

Interim report January-September 2011

October 19, 2011

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Summary January – September 2011

In the third quarter, Byggmax increased operating income by 5.6 percent and profit after tax increased to SEK 111.5 M.

- Net sales amounted to SEK 1,100.0 M (1,043.2) in Q3 and SEK 2,368.7 M (2,223.9) for the first nine months of the year.
- EBIT totaled SEK 156.6 M (165.4) in Q3 and SEK 227.2 M (236.9) for the first nine months of the year.
- The EBIT margin was 14.2 percent (15.9) in Q3 and 9.6 percent (10.7) for the first nine months of the year.
- Earnings per share amounted to SEK 1.8 (1.8) per share in Q3 and to SEK 2.4 (2.5) per share for the first nine months of the year.

Summary January – September 2011

- Thirteen (twelve) new stores were opened
 - Three (two) stores were opened in the first quarter: Borgå, Björneborg (Finland) and Lidköping (Sweden).
 - Five (five) stores were opened in the second quarter: Ängelholm, Avesta, Enköping, Bollnäs (Sweden) and Reso (Finland).
 - Five (five) stores were opened in the third quarter: Norrtälje (Sweden), Lillehammer,
 Arendal, Tiller/Trondheim (Norway) and Vanda (Finland).
- During the third quarter, Byggmax Group AB sold its subsidiary Byggmax Fastighetsutveckling 5 AB. This transaction had no impact on the company's earnings.
- During the second quarter, a number of key employees subscribed for options under the incentive program adopted by the Annual General Meeting.

Stores – Thirteen stores opened in the first nine months, 10-15 openings planned for 2012

| | Sweden | Norway | Finland |
|----------------------------------|--------|--------|---------|
| Number of stores opened, Q3 2011 | 59 | 19 | 8 |
| Planned openings, Q4 2011 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Openings, 2011 | 6 | 3 | 4 |

Store network at September 30, 2011

The following establishments have been announced:

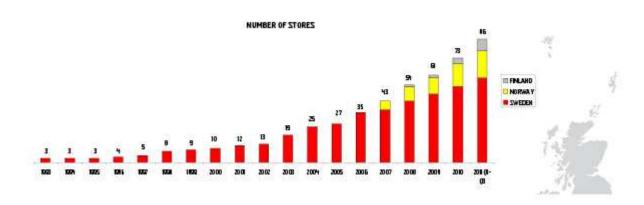
- Sweden: Ludvika opens in spring 2012

Opened in 2011: Lidköping, Bollnäs, Ängelholm, Avesta and Enköping.

- Norway: opened in 2011: Lillehammer, Arendal and Trondheim/Tiller
- Finland: opened in 2011: Vanda, Björneborg, Borgå and Reso (Åbo)).

The stores will be announced when the contracts have been signed and the municipal permits are finalized.

Byggmax plans to open 10-15 stores next year.





Two distribution hubs merge into one

- Byggmax has two distribution hubs at present
 - The bulk goods hub in Uddevalla
 - The picking goods hub outside of Gothenburg.
- These 2 hubs are being merged into one hub in Lysekil
 - Excellent logistics with a deep-water harbor and railway with direct access from the hub
 - Scheduled shipping lines to Western Norway (Vestlandet).
- This means an improved delivery profile with more frequent store deliveries.
- Also in the future, the majority of goods will be delivered directly to the stores from the suppliers.



Broader marketing of the online selection starts

- The online selection, which is only available to order, was launched in April.
- Thus far, volumes have been modest and, up till now, the internal processes have been developed to manage more substantial volumes.
- In October, broader marketing started of the online selection in the Byggmax advertising circular, with extra pages dedicated to the new range.
- Marketing comprises part of normal marketing activities to keep costs low.
- Currently, a small portion of the online selection is shown in store, while in the future, the number of online products shown in store will probably increase.
- In the fourth quarter, the online selection will be launched in Norway.



Goal for number of stores increased from 130 to 155

- Byggmax has raised the goal for the number of stores that can be opened in the existing countries to 155 (110-130)
 - Sweden from 60-70 to 85
 - Norway from 30-35 to 45
 - Finland from 20-25 to 25
- The stores opened in smaller locations have been successful
- Potential exists for greater store density in some larger locations



Financial objectives and dividend policy

- Byggmax's financial targets are:
 - Growth in excess of 15% per year
 - An EBIT margin in excess of 11%
- Dividend policy
 - Dividend of at least 50% of the preceding year's net profit
- Dividend of SEK 1.5 per share for 2010





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Results trend

| Earnings overwiew | July-September | | January-Se | ptember | 12 months | Full year |
|---|----------------|---------|------------|----------------|---|----------------|
| | 2011 | 2010 | 2011 | 2010 | October 1, 2010 - September 30, 2011 | 2010 |
| Net sales, SEK M | 1,100.0 | 1,043.2 | 2,368.7 | 2,223.9 | 2,917.8 | 2,773.0 |
| Gross margin, percent | 30.4 | 30.3 | 29.7 | 29.7 | 29.7 | 29.7 |
| EBIT, SEK M | 156.6 | 165.4 | 227.2 | 236.9 (253.6¹) | 265.0 | 274.8 (291.51) |
| EBIT margin, percent | 14.2 | 15.9 | 9.6 | 10.7 (11.4¹) | 9.1 | 9.9 (10.51) |
| Profit after tax, SEK M | 111.5 | 111.0 | 148.8 | 152.1 (163.0¹) | 168.8 | 172.2 (182.71) |
| Earnings per share, SEK | 1.8 | 1.8 | 2.4 | 2.5 (2.71) | 2.8 | 2.8 (3.01) |
| Return on shareholders equity | 14.8 | 16.5 | 19.1 | 28.5 | 21.9 | 31.7 |
| Cash flow from operating activities per share | 0.6 | 1,1 | 5.2 | 5.9 | 2.7 | 3.4 |
| Shareholders' equity per share | 13.4 | 12.0 | 13.4 | 12.6 | 13.4 | 12.3 |
| Number of stores at the end of the period | 86 | 73 | 86 | 73 | 86 | 73 |
| New stores opened during the period | 5 | 5 | 13 | 12 | 13 | 12 |

- Net sales rose 5.4 percent in Q3 and 6.5 percent for the first nine months
- The gross margin was lower than in the year-earlier period.
- Overheads increased in the third quarter, due primarily to the additional costs for stores opened after the third quarter of 2010.

Sales trend

| The sales increase was divided according to the following: | Jul-Sep 2011 | Jan - Sep 2011 |
|--|--------------|----------------|
| Comparable stores, local currency, percent | -5.3 | -2.9 |
| Noncomparable units, percent | 11.0 | 10.4 |
| Exchange-rate effects, percent | -0.2 | -0.9 |
| Total, percent | 5.6 | 6.6 |

- Operating income rose by 5.6 percent to SEK 1,101.5 M (1,043.4) in Q3, and by 6.6 percent to SEK 2,372.7 M (2,226.0) for the first nine months of 2011.
- Net sales for comparable stores declined 5.3 percent in local currency in Q3, and declined 2.9 percent during the first nine months of 2011.
- In Q3, net sales amounted to SEK 822.6 M (824.7) in Sweden and to SEK 277.4 M (218.5) in the other countries in the Nordic markets. For the first nine months of the year: in Sweden to SEK 1,824.3 M (1,782.4) and in other countries in the Nordic markets to SEK 544.5 M (441.5).

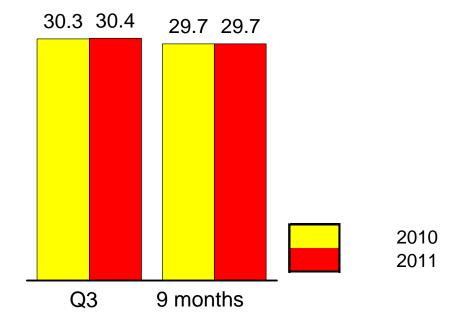
Gross margin

Q3

• The gross margin amounted to 30.4 percent (30.3)

First nine months of the year

• Gross margin 29.7 percent (29.7).



Operating expenses

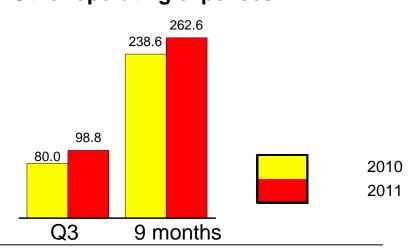
Q3

- Personnel costs and other operating expenses rose a total of SEK 26.6 M.
- This was primarily due to expenses (of SEK 19.7 M) for stores opened after the third quarter of 2010.
- Higher marketing costs, primarily costs of SEK 5.1 M associated with television commercials in Finland and the production of advertising commercials.

First nine months of the year

- Personnel costs and other operating expenses rose a total of SEK 49.6 M.
- This was primarily due to expenses (of SEK 54.8 M) for stores not opened in the corresponding period of 2010.
- Higher marketing costs, primarily costs of SEK 10.4 M associated with television commercials in Finland and the production of advertising commercials.
- The outcome for the first nine months in 2010 was charged with expenses connected to the stock exchange listing (amounting to SEK 16.7 M).

Personnel expenses 185.2 159.6 61.0 68.8 Q3 9 months Other operating expenses



Financial items

| Loss from financial items | July-Septe | mber | January-September | |
|---|------------|------|-------------------|-------|
| SEK M | 2011 | 2010 | 2011 | 2010 |
| Financial Income | | | | |
| Exchange-rate gains | 1.5 | 1.2 | 3.9 | 4.9 |
| Changes in fair value - interest swaps | 4.5 | 0.3 | 4.5 | 2.8 |
| Interest income | -0.3 | 0.2 | -0.1 | 0.6 |
| Other financial income | -0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Total | 5.6 | 1.8 | 8.4 | 8.3 |
| Financial expenses | | | | |
| Exchange-rate losses | -4.4 | -5.1 | -9.7 | -9.3 |
| Changes in fair value - interest swaps | 0.0 | 0.1 | -5.3 | 2.3 |
| - interest expenses, bank loans | -2.8 | -2.5 | -12.7 | -15.2 |
| - interest expenses, loans from related parties | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | -14.1 |
| - interest expenses, reversal of discounting effect on loans from related parties | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | -2.0 |
| - financial leasing, reversal of discounting effect | -0.6 | -0.5 | -1.4 | -1.4 |
| Other financial expenses | -0.1 | 0.0 | -0.4 | -0.1 |
| Total | -7.8 | -8.1 | -29.6 | -39.7 |
| Loss from financial items | -2.2 | -6.3 | -21.3 | -31.4 |

Financial position and cash flow

| Amounts in SEK M | Jul-Sep | Jul-Sep | Jan-Sep | Jan-Sep | 12 months | Jan - Dec |
|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|---|-----------|
| | 2011 | 2010 | 2011 | 2010 | October 1, 2010 - September 30, 2011 | 2010 |
| Cash flow from operating activities before changes in working capital | 150.7 | 167.5 | 167.3 | 228.6 | 180.3 | 241.6 |
| Changes in working capital | -114.9 | -99.1 | 146.8 | 128.5 | -15.0 | -33.2 |
| Cash flow from operating activities | 35.8 | 68.4 | 314.0 | 357.1 | 165.3 | 208.4 |
| Cash flow from investing activities | 20.2 | -12.4 | 8.2 | -30.6 | 4.1 | -34.7 |
| Cash flow from financing activities | -61.2 | -72.3 | -307.2 | 326.1 | -162.2 | -181.1 |
| Cash flow for the period | -5.1 | -16.3 | 15.0 | 0.4 | 7.2 | -7.4 |
| Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the period | 40.9 | 44.9 | 20.9 | 28.2 | 28.6 | 28.2 |
| Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the period | 35.8 | 28.6 | 35.8 | 28.6 | 35.8 | 20.9 |

• Cash flow from operating activities for the third quarter decreased by SEK 32.6 M compared with the year-earlier period. This is mainly due to lower operating income, higher charged provisional tax during the year and reduced tax liability. The good result in 2009 has affected the preliminary tax calculation for 2011.



Condensed financial statements January – September 2011

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Income statement

| Amounts in SEK M | Jul-Sep | Jul-Sep | Jan-Sep | Jan-Sep | 12 months | Jan-Dec |
|---|---------|---------|-------------------------|----------|------------------|----------|
| | | | | | October 1, 2011- | |
| | 2011 | 2010 | 2011 | 2010 | | 2010 |
| Net sales | 1,100.0 | 1,043.2 | 2,368.7 | 2,223.9 | 2,917.8 | 2,773.0 |
| Other operating income | 1.5 | 0.2 | 3.9 | 2.1 | 4.9 | 3.1 |
| Operating income | 1,101.5 | 1,043.4 | 2,372.7 | 2,226.0 | 2,922.8 | 2,776.1 |
| Operating expenses | | | | | | |
| Goods for sale | -765.3 | -726.9 | -1 <mark>,664</mark> .9 | -1,562.4 | -2,050.7 | -1,948.2 |
| Other external and operating expenses | -98.8 | -80.0 | -262.6 | -238.6 | -323.2 | -299.1 |
| Personnel costs | -68.8 | -61.0 | -185.2 | -159.6 | -240.3 | -214.7 |
| Depreciation, amortization and impairment of tangible and intangible fixed assets | -12.1 | -10.1 | -32.8 | -28.5 | -43.5 | -39.2 |
| Total operating expenses | -945.0 | -878.0 | -2,145.5 | -1,989.1 | -2,657.8 | -2,501.3 |
| EBIT | 156.6 | 165.4 | 227.2 | 236.9 | 265.0 | 274.8 |
| Loss after financial items | -2.2 | -6.3 | -21.3 | -31.4 | -27.2 | -37.4 |
| Profit before tax | 154.4 | 159.1 | 205.9 | 205.5 | 237.8 | 237.4 |
| Income tax | -42.9 | -48.1 | -57.1 | -53.4 | -69.0 | -65.2 |
| Profit for the period | 111.5 | 111.0 | 148.8 | 152.1 | 168.8 | 172. |

Balance sheet

| Amount in SEK M | September 2011 | September 2010 | | September 2011 | September |
|---------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|---|-------------------|-----------|
| | 2011 | 2010 | | 2011 | 2010 |
| ASSETS | | | SHAREHOLDERS'EQUITY AND LIABILITIES | | |
| Fixed assets | | | Shareholders' equity | 810.9 | 728.4 |
| Intangible fixed assets | 1,069.9 | 1,062.6 | | | |
| Tangible fixed assets | 143.0 | 128.4 | Liabilities | | |
| Financial fixed assets | 18.4 | 11.8 | Borrowing from credit institutions | 168.3 | 278.7 |
| Total fixed assets | 1,231.2 | 1,202.8 | Deferred tax liabilities | 53.6 | 39.9 |
| | | | Long-term liabilities | 221.9 | 318.6 |
| Current assets | | | | | |
| Inventories | 417.8 | 364.0 | Borrowing from credit institutions | 123.3 | 49-5 |
| Derivatives | 0.0 | 5.8 | Accounts payable | 492.0 | 453-9 |
| Current receivables | 87.1 | 92.1 | Current tax liabilities | 27.1 | 69.6 |
| Cash and cash equivalents | 39.7 | 41.8 | Derivative instruments | 2.2 | 5.1 |
| Total current assets | 544.6 | 503.8 | Other liabilities | 38.4 | 31.4 |
| | | | Accured expenses and deferred income | 60.0 | 50.1 |
| TOTAL ASSETS | 1,775.8 | 1,706.6 | Current liabilities | 743.0 | 659.6 |
| | | | TOTAL SHAREHOLDERS'EQUITY AND LIABILITIES | 1,775.8 | 1,706.6 |
| | | | Pledged assets - shares in subsidiaries | 820.0 | 635.4 |
| | | | Pledged assets - chattel mortgages | 120.0 | 120.0 |
| | | | Contingent liabilities | None | None |

Cash-flow statement

| Amounts in SEK M | Jul-Sep | Jul-Sep | Jan-Sep | Jan-Sep | 12 months | Jan-Dec |
|--|---------|---------|---------|---------|--------------------|---------|
| | | | | | October 1, 2010- | |
| | 2011 | 2010 | 2011 | 2010 | September 30, 2011 | 2010 |
| Cash flow from operating activities | | | | | | |
| EBIT | 156.6 | 165.4 | 227.2 | 236.9 | 265.0 | 274.8 |
| Non-cash items | | | | | | |
| - Depreciation/amortization of tangible and intangible fixed | | | | | | |
| assets | 12.1 | 10.3 | 32.8 | 28.4 | 43.3 | 38.9 |
| - Capital gains from divestment of subsidiaries | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| - Other non-cash items | 0.3 | -0.8 | 1.4 | -2.4 | 2.0 | -1.8 |
| Interest received | 1.2 | 1.5 | 4.9 | 6.5 | 5.2 | 6.8 |
| Interest paid | -7.8 | -8.2 | -25.4 | -26.9 | -30.8 | -32.3 |
| Tax paid | -11.6 | -0.8 | -73.6 | -14.0 | -104.5 | -44.8 |
| Cash flow from operating activities before changes in work- | | | | | | |
| ing capital | 150.7 | 167.5 | 167.3 | 228.6 | 180.3 | 241.6 |
| Changes in working capital | | | | | | |
| Increase/decrease in inventories and work in progress | 37.9 | 14.2 | -87.6 | -67.0 | -74.4 | -53.8 |
| Increase/decrease in other current receivables | -12.7 | -10.8 | -29.7 | 8.1 | -3.9 | 34.0 |
| Increase/decrease in other current liabilities | -140.1 | -102,5 | 264.1 | 187.4 | 63.3 | -13.4 |
| Cash flow from operating activities | 35.8 | 68.4 | 314.0 | 357.1 | 165.3 | 208.4 |

Cash-flow statement continued

| Amounts in SEK M | Jul-Sep | Jul-Sep | Jan-Sep | Jan-Sep | 12 months | Jan-Dec |
|--|---------|---------|---------|---------|--|----------------|
| | 2011 | 2010 | 2011 | 2010 | October 1, 2010- September 30, 2011 | 2016 |
| | 2011 | 2010 | 2011 | 2010 | September 30, 2011 | 2010 |
| Cash flow from investing activities | | | | | | |
| Investment in intangible fixed assets | -2.8 | -2.4 | -9.4 | -4.2 | -12.2 | -7.0 |
| Investment in tangible fixed assets | -6.8 | -10.0 | -18.6 | -23.1 | -20.0 | -24.5 |
| Divestment of tangible fixed assets | 0.0 | 0.0 | -0.1 | 1.0 | -0.1 | 0.9 |
| Acquisition of financial fixed assets | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Investment in other financial fixed assets | 3.0 | 0.0 | 9.4 | -10.6 | 9.5 | -10.4 |
| Investment in subsidiaries | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 6,2 | 0.0 | 6.2 |
| Proceeds from sale of subsidiaries | 26.8 | 0.0 | 26.8 | 0.0 | 26.8 | 0.0 |
| Cash flow from investing activit | 20.2 | -12.4 | 8.2 | -30,6 | 4.1 | -34.7 |
| Cash flow from financing activities | | | | | | |
| New share issue/ share premium reserve | 0.0 | 0.0 | 3.8 | 0,0 | 3.8 | 0.0 |
| Change in overdraft facility | 25.2 | -66.9 | -121.2 | 23.3 | 29.7 | 174.2 |
| Borrowings | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 249.7 | 0.0 | 249.7 |
| Shareholders' dividends paid | 0.0 | 0.0 | -91.1 | 0.0 | -91.1 | 0.0 |
| Amortization of loans | -86.4 | -5.4 | -98.8 | -599.2 | -104.6 | -605.0 |
| Cash flow from financing activities | -61.2 | -72.3 | -307.2 | 326.1 | -162.2 | -181. <u>1</u> |
| Cash flow for the period | -5.1 | -16.3 | 15.0 | 0.4 | 7.2 | -7.4 |
| Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the period | 40.9 | 44.9 | 20.9 | 28.2 | 28.6 | 28.2 |
| Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the period | 35.8 | 28.6 | 35.8 | 28.6 | 35.8 | 20.9 |

¹ Note that cash and cash equivalents in the cash flow are adjusted for blocked bank funds

Largest shareholders at September 30, 2011

| Name/Address | Number of shares | Holding (%) |
|---|------------------|-------------|
| ALTOR 2003 Sarl | 21 720 908 | 35,76% |
| Lannebo fonder | 3 817 227 | 6,28% |
| ZAMGATE INVESTMENTS (Stig Notlöv) | 3 078 042 | 5,07% |
| Schroder Investment Management North America, Inc./New York | 2 795 000 | 4,60% |
| JARRTON MANAGEMENT (Göran Peterson) | 2 381 296 | 3,92% |
| Swedbank Robur fonder | 1 791 892 | 2,95% |
| LIVFÖRSÄKRINGSAB SKANDIA (PUBL) | 1 623 015 | 2,67% |
| GAM London Ltd. | 1 528 150 | 2,52% |
| ULSLANE HOLDINGS (Lars Lindberg) | 1 363 910 | 2,25% |
| Schroder Investment Management Ltd./London | 1 097 169 | 1,81% |
| Total ten largest shareholders (grouped by shareholders) – based on holding | 41 196 609 | 67,83% |
| Total other shareholders | 19 540 436 | 32,17% |
| Total, September 30, 2011 | 60 737 045 | 100.00% |

Source: Euroclear September, 2011