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# LM ERICSSON TELEPHONE COMPANY

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

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Announcement of LM Ericsson Telephone company, dated April 24, 2007 regarding Ericsson changes financial reporting structure .

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Press Release

April 24, 2007

## Ericsson changes financial reporting structure

**Ericsson (NASDAQ:ERIC) will change its financial reporting to reflect a new business segment structure and today publishes restated information for comparative prior year interim periods.**

As previously announced, Ericsson has from January 1, 2007, reorganized its operating structure. From the first quarter report 2007, the company's financial reporting will be adapted to reflect this new structure. Ericsson will also take this opportunity to make other modifications to further enhance transparency with additional disclosures.

Ericsson will report the following business segments: **Networks, Professional Services and Multimedia.**

**Phones**, represented by the share in earnings of Sony Ericsson will be reported as before. However, Sony Ericsson have increased its disclosure as of the first quarter report 2007.

The changed segment reporting is in accordance with the objectives set forth in IAS 14 Segment reporting. The business activities previously reported in Other Operations have been merged into the new segments to better leverage the opportunities provided by internal business combinations.

Business segment Networks includes products for mobile and fixed broadband access, core networks, transmission and next-generation IP-networks. Related network rollout services are also included. In addition, the power modules and cables operations, previously reported under Other Operations, are now included within Networks, as well as the acquired operations of Redback and Entrisphere.

Business segment Professional Services includes all service operations, excluding Network rollout reported under Networks. Services for system integration of IP and core networks previously reported as network rollout are now reclassified as Professional Services. Sales of managed services as a part of the total Professional Services will be disclosed since this represents service revenues of a recurring nature.

Business segment Multimedia includes multimedia systems, previously reported under segment Systems, and enterprise solutions and mobile platforms, previously included in Other Operations. The operations of Tandberg TV and Mobeon will also be included in Multimedia once these acquisitions are concluded.

For each of the business segments, we will report net sales and operating margin quarterly. In addition, sales of Mobile Systems, including relevant parts of Networks and Multimedia, will continue to be disclosed.

Within the consolidated income statement, royalty revenues for intellectual property rights related to products will be included as part of net sales instead of other operating income. Accordingly, the related costs, previously reported as part of operating expenses, will now be reported within cost of sales.

Changes within the consolidated statement of cash flows include additional breakdown of Adjustments to reconcile net income to cash , Operating net assets and Investing activities . Cash flow from operations will be disclosed as before. The subtotals Cash flow from operating investing activities and Cash flow before financial investing activities will no longer be reported.

The table Customer financing risk exposure will no longer be separately disclosed quarterly due to the decrease in activity compared to prior years. However, significant changes to risk and exposure will be commented within the text of interim reports.

Ericsson reports first quarter results on April 26, 2007, at 7:30 CET.

Restated 2006 Financial Statements are attached.

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## ERICSSON

## CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT ISOLATED QUARTERS

SEK million	2006				2006 Jan-Dec
	Q4	Q3	Q2	Q1	
Net sales	54,211	41,271	44,768	39,571	179,821
Cost of sales	-31,331	-25,506	-25,692	-22,346	-104,875
<b>Gross margin</b>	22,880	15,765	19,076	17,225	74,946
Gross margin %	42.2%	38.2%	42.6%	43.5%	41.7%
Research and development expenses	-7,155	-6,990	-6,767	-6,621	-27,533
Selling and administrative expenses	-6,071	-5,296	-5,263	-4,792	-21,422
Operating expenses	-13,226	-12,286	-12,030	-11,413	-48,955
Other operating income	321	3,252	215	115	3,903
Share in earnings of JVs and associated companies	2,210	2,035	992	697	5,934
<b>Operating income</b>	12,185	8,766	8,253	6,624	35,828
Operating margin %	22.5%	21.2%	18.4%	16.7%	19.9%
Financial income	366	499	567	522	1,954
Financial expenses	-396	-397	-529	-467	-1,789
<b>Income after financial items</b>	12,155	8,868	8,291	6,679	35,993
Taxes	-2,352	-2,572	-2,559	-2,074	-9,557
<b>Net income</b>	9,803	6,296	5,732	4,605	26,436
Net income attributable to:					
Stockholders of the parent company	9,731	6,233	5,712	4,575	26,251
Minority interest	72	63	20	30	185
<b>Other information</b>					
Average number of shares, basic (million)	15,877	15,872	15,869	15,866	15,871
Earnings per share, basic (SEK) <sup>1)</sup>	0.61	0.39	0.36	0.29	1.65
Earnings per share, diluted (SEK) <sup>1)</sup>	0.61	0.39	0.36	0.29	1.65

<sup>1)</sup> Based on Net income attributable to stockholders of the parent company

**ERICSSON****CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET**

SEK million	Dec 31 2006	Dec 31 <sup>1)</sup> 2005
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>Non-current assets</b>		
Intangible assets		
Capitalized development expenses	4,995	6,161
Goodwill	6,824	7,362
Intellectual property rights	15,649	939
Property, plant and equipment	7,881	6,966
Financial assets		
Equity in JVs and associated companies	9,409	6,313
Other investments in shares and participations	721	805
Customer financing, non-current	1,921	1,322
Other financial assets, non-current	2,409	2,796
Deferred tax assets	13,564	18,519
	63,373	51,183
<b>Current assets</b>		
Inventories	21,470	19,208
Trade receivables	51,070	41,242
Customer financing, current	1,735	3,624
Other current receivables	15,012	12,574
Short-term investments	32,311	39,767
Cash and cash equivalents	29,969	41,738
	151,567	158,153
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>214,940</b>	<b>209,336</b>
<b>EQUITY AND LIABILITIES</b>		
<b>Equity</b>		
Stockholders' equity	120,113	101,622
Minority interest in equity of consolidated subsidiaries	782	850
	120,895	102,472
<b>Non-current liabilities</b>		
Post-employment benefits	6,968	5,891
Provisions, non-current	602	904
Deferred tax liabilities	382	391
Borrowings, non-current	12,904	14,185
Other non-current liabilities	2,868	2,740
	23,724	24,111
<b>Current liabilities</b>		
Provisions, current	13,280	17,764
Borrowings, current	1,680	10,784
Trade payables	18,183	12,584

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Other current liabilities	37,178	41,621
	70,321	82,753
<b>Total equity and liabilities</b>	<b>214,940</b>	<b>209,336</b>
Of which interest-bearing liabilities and post-employment benefits	21,552	30,860
Net cash	40,728	50,645
Assets pledged as collateral	285	549
Contingent liabilities	1,392	1,708

<sup>1)</sup> Ericsson has adopted the new option in IAS 19 as from January 1, 2006. Earlier periods have been restated accordingly. The net effect on equity per December 31, 2005 was SEK -3,055 million.

## ERICSSON

## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

SEK million	Q4	2006 Q3	Q2	Q1	2006 Jan - Dec
Net income	9,803	6,296	5,732	4,605	26,436
Adjustments to reconcile net income to cash					
- taxes	1,671	737	1,397	477	4,282
- undistributed earnings in JVs and associated companies	-1,751	-1,462	-514	756	-2,971
- depreciation, amortization and impairment losses	2,068	1,735	1,723	1,997	7,523
- other	89	-2,885	32	-10	-2,774
	11,880	4,421	8,370	7,825	32,496
<b>Operating net assets</b>					
Inventories	2,972	-2,622	-433	-2,470	-2,553
Customer financing, current and non-current	1,242	-302	-1,586	1,832	1,186
Trade receivables	-4,077	-1,981	-3,269	-1,236	-10,563
Provisions and post-employment benefits	-1,935	2,546	-2,427	-1,913	-3,729
Other operating assets and liabilities, net	927	2,779	-422	-1,632	1,652
	-871	420	-8,137	-5,419	-14,007
<b>Cash flow from operating activities</b>	11,009	4,841	233	2,406	18,489
<b>Investing activities</b>					
Investments in property, plant and equipment	-925	-825	-1,377	-700	-3,827
Sales of property, plant and equipment	34	91	46	14	185
Acquisitions and divestments of subsidiaries and other operations, net	-193	2,833	-21	-17,611	-14,992
Product development	-373	-210	-412	-358	-1,353
Other investing activities	-636	-169	-456	191	-1,070
Short-term investments	3,136	-3,818	9,700	-2,838	6,180
<b>Cash flow from investing activities</b>	1,043	-2,098	7,480	-21,302	-14,877
<b>Cash flow before financing activities</b>	12,052	2,743	7,713	-18,896	3,612
<b>Financing activities</b>					
Dividends paid	0	-183	-7,154	-6	-7,343
Other financing activities	-271	-576	-8,147	898	-8,096
<b>Cash flow from financing activities</b>	-271	-759	-15,301	892	-15,439
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash	-326	-116	485	15	58
<b>Net change in cash</b>	11,455	1,868	-7,103	-17,989	-11,769
<b>Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period</b>	18,514	16,646	23,749	41,738	41,738
<b>Cash and cash equivalents, end of period</b>	29,969	18,514	16,646	23,749	29,969

**NET SALES BY SEGMENT BY QUARTER**

SEK million

	2006			
	Q4	Q3	Q2	Q1
<b>Isolated quarters</b>				
<b>Networks</b>	<b>39,035</b>	<b>29,155</b>	<b>31,448</b>	<b>28,056</b>
- Of which Network rollout	5,558	3,498	3,430	3,924
<b>Professional Services</b>	<b>10,566</b>	<b>8,722</b>	<b>9,252</b>	<b>8,307</b>
- Of which Managed services	2,514	2,238	2,414	2,325
<b>Multimedia</b>	<b>4,548</b>	<b>3,066</b>	<b>3,449</b>	<b>2,831</b>
<b>Unallocated <sup>1)</sup></b>		<b>372</b>	<b>764</b>	<b>479</b>
<b>Less: Intersegment sales</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>-44</b>	<b>-145</b>	<b>-102</b>
<b>Total Ericsson</b>	<b>54,211</b>	<b>41,271</b>	<b>44,768</b>	<b>39,571</b>

<sup>1)</sup> Including the Defense business

	2006			
	Q4	Q3	Q2	Q1 <sup>2)</sup>
<b>Sequential change</b>				
<b>Networks</b>	<b>34%</b>	<b>-7%</b>	<b>12%</b>	
- Of which Network rollout	59%	2%	-13%	
<b>Professional Services</b>	<b>21%</b>	<b>-6%</b>	<b>11%</b>	
- Of which Managed services	12%	-7%	4%	
<b>Multimedia</b>	<b>48%</b>	<b>-11%</b>	<b>22%</b>	
<b>Unallocated <sup>1)</sup></b>		<b>-51%</b>	<b>59%</b>	
<b>Less: Intersegment sales</b>	<b>-241%</b>	<b>-70%</b>	<b>42%</b>	
<b>Total Ericsson</b>	<b>31%</b>	<b>-8%</b>	<b>13%</b>	

<sup>1)</sup> Including the Defense business

<sup>2)</sup> Sequential change not calculated since 2005 is not restated according to new organization

	2006			
	0612	0609	0606	0603
<b>Year to Date</b>				
<b>Networks</b>	<b>127,694</b>	<b>88,659</b>	<b>59,504</b>	<b>28,056</b>
- Of which Network rollout	16,410	10,852	7,354	3,924
<b>Professional Services</b>	<b>36,847</b>	<b>26,281</b>	<b>17,559</b>	<b>8,307</b>
- Of which Managed services	9,491	6,977	4,739	2,325
<b>Multimedia</b>	<b>13,894</b>	<b>9,346</b>	<b>6,280</b>	<b>2,831</b>
<b>Unallocated <sup>1)</sup></b>	<b>1,615</b>	<b>1,615</b>	<b>1,243</b>	<b>479</b>
<b>Less: Intersegment sales</b>	<b>-229</b>	<b>-291</b>	<b>-247</b>	<b>-102</b>
<b>Total Ericsson</b>	<b>179,821</b>	<b>125,610</b>	<b>84,339</b>	<b>39,571</b>

<sup>1)</sup> Including the Defense business



**OPERATING MARGIN BY SEGMENT BY QUARTER**

SEK million

**OPERATING MARGIN**

As percentage of net sales	Q4	2006 Q3 <sup>3)</sup>	Q2	Q1
<b>Networks</b>	21%	9%	19%	17%
<b>Professional services</b>	15%	12%	16%	15%
<b>Multimedia</b>	12%	3%	1%	3%
<b>Phones<sup>1)</sup></b>				
<b>Unallocated<sup>2)</sup></b>				
<b>Total</b>	<b>22%</b>	<b>21%</b>	<b>18%</b>	<b>17%</b>

As percentage of net sales	0612	2006 0609 <sup>3)</sup>	0606	0603
<b>Networks</b>	17%	15%	18%	17%
<b>Professional services</b>	14%	14%	15%	15%
<b>Multimedia</b>	5%	2%	2%	3%
<b>Phones<sup>1)</sup></b>				
<b>Unallocated<sup>2)</sup></b>				
<b>Total</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>19%</b>	<b>18%</b>	<b>17%</b>

<sup>1)</sup> Calculation not applicable

<sup>2)</sup> "Unallocated" consists mainly of costs for corporate staffs, non-operational capital gains and losses and the Defense business that was divested in 2006

<sup>3)</sup> Including restructuring charges of SEK 2.9 b.

## NET SALES BY MARKET AREA BY QUARTER

SEK million

Isolated quarters	2006			
	Q4	Q3	Q2	Q1
Western Europe <sup>1)</sup>	17,166	11,675	12,852	11,488
Eastern Europe, Middle East & Africa	15,225	11,702	12,908	10,466
North America	3,960	2,895	3,726	5,281
Latin America	4,803	4,206	3,819	3,652
Asia Pacific	13,057	10,793	11,463	8,684
<b>Total <sup>2)</sup></b>	<b>54,211</b>	<b>41,271</b>	<b>44,768</b>	<b>39,571</b>
<sup>1)</sup> Of which Sweden	2,287	1,882	2,008	1,632
<sup>2)</sup> Of EU *	18,705	13,040	14,834	12,404
Sequential change (%)	Q4	Q3	Q2	Q1
Western Europe <sup>1)</sup>	47%	-9%	12%	
Eastern Europe, Middle East & Africa	30%	-9%	23%	
North America	37%	-22%	-29%	
Latin America	14%	10%	5%	
Asia Pacific	21%	-6%	32%	
<b>Total <sup>2)</sup></b>	<b>31%</b>	<b>-8%</b>	<b>13%</b>	
<sup>1)</sup> Of which Sweden	22%	-6%	23%	
<sup>2)</sup> Of which EU *	43%	-12%	20%	
Year to date	0612	0609	0606	603
Western Europe <sup>1)</sup>	53,181	36,015	24,340	11,488
Eastern Europe, Middle East & Africa	50,301	35,076	23,374	10,466
North America	15,862	11,902	9,007	5,281
Latin America	16,480	11,677	7,471	3,652
Asia Pacific	43,997	30,940	20,147	8,684
<b>Total <sup>2)</sup></b>	<b>179,821</b>	<b>125,610</b>	<b>84,339</b>	<b>39,571</b>
<sup>1)</sup> Of which Sweden	7,809	5,522	3,640	1,632
<sup>2)</sup> Of which EU *	58,983	40,278	27,238	12,404

\*) For the purpose of comparison 2006 has been restated including Bulgaria and Romania which entered into the European Union as from 2007.

**ERICSSON****OTHER INFORMATION**

<b>SEK million</b>	<b>2006 Jan-Dec</b>
<b><u>Number of shares and earnings per share</u></b>	
Number of shares, end of period (million)	16,132
Of which A-shares (million)	1,309
Of which B-shares (million)	14,823
Number of treasury shares, end of period (million)	251
Number of shares outstanding, basic, end of period (million)	15,881
Numbers of shares outstanding, diluted, end of period (million)	15,953
Average number of treasury shares (million)	262
Average number of shares outstanding, basic (million)	15,871
Average number of shares outstanding, diluted (million) <sup>1)</sup>	15,943
Earnings per share, basic (SEK)	1.65
Earnings per share, diluted (SEK) <sup>1)</sup>	1.65
<b><u>Ratios</u></b>	
EBITDA %	24.1%
Equity ratio, percent	56.2%
Capital turnover (times)	1.3
Accounts receivable turnover (times)	3.9
Inventory turnover (times)	5.2
Return on equity, percent	23.7%
Return on capital employed, percent	27.4%
Days Sales Outstanding	85
Payment readiness, end of period	67,454
Payment readiness, as percentage of sales	37.5%
<b><u>Exchange rates used in the consolidation</u></b>	
SEK / EUR - average rate	9.27
- closing rate	9.04
SEK / USD - average rate	7.38
- closing rate	6.85
<b><u>Other</u></b>	
Additions to property, plant and equipment	3,827
- Of which in Sweden	999
Additions to capitalized development expenses	1,353
Capitalization of development expenses, net	-1,166
Amortization of development expenses	2,519
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment and amortization of other intangible assets	4,997
Total depreciation and amortization	7,516
Export sales from Sweden	98,694

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

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant 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.

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