

## Interim Report

1 January – 30 September 2009



### First nine months 2009

#### General market update



#### Hygiene businesses

- Stable demand in mature markets
- Continued growth in emerging markets

#### Packaging and Forest Products

- Weak demand for packaging
  - Western European demand -9%\*
- Liner inventories continued down

 Weak demand for publication papers and solid-wood products

- European demand for:
  - SC paper -9%\*\*
  - LWC paper -24%\*\*
  - Newsprint -12%\*\*



<sup>\*</sup> Year to date August 2009 vs 2008

<sup>\*\*</sup> Year to date September 2009 vs 2008

## Q3 2009

#### SCA business market update



#### **Hygiene business**

- Stable demand for Personal Care and Tissue
- Continued growth in emerging markets

#### **Packaging and Forest Products**

- Liner price increases
- Stabilized demand on low level for Packaging
- Increased demand for publication papers and solid-wood products









## Q3 2009 vs. Q2 2009

#### Summary



#### Group

- Stable underlying sales
- EBIT increased 9%\*
  - Higher EBIT in Tissue and Packaging
- Profit before tax increased 9%\*
- Cash flow from current operations increased to SEK 4,259m









<sup>\*</sup> Excluding SEK 387m Packaging restructuring costs



## Q3 2009 results

SEK millions	Q3	Q3	Change,	Q2	
unless otherwise stated	2009	2008	%	2009	
Net sales	27,108	27,438	-1	27,915	
EBIT*	2,576	2,046	26	2,368	
EBIT margin (%)*	9.5	7.5		8.5	
Profit before tax*	2,199	1,438	53	2,014	
Earnings per share (SEK)	1.82	1.78	2	1.66	
Cash flow from current operations	4,259	1,483	287	3,047	

- EBIT increased 26%\*
  - Improved product mix
  - Lower raw material and energy costs
  - Lower prices in Packaging
  - Lower volumes
- Profit before tax increased 53%\*
  - Lower finance net



<sup>\*</sup> Excluding SEK 387m Packaging restructuring costs

### Cost

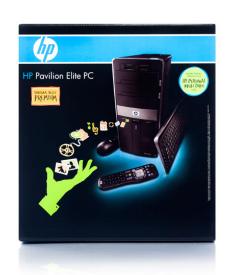
#### Packaging restructuring program



#### **Current status**

- Closed New Hythe testliner mill
- Closed 9 of 11 corrugated units
- Employee reduction: 1,040 of 2,200
- Costs: SEK 826m of SEK 1.7bn
- Savings: SEK 148m of SEK 1,070m

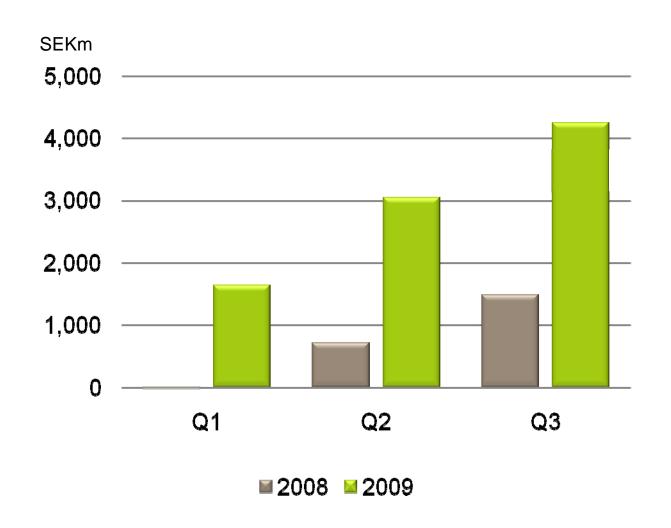
Delivering according to plan



## Cash flow



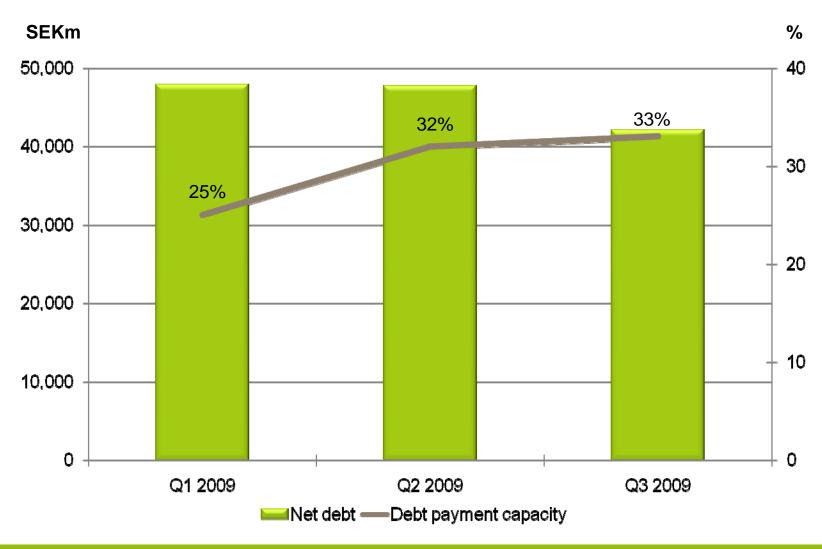
Strong improvement in cash flow from current operations SCA



### Reduced net debt



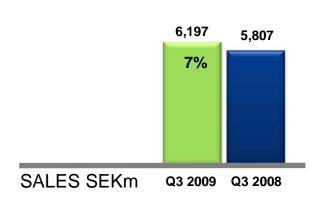
And improved debt payment capacity



## **Personal Care**

Q3 2009 vs Q3 2008



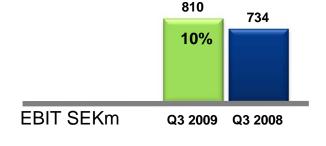


#### Sales increased by 7%, currency 6%

- Highest growth for Incontinence care and Feminine care
- Emerging markets growth 9%

#### EBIT increased by 10%

- Improved mix and higher prices
- Lower raw material cost
- Higher marketing costs



13.1% 12.6%

#### EBIT margin increased 0.5 percentage points

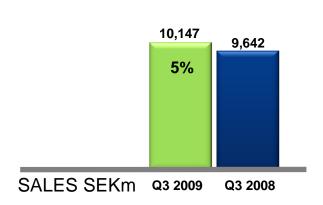
Improved Baby diapers margin

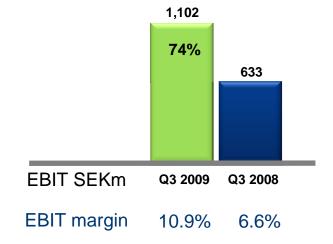


**EBIT** margin

## **Tissue**Q3 2009 vs Q3 2008







#### Sales increased by 5%, currency 7%

- Consumer tissue, 4% sales growth
  - Higher prices
  - Stable volumes
- \* AFH tissue, 8% sales growth
  - Slightly higher prices
  - Slightly lower volumes
- \*Emerging markets growth 1%

#### EBIT increased by 74%

- Improved mix
- Higher prices
- Lower raw material and energy costs
- Acquisition synergies
- Higher marketing costs

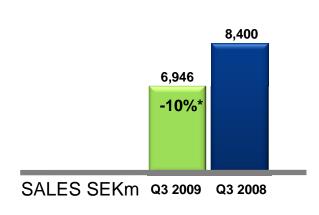


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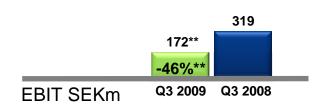
EBIT margin increased 4.3 percentage points

## Packaging Q3 2009 vs Q3 2008





- Sales decreased 10%\*, currency 5%
  - Lower prices and volumes
- EBIT decreased by 46%\*\*
  - Lower prices and volumes
  - Production downtime 75,000 tonnes
  - Lower energy and raw material costs
- EBIT margin decreased 1.3 percentage points
- Restructuring program on plan
  - Costs: SEK 387m
  - Savings: SEK 148m year to date



EBIT margin 2.5%\*\* 3.8%



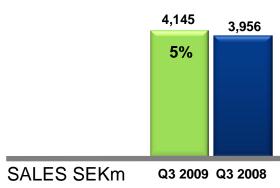
<sup>\*</sup> Adjusted for the divestment of the UK and Ireland conventional corrugated business

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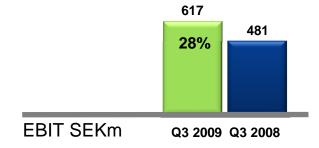
### **Forest Products**

Q3 2009 vs Q3 2008









EBIT margin 14.9% 12.2%

#### Sales increased 5%, currency 2%

- Publication papers, sales increased
  - Higher prices
- Solid-wood products, sales increased
  - Higher volumes

#### EBIT increased 28%

- Publication papers, increased EBIT
  - Higher prices
  - Lower energy and raw material costs
- Solid-wood products, increased EBIT

#### EBIT margin increased 2.7 percentage points



## Outlook 2009



#### Group

- Demand on similar level
- Higher raw material and energy costs

#### Hygiene businesses

- Stable demand
- High promotion activities

#### Packaging

- Increasing liner prices
- Continued weak demand

#### Forest Products

- Weak demand for publication papers
- Increasing prices for solid-wood products



## Summary



- Stable sales
- Significant profit improvement
  - EBIT: +26%
  - Profit before tax: +53%
- Strong cash flow
  - Cash flow from current operations: +SEK 6.8bn
- Focus:
  - Cost
  - Cash flow
  - Innovation
  - Growth









## Q & A

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