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Interim report for Auriga Industries A/S for the period January 1, 2004 – June 30, 2004

Considerable increase in profit before tax which during first half of 2004 increased to DKK 355 million against DKK 152 million in 2003. Revenue increased by 12 per cent to DKK 2,720 million. The good results are attributable in particular to a strong first half for Cheminova, while Hardi and Skamol also returned satisfactory results.

- EBITDA for the first half of 2004 was DKK 533 million, corresponding to 20 per cent against 14 per cent for the first half of 2003. EBIT was DKK 392 million, corresponding to a profit margin of 14 per cent against 9 per cent in 2003.
- The consolidated cash flow from operating activities was positive at DKK 66 million against DKK 94 million for the first six months of 2003. As expected, investments fell and amounted to DKK 40 million for the first six months.
- Favourable climatic conditions and improved levels of economic activity in the agricultural sector in large parts of the world has boosted the demand for plant protection products and agricultural machinery.
- Cheminova and Hardi succeeded in making the most of the favourable market conditions to increase revenue from all their most important markets.
- Improved economic climate in Europe and reduced costs have increased profit for Skamol.

Outlook for 2004

Auriga expects revenue and earnings for the second half of 2004 to be on the same level as the second half of 2003.

For 2004 as a whole, revenue of approx. DKK 4.9 billion (2003: DKK 4.5 billion) is expected with profit before tax of approx. DKK 380 million (2003: DKK 182 million). At the start of the year, expectations were of revenue of approx. DKK 4.6 billion and a profit before tax of approx. DKK 230 million. The cash flow from operating activities is expected to be on level with 2003.

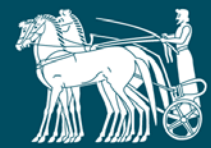
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Key figures for the Auriga group

Income Statement (DKKm)	1st half 2004	1st half 2003	Year 2003
Revenue	2,720	2,422	4,471
Cost of sales	1,757	1,650	3,106
Other costs	562	566	1,087
Other operating income	5	18	41
Amortisation of consolidated goodwill	14	15	33
Operating profit (EBIT)	392	209	286
Income from investments in associated companies	5	3	8
Net financials etc.	(27)	(52)	(97)
Profit-sharing	(15)	(8)	(15)
Profit before tax	355	152	182
Tax	124	44	87
Minority interests' share of the profit	11	4	6
Profit	220	104	89

Balance Sheet (DKKm)	30.6.2004	30.6.2003	31.12.2003
<i>Assets</i>			
Property, plant and equipment	1,720	1,798	1,814
Inventories	1,246	1,149	1,205
Receivables *	1,916	1,805	1,607
Cash	300	223	271
Total assets	5,182	4,975	4,897
<i>Liabilities and equity</i>			
Equity	2,173	2,190	2,156
Minority interests	37	32	29
Provisions	202	147	180
Interest-bearing debt	1,763	1,724	1,714
Other debt (not interest-bearing)	1,007	882	818
Total liabilities and equity	5,182	4,975	4,897
* Of which unrealised value of financial instruments recognised at end-of-year price	201	353	255

Key figures	30.6.2004	30.6.2003	31.12.2003
Operating profit before depreciation and amortisation (EBITDA)	533	348	573
Profit margin (EBITDA)	20%	14%	13%
Profit margin (EBIT)	14%	9%	6%
Debt ratio	38%	39%	38%
Earnings per share of DKK 10 (EPS)	8.9	4.2	3.6
Quoted price/equity value	0.73	0.68	0.70

In the Interim Report, tax has been estimated at 35%. The accounting policies are in compliance with the Danish Financial Statements Act and the guidelines laid down by the Copenhagen Stock Exchange for listed companies. The accounting policies are unchanged compared to 2003. The interim financial statements have not been audited.



Cash-flow Statement (DKKm)	30.6.2004	30.6.2003	31.12.2003
Cash flow from operating activities	66	94	306
Cash flow from investing activities	(40)	(204)	(372)
Available cash flow	26	(110)	(66)

Changes in equity (DKKm)	30.6.2004	30.6.2003	31.12.2003
Equity, January 1	2,156	2,163	2,163
Dividend paid for the past financial year	(59)	(59)	(59)
Profit for the period after tax	220	104	89
Price adjustments, subsidiaries	(5)	(7)	(29)
Change in fair value of financial instruments after tax	(139)	(11)	(8)
Equity, end of period	2,173	2,190	2,156

Comments on the accounts for the first half

AURIGA INDUSTRIES A/S

Auriga and its three subsidiaries had a strong first half, the best ever.

Relative to the year before, revenue increased by 12 per cent to DKK 2,720 million. The profit before tax was DKK 355 million against DKK 152 million in the first half of 2003.

EBITDA was DKK 533 million (2003: DKK 348 million) corresponding to an EBITDA margin of 20 per cent against 14 per cent in 2003. EBIT was DKK 392 million, corresponding to 14 per cent of revenue against 9 per cent in the first half of 2003.

The cash flow from operating activities was DKK 66 million against DKK 94 million in the first half of 2003. Investments for the first six months amounted to DKK 40 million against DKK 204 million last year. Investments during first half of 2003 were characterised by Cheminova's purchase of new products as well as the construction of Cheminova's pyrethroid plant.

For both Cheminova and Hardi most of the revenue for the year is generated in the growing season in the northern hemisphere. Auriga expects results for the second half of 2004 to be on level with results for the last six months of 2003.

Because of the good results for the first six months, expectations as regards profit before tax for 2004 as whole are adjusted upwards to approx. DKK 380 million against approx. DKK 230 million at the beginning of the year.

A large share of the revenue of the Group and of Cheminova in particular is generated in USD. Through forward exchange and option contracts, Cheminova has hedged an expected average USD rate in 2004 of just over DKK 7 against DKK 8 in 2003.

A large share of Cheminova's expected net positions in USD in 2005 has been hedged against the USD exchange rate falling below 6.15. An average USD rate at this level in 2005 will, however, affect Cheminova's earnings negatively relative to 2004.



CHEMINOVA A/S

(DKKm)	1st half 2004	1st half 2003
Revenue	2,042	1,820
Operating profit before depreciation and amortisation (EBITDA)	450	312
Operating profit (EBIT)	351	215
Net financials	(8)	(34)
Profit-sharing	(15)	(8)
Profit before tax	327	173
Cash flow from operating activities	17	33
Cash flow from investing activities	(25)	(192)
Available cash flow	(8)	(159)
Investments	25	192
Depreciation and amortisation	99	97
Profit margin (EBITDA)	22%	17%
Profit margin (EBIT)	17%	12%

The positive developments seen at the beginning of the year continued in the second quarter, and Cheminova returned its best-ever results for the first six months.

Revenue increased by 12 per cent to DKK 2,042 million, with profit before tax of DKK 327 million (2003: DKK 173 million). This represents an increase of 89 per cent. These results are considerably better than expected at the beginning of the year.

During first half of 2004, EBITDA was DKK 450 million (2003: DKK 312 million) corresponding to an EBITDA margin of 22 per cent (2003: 17 per cent). The EBIT margin also increased by 5 percentage points to 17 per cent.

Cash flow from operating activities amounted to DKK 17 million for the first half of 2004 (2003: 33 million). Investments during first half of 2004 amounted to DKK 25 million (2003: DKK 192 million). Investments in 2003 were affected by product acquisitions and the construction of the new pyrethroid plant.

Market development

The world market prices remain high for several crops, which has resulted in considerable interest from the farmers in protecting their crops. The economic situation in Latin America, especially in Brazil, is continuing to improve. Furthermore, 2004 has generally been characterised by good weather conditions and high rates of infestation.

Consequently, global sales of plant protection products in first half of 2004 are expected to have increased after a number of years of declining trends.

Sales

With a strong product programme and sales subsidiaries in several important agricultural countries, Cheminova has been able to make the most of the improved market conditions.

Sales of the older organophosphorous insecticides have declined less than expected. In addition to the favourable weather conditions, contributing factors have been a locust outbreak in Morocco and good sales to the American boll weevil eradication programme. Sales of organophosphates have been realised at slightly increasing prices.



Sales of glyphosate herbicides increased in Brazil and the USA relative to last year, but prices continue to fall in the USA.

Sales of fungicides exceeded expectations for the first half, in particular, due to strong sales of flutriafol in several countries.

Sales of third-party products developed positively and exceeded expectations, while sales of fine chemicals lived up to expectations.

Cheminova's subsidiaries have developed positively in the first six months of 2004. The subsidiaries in the USA, Brazil and India have had a particularly strong first half. In Europe, the Spanish company Agrodan is continuing to gain market shares.

Pyrethroid project

The construction of Cheminova's large-scale pyrethroid plant at a cost of DKK 230 million was completed at the beginning of 2004, and the plant is running satisfactory. The registration of the new product, gamma-cyhalothrin, is largely on schedule. Registration in the USA was granted at the end of March, and in April the new insecticide was approved in Mexico. By the end of 2004 gamma-cyhalothrin is expected to be registered in 28 countries.

Outlook for 2004

The growing season in Europe and North America is largely over by the end of June. Cheminova expects revenue and earnings for the second half of 2004 to be on level with the second half of 2003.

Primarily because sales in the USA in 2004 are expected to exceed expectations at the beginning of the year, Cheminova's holding of forward exchange contracts is not expected to cover its entire net position in USD in 2004. Cheminova is therefore expecting an average USD rate in 2004 of just over DKK 7 against DKK 8 in 2003.

For 2004 as a whole, Cheminova now expects revenue of approx. DKK 3.7 billion and a profit before tax of slightly under DKK 400 million.



HARDI INTERNATIONAL A/S

(DKKm)	1st half 2004	1st half 2003
Revenue	570	502
Operating profit before depreciation and amortisation (EBITDA)	75	49
Operating profit (EBIT)	53	27
Restructuring costs	-	(9)
Net financials	(14)	(17)
Profit before tax	39	1
Cash flow from operating activities	79	93
Cash flow from investing activities	(14)	(8)
Available cash flow	65	85
Investments	14	8
Depreciation and amortisation	22	22
Profit margin (EBITDA)	13%	10%
Profit margin (EBIT)	9%	5%

Hardi had a strong first half, and results were better than expected.

Revenue increased by 13 per cent to DKK 570 million, with profit before tax of DKK 39 million (2003: DKK 1 million). EBITDA was DKK 75 million (2003: DKK 49 million) corresponding to an EBITDA margin of 13 per cent (2003: 10 per cent). EBIT margin increased from 5 per cent during first half of 2003 to 9 per cent in 2004.

Cash flow from operating activities amounted to DKK 79 million (2003: 93 million), while investments stood at DKK 14 million.

Market development and sales

The world market prices for several agricultural crops have continued to be on a high level during first half of 2004. Furthermore, the first six months of the year have been favoured by good climatic conditions in both North America and Europe.

The improved conditions for growers have resulted in higher investments, and for the first time in years, the agricultural machinery sector is realizing increased sales.

Hardi's three most important markets, France, North America and Australia, have all seen increasing sales and order intake. The greatest increase in sales has been achieved in Australia where Hardi in recent years has built a position as the biggest supplier of trailer sprayers.

Sales to Northern and Eastern Europe, with the exception of Germany, have been on level with or slightly above sales during first half of 2003.

At the end of the first six months, Hardi's order book was satisfactory.

Production and organisation

The relocation of production from Taastrup to the factory on Falster was completed by the end of last year. Delivery and reliability have constantly improved throughout the past six months, but as yet the desired level has not been achieved.



As from September 1, 2004, the Board of Executives of Hardi has been enlarged from two to three members, as Mogens Rüdiger has been appointed Executive Vice President, Operations. The new Executive Vice President will be responsible for production and supplies of the entire Hardi group.

Outlook for 2004

Most of Hardi's revenue is generated in the first six months of the year for which reason Hardi is expecting to return a loss in the second half.

For 2004 as a whole, Hardi expects revenue of approx. DKK 940 million and a profit before tax in the region of DKK 10 million.



SKAMOL A/S

(DKKm)	1st half 2004	1st half 2003
Revenue	109	100
Operating profit before depreciation and amortisation (EBITDA)	17	3
Operating profit (EBIT)	6	(7)
Income from investments in associates	5	3
Net financials	(4)	(3)
Profit before tax	7	(7)
Cash flow from operating activities	15	9
Cash flow from investing activities	(1)	(4)
Available cash flow	14	5
Investments	1	4
Depreciation and amortisation	11	11
Profit margin (EBITDA)	16%	3%
Profit margin (EBIT)	6%	neg.

Skamol returned results for the first half of 2004 which were slightly better than expected and considerably better than in 2003. The associated company Damolin also had a good half year.

Revenue increased by 9 per cent to DKK 109 million, with profit before tax of DKK 7 million (2003: DKK -7 million).

EBITDA was DKK 17 million (2003: DKK 3 million) corresponding to an EBITDA margin of 16 per cent. EBIT margin for the first six months was 6 per cent. Cash flow from operating activities amounted to DKK 15 million for the first six months, while only DKK 1 million was spent on investments.

Market trends, sales and production

The improved economic conditions as compared with 2003 has resulted in increased sales of moler and perlite bricks within a number of areas, including in particular the cement industry and the aluminium industry.

The structural decline in sales of vermiculite shapes for night-storage heaters continued during first half of 2004. However, an increase in sales of calcium silicate for insulation purposes in the high-temperature industries and for the insulation of walls behind wood-burning stoves has more than compensated for this fall.

During the first six months of the year, Skamol launched its marine panels based on calcium silicate boards for fire protection of oil rigs and for cold storage facilities.

The increase in sales of calcium silicate has resulted in greater utilisation of capacity at the new factory in Salling and thereby considerable improvements to the production economy.

Fire door project

Skamol has together with two partners established a company for the production and marketing of fire doors and marine panels based on Skamol's calcium silicate product. Skamol has a 40 per cent stake in the new company, NCM Core A/S. A new factory is being built near Aalborg, and production is expected to commence at the end of the year.



The new company is expected to start generating revenue of about DKK 50 million in a few years' time.

Outlook for 2004

Sales of fire doors are not expected to contribute positively to Skamol's earnings until 2005. For 2004 as a whole, Skamol expects revenue of approx. DKK 210 million and a profit before tax in the region of DKK 5 million.

Financial calendar

9.11.2004: Quarterly report for the 3rd quarter of 2004.