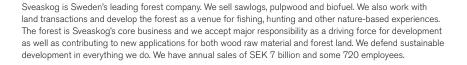


First quarter

- Net sales decreased to SEK 1,666 million (1,772). The decline compared with the previous year is due to lower selling prices.
- Operating profit from continuing operations amounted to SEK 223 million (243). The decrease is explained by lower price levels largely compensated by a larger volume of timber from the company's own forests while production costs increased in the wake of the storm Dagmar.
- Change in value of forest assets amounted to SEK 175 million (74).
- Operating profit amounted to SEK 430 million (341).
- Profit for the quarter amounted to SEK 274 million (217).

	C	Quarter 1
SEKm	2012	2011
Net sales	1,666	1,772
Operating profit from continuing operations	223	243
Operating profit	430	341
Profit before tax	377	300
Profit for the period	274	217
Earnings per share, SEK	2.31	1.83





CEO's comments

Sveaskog's net sales amounted to SEK 1,666 million (1,772). The decline compared with the previous year is essentially due a 5% decrease in selling prices, but also to somewhat lower sales volumes. Sveaskog's operating profit from continuing operations amounted to SEK 223 million (243). The lower price levels had an impact on earnings but were largely compensated by a higher volume of timber from our own forests.

In total, Sveaskog's sales of wood raw material decreased during the quarter by 1% to 2.9 million cubic metres (m³sub) compared with the same period in the previous year. The variation between the main assortment (sawlogs, pulpwood and biofuel) is relatively large, however. Despite the weak business climate production at the sawmills was higher than in the corresponding period last year which was reflected in 9% higher sawlog deliveries. Uncertain demand and high stocks at pulp and paper customers resulted in an 8% fall in deliveries of pulpwood and chips. Biofuel deliveries decreased by 2% due to the relatively warm winter.

Operating profit from continuing operations was affected, in addition to lower selling prices, by increased production costs. These stem from additional processing costs in the wake of the storm Dagmar which felled almost half a million cubic metres on Sveaskog's land in south Norrland.

Sveaskog has 30 machine teams processing the windblown timber in south Norrland. They are working fast in order to extract the timber before the summer. Several of the machine systems were moved from Bergslagen where storm fellings were fewer and have already been processed.

The cold weather which returned at the beginning of April has been positive for Sveaskog's production. We have had timber stored on winter roads, in storm-affected areas and further north which became inaccessible when the warm weather came unexpectedly early in March.

We have continued to develop Sveaskog's biofuel business during the quarter. This included both co-operation with customers and more effective logistics solutions. We have expanded the business with E.ON relating to deliveries to the Åby power plant in Örebro and also contributed to the energy company Surahammars KommunalTeknik being able to change its main fuel from peat to forest fuel.

Sveaskog has been delivering fuel chips from Boden to Eskilstuna by rail since the beginning of January. Although total deliveries are limited, this marks an important milestone. Sveaskog together with its partners has designed effective logistics to allow profitable biofuel deliveries over such a long distance. This will open up a wider market and therefore lead to increased forest values. During the quarter we have also shown that with meticulous planning it is possible to achieve profitable rail transports on short stretches. This can be seen in our deliveries of biofuel chips from Laxå to Eskilstuna which are made with lower costs and an improved environmental performance than if they had gone by road. In this particular business the train replaces 25 lorries per route.



In central and southern Sweden the outdoor season is underway with forestry activities such as planning and inventories. Sveaskog's subsidiary Svenska Skogsplantor also has its most intensive period with sales and deliveries of seedlings ahead of this year's silvicultural activities.

Sveaskog together with 13 other companies in the forest industry has adopted a new policy designed to limit serious hauling damage in forestry. We are working actively with an action plan to reduce the incidents of hauling damage and see that this issue is becoming increasingly important, particularly if the climate becomes warmer which reduces the load-bearing capacity of forest land.

In February, we started this year's sales of forest land in accordance with the assignment from the owner to sell 10% of Sveaskog's holdings. During the year the aim is to sell some 140 parcels of land totalling over 20,000 hectares, mainly in Norrland.

Work on the formation of a new organisation in Sveaskog with a clearer customer- and profit-orientation started at the end of last year. This organisation, which came into force on 1 April, means that the forestry operations – with forestry and raw material sales – are conducted in three geographic market areas all with clear profit responsibility. In addition, there are two business units: the Properties business area which is responsible for leases and land sales, and the subsidiary Svenska Skogsplantor.

The new organisation makes us better equipped to strengthen our customer orientation and through improved efficiency achieve the new financial targets adopted at the 2011 Annual General Meeting.

Per-Olof Wedin, President and CEO.

Operations

NET SALES AND EARNINGS

First quarter

Net sales decreased by 6% compared with the corresponding period in 2011 and amounted to SEK 1,666 million (1,772). The change is mainly explained by lower prices. Total delivery volumes decreased by 1%.

Operating profit from continuing operations decreased and amounted to SEK 223 million (243). The decline is mainly explained by lower prices largely compensated by a larger volume of timber from Sveaskog's own forests at the same time as a slight increase in production costs.

Capital gains from property sales amounted to SEK 47 million (40).

Share of profits of associates amounted to SEK -15 million (-16).

Operating profit before change in value of forest assets amounted to SEK 255 million (267).

Change in value of forest assets amounted to SEK 175 million (74). After change in value of forest assets, operating profit amounted to SEK 430 million (341).

Net financial items amounted to SEK -53 million (-41).

Profit for the period was SEK 274 million (217).

CASH FLOW, INVESTMENTS AND FINANCIAL POSITION

Cash flow from operating activities amounted to SEK 40 million (159). Investments in property, plant and equipment totalled SEK 68 million (33). These mainly comprise forest land, standing timber and forest machines. Sale of property, plant and equipment, primarily forest properties, amounted to SEK 80 million (135). Interest-bearing net debt increased by SEK 530 million to SEK 5,567 million (5,037).

The global financial scenario is difficult to interpret but the highly negative growth forecasts for 2012 were revised in a slightly more positive direction in the first quarter.

As a result, both stock markets and interest rates rose during the quarter. The borrowing facilities at very low interest which the ECB, on two occasions during the winter, offered the European banking system have helped to improve the loan market. The effects of these ECB loans are now starting to wane which is reflected in raised risk premiums in sovereign debt financing for some countries.

Sveaskog's net debt increased during the quarter as a result of preparations for the SEK 4,473 million dividend proposed by the Board. The loan portfolio mostly consists of loans issued under Sveaskog's MTN programme as well as Swedish commercial paper programmes. At present, only about 7% of the portfolio consists of bank financing. The loan volume under the commercial paper programme increased during the year to SEK 1,970 million (1,810) and was refinanced regularly in three-month periods. SEK 1,500 million was raised under the MTN programme and the present outstanding volume is SEK 3,770 million. The average fixed interest period during 2012 has been approximately 20 months at the lowest and was just over 26 months on the accounting date.

OTHER UNITS WITHIN THE GROUP

Sveaskog Naturupplevelser increased its sales slightly to SEK 12.3 million (11.8). Sales were normal for the season. Operating profit improved to SEK 5.2 million (4.5). The improvement was mainly due to increased hunting revenues. The 72nd fishing season at Sveaskog's angling facility in Blekinge started on 30 March. The Mörrum River is one of Sweden's leading fishing waters for salmon and sea trout and attracts thousands of anglers and visitors from near and far every year.

Svenska Skogsplantor reports sales of SEK 6 million compared with SEK 10 million in the corresponding period last year. Operating result was SEK 4 million less favourable and amounted to SEK –29

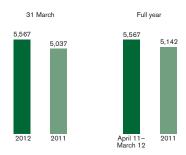
Net sales, SEKm



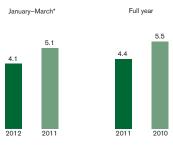
Operating profit from continuing operations, SEKm



Interest-bearing net debt, SEKm



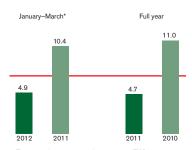
Interest cover, multiple



^{*} Rolling 12 months.

OWNER FINANCIAL TARGETS

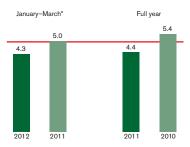
Return on equity, %



Financial target set by owner: 7%.

* Rolling 12 months.

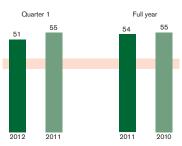
Yield, %



Financial target set by owner: 5%.

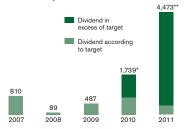
* Rolling 12 months.

Equity ratio, %



Financial target set by owner: 35-40%.

Dividend, SEKm



Financial target set by owner: At least 60% of profit after tax excluding non-cash adjustments in accordance with IFRS

- Incl. consolidated value for distribution of Ersättningsmark i Sverige AB.
- ** Proposed dividend, to be decided by 2012 Annual General Meeting.

million (-25). The low sales and operating loss are normal for the reason since the silvicultural season has not started.

The associated company **Setra Group AB** reports weak earnings due to the weak business climate in the wood products market. Sveaskog's share of profit in the company amounted to SEK –15 million compared with SEK –16 million in the same period last year.

PARENT COMPANY

Sveaskog AB (publ), 100% owned by the Swedish state, owns and manages forest properties and shares in subsidiaries and is also responsible for Group-wide financing. Sveaskog AB's operating income during the first quarter was SEK 6 million (3), of which capital gains accounted for SEK 3 million (0). Loss after financial items amounted to SEK 155 million (134). The Parent Company's expenses mainly comprise interest expenses as a result of the acquisition of Sveaskog Förvaltnings AB. The company has no employees.

Market

WOOD PRODUCTS INDUSTRY

Global production and exports of sawn softwood continued to decrease in the fourth quarter of 2011. In the US and Canada production remained at low levels but there are some signs of an increase. China's imports decreased slightly in the final quarter.

The level of construction in Europe remains slow but the number of announced building starts is rising slightly in Germany. There are signs which indicate that the business climate in the US may improve. Imports of sawn wood product by the Middle East and North Africa are also rising.

Reduced construction activity is expected in Sweden in 2012 and the timber-frame building industry is experiencing low

order levels. There is still considerable uncertainty as to how demand will develop. Falling prices for sawn timber which levelled out in recent months have now fallen slightly further. The continued strong Swedish krona is troublesome for the saw-mills' profitability and bankruptcies and sawmill closures are taking place. The pulp and paper industry and energy producers are well-supplied with raw material which makes sales of chips, sawdust and forest fuel difficult.

Sveaskog's deliveries

Sveaskog's sawlog deliveries during the period January to March totalled 1,119,000 m³sub, which is an increase of 9% compared with the same period in 2011.

PULP AND PAPER INDUSTRY

Global demand for market pulp improved in December last year having fallen during most of the autumn. China was the key driver behind the increased trade in paper pulp. It is primarily pulp mills in Brazil, Finland and the US that have benefited from the increased demand. Prices for long-fibre paper pulp are currently about 840 dollars per tonne which is roughly the same as the price one month ago.

The pulp and paper industry in Sweden is still experiencing uncertain demand but the problems do not appear as substantial as in autumn 2011. The industry is still well supplied with fibre raw material which can be seen in large stocks at industries and at terminals. This results in low demand for pulpwood.

Sveaskog's deliveries

Sveaskog delivered 1,290,000 m³sub of pulpwood and chips in the period January to March, a decrease of 8% compared with the same period in 2011.

ENERGY SECTOR

The pellets industry in Europe continued to operate at low capacity utilisation in 2011 mainly for two reasons, the rapid expansion of capacity in the period 2007–2010 and

slower than anticipated growth in demand. The overcapacity in the sector has resulted in delayed or suspended investments as well as closure of small and unprofitable production units.

The Swedish pellets industry is facing a very tough situation with relatively high raw material prices and falling prices for finished products. The strong Swedish krona also means that Sweden is not competitive in export markets. Production restrictions and capacity closures have been announced in recent months. Prices of pellets for domestic applications have risen slightly in the three major pelletconsuming countries in Europe: Sweden, Austria and Germany.

At the start of the year customers were

very well supplied with fuel at the same time as terminals were fully stocked. The cold winter which all suppliers were hoping for did not materialise. The sawmills have continued their fairly high production which means that by-product flows are strong and these volumes are offered to the market. The primary forest fuel then acts as an equaliser and is therefore kept back in the current situation. Taken overall there is a surplus of biofuel in large parts of the country.

Sveaskog's deliveries

Sveaskog's biofuel deliveries amounted to 525,000 m³sub in the period January to March, a decrease of 2% compared with the same period in 2011.



Sveaskog's total delivery volume, 000s m³sub



Delivery volume, sawlogs, 000s m³sub



Delivery volume, pulpwood and chips, 000s m³sub



Delivery volume, biofuel, 000s m³sub



Sveaskog Group

Condensed income statement

	3 months		12 months		
SEKm	Q 1 2012	Q 1 2011	April 2011- March 2012	Full year 2011	
Net sales	1,666	1,772	6,618	6,724	
Other operating income	5	1	91	87	
Raw materials and consumables	-678	-782	-2,318	-2,422	
Change in inventories	25	4	125	104	
Other external costs	-630	-595	-2,768	-2,733	
Staff costs	-139	-133	-584	-578	
Depreciation	-26	-24	-99	-97	
Operating profit from continuing operations	223	243	1,065	1,085	
Capital gains from property sales	47	40	226	219	
Share of profits of associates	-15	-16	-21	-22	
Operating profit before change in value of forest assets	255	267	1,270	1,282	
Change in value of forest assets (Note 1)	175	74	278	177	
Operating profit	430	341	1,548	1,459	
Financial items	-53	-41	-242	-230	
Profit before tax	377	300	1,306	1,229	
Tax	-103	-83	-350	-330	
Profit for the period/year	274	217	956	899	
Earnings per share, SEK before and after dilution	2,31	1,83	8,07	7,59	
- calculated on average number of shares, million	118.4	118.4	118.4	118.4	

Statement of comprehensive income

		3 months		12 months	
SEKm	Q 1 2012	Q 1 2011	April 20 March 2		Full year 2011
Profit for the period/year	274	217		956	899
Other comprehensive income					
Exchange differences	0	0		0	0
Cash flow hedges	21	20		-2	-3
Tax attributable to cash flow hedges	-6	-5		0	1
Total other comprehensive income for the period/year, net after tax	15	15		-2	-2
Total comprehensive income for the period/year	289	232		954	897

Definitions

Adjusted equityEquity plus minority interests.

Capital turnover rate

Net sales divided by average operating capital.

Interest-bearing net debt divided by adjusted equity.

Adjusted equity divided by total assets, all calculated at the end of the period/year.

Gross marginOperating profit before depreciation and share of profits of subsidiaries expressed as a percentage of net sales.

Interest-bearing net debt

Interest-bearing liabilities minus interest-bearing assets, all calculated at year-end

Interest cover

Operating profit before change in value of forest assets excl. capital gains on property sales plus financial income divided by financial expenses.

Sveaskog Group

Condensed balance sheet

SEKm	31 March 2012	31 March 2011	31 Dec 2011
ASSETS			
Non-current assets			
Intangible assets			
Property, plant and equipment	10	7	11
Forest land (Note 1)	2,045	1,985	2 014
Other property, plant and equipment	610	559	610
Biological assets - standing timber (Note 1)	28,154	27,999	27 995
Financial assets	432	454	452
Total non-current assets	31,251	31,004	31 082
Current assets			
Inventories	726	631	671
Current receivables, etc., non-interest bearing	2,474	2,103	1,868
Current interest-bearing receivables	0	0	0
Cash and cash equivalents	3,066	718	746
Assets held for distribution*	_	1,239	
Total current assets	6,266	4,691	3,285
TOTAL ASSETS	37,517	35,695	34,367
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES			
Equity	18,963	19,748	18,674
Non-current liabilities			
- Interest-bearing liabilities and provisions	4,790	3,012	3,322
- Other liabilities and provisions	8,475	8,381	8,464
Total non-current liabilities	13,265	11,393	11,786
Current liabilities			
- Interest-bearing liabilities	3,843	2,743	2,567
- Other liabilities	1,446	1,527	1,340
Liabilities attributable to assets held for distribution	_	284	
Total current liabilities	5,289	4,554	3,907
TOTAL LIABILITIES	18,554	15,947	15,693
TOTAL EQUITY AND LIABILITIES	37,517	35,695	34,367

^{*} Assets held for distribution relate to the consolidated value of the 100,000 hectares of productive forest land that has been distributed to the owner in accordance with a parliamentary decision.

Net earnings per share

Profit for the year after tax divided by average number of shares during the year.

Operating capital

Total assets excluding interest-bearing assets, tax assets and assets held for sale minus non-interest bearing liabilities and deferred tax liabilities, all calculated at year-end.

Operating margin

Operating profit expressed as a percentage of net sales.

Operating profit from continuing operations

Operating profit before change in value of forest assets, share of profits of associates and capital gains from property sales.

Return on equityProfit for the year after tax expressed as a percentage of average adjusted equity.

Return on operating capital

Operating profit divided by average operating capital, excluding deferred tax.

Operating profit before change in value of forest assets excluding capital gains on property sales, divided by average operating capital, excluding deferred tax.

Sveaskog Group

Condensed cash flow statement

SEKm	Jan-March 2012	Jan-March 2011	Full year 2011
Operating activities			
Operating profit	430	341	1,459
Adjustment for non-cash items, etc.	-215	-99	-361
Interest received	11	10	27
Interest paid	-64	-51	-231
Paid tax	-244	-364	-427
Cash flow from operating activities			
before change in working capital	-82	-163	467
Change in working capital	122	322	203
Cash flow from operating activities	40	159	670
Investing activities			
Investments in property, plant and equipment	-68	-33	-211
Investments in shares	0	0	-18
Capital contribution, assets held for distribution	0	-100	0
Sale of property, plant and equipment	80	135	433
Sale of shares	0	0	0
Change in interest-bearing receivables	0	0	0
Cash flow from investing activities	12	2	204
Financing activities			
Dividend paid	0	0	-856
Change in financial liabilities	2,268	31	202
Cash flow from financing activities	2,268	31	-654
Cash flow for the period/year	2,320	192	220
Cash and cash equivalents, opening balance	746	526	526
Cash and cash equivalents, closing balance	3,066	718	746

Condensed statement of changes in equity

SEKm Jan-	March 2012	Jan-March 2011	Full year 2011
Opening equity, 1 January	18,674	19,516	19,516
Total comprehensive income	289	232	897
Dividend paid in accordance with AGM decision	0	0	-1,739
Closing equity at the end of the period/year	18,963	19,748	18,674

Key figures

		Jan-March 2012	Jan-March 2011	Full year 2011
Operating margin, %		26	19	22
Yield, % 1)	(target minimum 5%)	4.3	5.0	4.4
Return on equity, % 1)	(target minimum 7%)	4.9	10.4	4.7
Equity, %	(target 35-40%)	51	55	54
Return on operating capital, 9	6 1)	6.4	12.1	6.1
Debt/equity ratio, multiple		0.29	0.26	0.28
Interest cover, multiple 1) 3)		4.1	5.1	4.4
Interest-bearing net debt, SE		5,567	5,037	5,142
Earnings per share, SEK 2)		2.31	1.83	7.59
Average number of employee	es	900	861	1,008
Number of employees		713	721	726

¹⁾ Rolling 12 months.

Calculated on number of shares, 118,373,034.
 Operating profit before change in value of forest assets minus capital gains on property sales plus financial income divided by financial expenses.

Parent Company

Condensed income statement

3 months		12 months		
(Note 1) SEKm	Q 1 2012	Q 1 2011	April 2011- March 2012	
Operating income	6	3	15	12
Operating expenses	0	0	-15	
Operating profit/loss	6	3	0	-3
Financial items	-161	-137	-21	3
Profit/loss before tax	-155	-134	-21	0
Tax	41	35	6	0
Profit/loss for the period/year	-114	-99	-15	0

Condensed balance sheet

SEKm	31 March 2012	31 March 2011	31 Dec 2011
ASSETS			
Non-current assets			
Property, plant and equipment	60	60	60
Total property, plant and equipment	60	60	60
Financial assets			
Interest-bearing	2,220	1,870	2,120
Non-interest bearing	24,934	25,094	24,934
Total financial assets	27,154	26,964	27,054
Total non-current assets	27,214	27,024	27,114
Current assets			
Current receivables, etc., non-interest bearing	1,203	418	656
Current receivables, etc., interest-bearing	_	4,235	4,238
Short-term investments	400	-	-
Cash and bank balances	0	0	0
Total current assets	1,603	4,653	4,894
TOTAL ASSETS	28,817	31,677	32,008
Equity			
Total equity	11,609	12,540	11,723
Non-current liabilities			
Interest-bearing non-current liabilities	4,099	2,269	2,619
Other provisions	10	-	10
Total non-current liabilities	4,109	2,269	2,629
Current liabilities			
Interest-bearing liabilities and provisions	13,045	16,829	17,610
Other liabilities and provisions	54	39	46
Total current liabilities	13,099	16,868	17,656
TOTAL EQUITY AND LIABILITIES	28,817	31,677	32,008

Parent Company

Condensed cash flow statement

SEKm	Jan-March 2012	Jan-March 2011	Full year 2011
Cash flow from operating activities	-2,192	-103	-588
Cash flow from investing activities	-98	-100	-349
Cash flow from financing activities	2,690	203	937
Total cash flow	400	0	0
Cash and cash equivalents, opening balance	0	0	0
Cash and cash equivalents, closing balance	400	0	0

Condensed statement of changes in equity

SEKm J	an-March 2012	Jan-March 2011	Full year 2011
Opening equity, 1 January	11,723	12,639	12,639
Dividend paid in accordance with AGM decision	-	-	-916
Profit/loss for the period/year	-114	-99	0
Closing equity at the end of the period/year	11,609	12,540	11,723

ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLES

The interim for the Group is prepared in accordance with IAS 34 Interim Financial Reporting, the Swedish Annual Accounts Act and the Securities Market Act. For the Parent Company the interim report is prepared in accordance with the Annual Accounts Act and the Securities Market Act, which are in accordance with the regulations in RFR 2 Accounting for Legal Entities. The accounting principles and calculation principles for the Parent Company and the Group applied in this report are unchanged compared with the most recently published annual report. New or revised IFRS and interpretations from IFRIC have not had any effect on the earnings or financial position of the Group or the Parent Company.

Amounts are stated in SEK million unless otherwise indicated. Figures in parentheses refer to the same period in the previous year.

NOTE 1 - CHANGE IN VALUE OF FOREST ASSETS, SEKM

The market-related value of Sveaskog's forest assets at 31 March 2012 has been calculated at 30,199 (29,984), of which 28,154 (27,999) comprises the fair value of standing timber and 2,045 (1,985) an identified cost for land. The change in the balance sheet amounts to 215 (19).

RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES

A description of risks, uncertainties and risk management is provided in Sveaskog's 2011 Annual Report (in Swedish) on pages 76–78. No other significant changes, in addition to those mentioned in this interim report, have occurred since the annual report was published.

IMPORTANT EVENTS AFTER THE CLOSING DATE

No important events have taken place after the closing date.

OTHER

Translations with related parties are disclosed in the Group's Note 3 in Sveaskog's 2011 Annual Report (in Swedish). No significant changes have occurred in relations or transactions with related parties compared with those described in the 2011 report.

The Board of Directors and the CEO hereby confirm that this interim report provides a true and fair overview of the Parent Company's and the Group's operations, their financial position and performance, and describes material risks and uncertainties facing the Parent Company and other companies in the Group.

Stockholm, 26 April 2012 Sveaskog AB (publ.) (556558-0031)

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The report has not been reviewed by the company's auditors

Per-Olof Wedin President and CEO



This autumn, Sveaskog will treble its biofuel business with E.ON for the Åby power plant in Örebro. At the same time, the assortment will be complemented with whole felling residues. This will be the result when E.ON inaugurates its own stationary crushing unit.

Today, biofuel already meets 90% of the Åby plant's energy needs. The new facility will improve fuel efficiency and environmental performance. E.ON expects to be able to reduce its oil requirement during peak cold periods corresponding to the oil required to heat approximately 4,000 homes. The use of peat will also be halved.

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