	<b>1,542</b>	<b>1,612</b>	<b>1,540</b>	<b>1,495</b>	<b>1,584</b>	<b>1,586</b>	<b>1,581</b>	<b>1,295</b>
Sales and administrative expenses	-802	-901	-860	-869	-763	-805	-780	-772	-762
Share of profit in equity accounted investees	2	6	4	5	1	5	3	3	0
	<b>538</b>	<b>647</b>	<b>756</b>	<b>678</b>	<b>733</b>	<b>785</b>	<b>809</b>	<b>811</b>	<b>534</b>
<i>Larger one time items</i>									
Pension curtailment gain						148			
Income from sale of real estate			206						
<b>Operating profit</b>	<b>538</b>	<b>647</b>	<b>962</b>	<b>678</b>	<b>733</b>	<b>933</b>	<b>809</b>	<b>811</b>	<b>534</b>
Financial income	26	22	15	31	32	26	34	39	36
Financial expenses	-46	-55	-55	-67	-68	-77	-101	-107	-102
	-20	-33	-40	-36	-36	-51	-67	-68	-66
<i>Larger one time items</i>									
Gain on sale of securities								111	
Net finance cost	-20	-33	-40	-36	-36	-51	-67	43	-66
<b>Profit before income taxes</b>	<b>518</b>	<b>614</b>	<b>922</b>	<b>642</b>	<b>697</b>	<b>882</b>	<b>742</b>	<b>854</b>	<b>468</b>
Income tax expense	-172	-209	-353	-186	-209	-264	-113	-251	-136
<b>Net profit for the period</b>	<b>347</b>	<b>405</b>	<b>569</b>	<b>456</b>	<b>488</b>	<b>617</b>	<b>628</b>	<b>603</b>	<b>332</b>
<i>Attributable to:</i>									
Equity holders of the Parent	340	404	569	456	488	617	628	603	332
Minority interests	7	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Net profit for the period</b>	<b>347</b>	<b>405</b>	<b>569</b>	<b>456</b>	<b>488</b>	<b>617</b>	<b>628</b>	<b>603</b>	<b>332</b>

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Sales by product area

MSEK	Q1/05	Q2/05	Q3/05	Q4/05	Q1/06	Q2/06	Q3/06	Q4/06	Q1/07
Snuff	703	800	809	819	785	831	785	963	662
Cigars	734	841	874	834	759	888	903	857	735
Chewing tobacco	242	267	290	280	273	277	273	240	238
Pipe tobacco & Accessories	216	218	241	245	238	218	217	226	205
Lights	437	524	454	521	387	368	360	388	340
Other operations	635	734	792	800	510	659	723	784	483

<b>Total</b>	<b>2,967</b>	<b>3,384</b>	<b>3,461</b>	<b>3,500</b>	<b>2,951</b>	<b>3,242</b>	<b>3,261</b>	<b>3,457</b>	<b>2,663</b>
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**Operating profit by product area\***

<i>MSEK</i>	Q1/05	Q2/05	Q3/05	Q4/05	Q1/06	Q2/06	Q3/06	Q4/06	Q1/07
Snuff	324	388	401	392	383	383	385	462	231
Cigars	136	112	188	176	163	207	231	168	164
Chewing tobacco	69	83	94	100	86	81	95	76	72
Pipe tobacco & Accessories	60	56	62	60	76	58	68	63	56
Lights	-4	45	47	-31	63	72	64	51	57
Other operations	-47	-37	-37	-20	-38	-17	-35	-9	-45
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>538</b>	<b>647</b>	<b>756</b>	<b>678</b>	<b>733</b>	<b>784</b>	<b>808</b>	<b>811</b>	<b>534</b>
<i>Larger one time items</i>									
Pension curtailment gain						148			
Income from real estate sale			206						
<b>Subtotal</b>			<b>206</b>			<b>148</b>			
<b>Total</b>	<b>538</b>	<b>647</b>	<b>962</b>	<b>678</b>	<b>733</b>	<b>932</b>	<b>808</b>	<b>811</b>	<b>534</b>

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**Operating margin by product area\***

<i>Percent</i>	Q1/05	Q2/05	Q3/05	Q4/05	Q1/06	Q2/06	Q3/06	Q4/06	Q1/07
Snuff	46.0	48.5	49.5	47.8	48.8	46.1	49.1	48.0	34.9
Cigars	18.6	13.3	21.5	21.1	21.5	23.4	25.6	19.6	22.3
Chewing tobacco	28.6	31.2	32.5	35.6	31.5	29.3	34.7	31.7	30.1
Pipe tobacco & Accessories	27.6	25.6	25.7	24.4	31.8	26.5	31.5	28.0	27.1
Lights	-1.0	8.7	10.5	-5.9	16.2	19.5	17.7	13.1	16.8
<b>Group**</b>	<b>18.1</b>	<b>19.1</b>	<b>21.9</b>	<b>19.4</b>	<b>24.8</b>	<b>24.2</b>	<b>24.8</b>	<b>23.5</b>	<b>20.0</b>

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\*\* Excluding larger one time items

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