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BOARD OF DIRECTORS' REPORT

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- Sales were SEK 66,059 (55,354) million
- Operating profit before depreciation/amortization was SEK 7,591 (4,951) million
- Operating profit was SEK 3,838 (1,213) million
- The result after financial items was SEK 2,863 (324) million
- Earnings per share were SEK 2.23 (1.04)
- Operating cash flow was SEK 6,511 (3,207) million
- Net debt/equity ratio was 22 (34)%
- The Board proposes a dividend of SEK 1.00 per share

Key figures

SEK millions	2017 Full year	2016 Full year
Sales	66,059	55,354
Operating profit before depreciation/amortization, EBITDA	7,591	4,951
Operating profit	3,838	1,213
Profit after financial items	2,863	324
Profit after tax	2,311	943
Earnings per share (SEK)[1]	2.23	1.04
Operating cash flow	6,511	3,207
Net debt/equity ratio (%)	22	34

[1] *Earnings per share* for the full year 2016 have been adjusted to reflect the bonus element in the rights issue completed during the second quarter of 2016.

THE MARKET

According to the World Steel Association (WSA), global crude steel production for 2017 was 1,675 (1,587) million tonnes, up 5.5% compared with 2016. Chinese steel production increased by 6% during 2017. However, the actual increase of steel production is estimated to be clearly below 6%, because some production has moved from illegal capacity (that has been shut down), to steel mills that are included in the official statistics. In the EU-28, production rose by slightly more than 4%, whereas production in North America was up by almost 5% during 2017.

In North America, demand was weak early on in the fourth quarter, but improved as the quarter progressed. Demand increased especially from distributors, whose stock levels were low during the quarter. No decision has yet been taken regarding the Section 232 steel investigation (which could result in further import duties on the grounds of USA security) and there is continued prevailing uncertainty as to if and when further duties or quotas on imported steel could be introduced. In Europe, demand during the fourth quarter continued to be good, however with a certain usual seasonal slowdown towards the end of the quarter. Stock levels at distributors in Europe are considered to be in balance.

Taking the year as a whole, demand in North America was volatile, with a strong start to the year followed by a sharp mid-year slowdown. This was followed by a period of weak demand, which subsequently improved towards the end of the year. Demand in Europe was considerably more stable throughout the year, with slight demand growth.

In North America, market prices for heavy plate decreased somewhat early on in the fourth quarter, but rose sharply during the second half of the quarter. In Europe, market prices for strip were stable during the fourth quarter, but decreased for heavy plate. In China, market prices for both strip and heavy plate rose during the quarter.

RAW MATERIALS

SSAB sources its iron ore from LKAB in Sweden and from Severstal in Russia. The agreement with LKAB runs from April 1, 2017 until March 31, 2018 and prices are fixed monthly. The agreement with Severstal runs from October 1, 2015 until September 30, 2018 and prices are fixed monthly. Purchase prices for the full year 2017 were 29% higher in terms of USD and 30% higher in SEK compared with the full year 2016.

SSAB sources coking coal from Australia, the USA, Canada and Russia. The average coal price for the full year 2017 was 54% higher in terms of USD and 52% higher in SEK compared with the full year 2016.

The US operations regularly purchase scrap metal as a raw material for their production. Spot prices were 8% higher in terms of USD at the end of the fourth quarter of 2017 compared with the end of the fourth quarter of 2016.

The graphite electrode market was turbulent during the second half of 2017 and prices rose sharply. This mostly impacts electric arc furnace steel production. Similarly, very strong upward price trend seen in the market for refractory material (magnesite) during 2017 impacted on the costs of steelmaking irrespective of the method used. SSAB has secured access to graphite electrodes and refractory material until the end of 2018 through agreements with several suppliers.

ITEMS AFFECTING COMPARABILITY INCLUDED IN THE RESULT

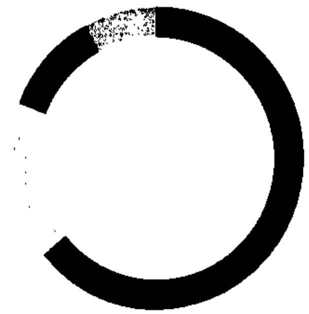
In 2017, no items affecting comparability were included in earnings, while for 2016 they amounted to SEK -62 million. Specification of items affecting comparability is shown in the table below.

Specification of items affecting comparability

SEK millions	2017 Full year	2016 Full year
Operating expenses		
Costs related to Ruukki Construction savings program	-	-79
Effect on operating profit	**-**	**-79**
Taxes		
Tax effects	-	17
Effect on profit after tax	**-**	**-62**

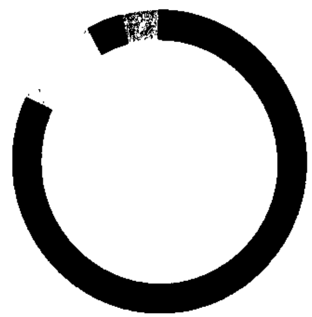
Share of external sales 2017

- SSAB Special Steels 22%
- SSAB Europe 42%
- SSAB Americas 17%
- Tibnor 11%
- Ruukki Construction 8%



Share of EBITDA 2017

- SSAB Special Steels 26%
- SSAB Europe 56%
- SSAB Americas 10%
- Tibnor 4%
- Ruukki Construction 4%



SHIPMENTS AND PRODUCTION

SSAB's steel shipments during the full year 2017 were 6,908 (6,652) thousand tonnes, up 4% compared with the full year 2016.

Crude steel production for the full year 2017 was at the same level as for the full year 2016, whereas rolling production was up 3% compared with the full year 2016.

SALES

Sales for the full year 2017 amounted to SEK 66,059 (55,354) million, up 19% compared with the full year 2016. Higher prices had a positive impact of 14 percentage points, higher volumes of 4 percentage points, a better product mix of 1 percentage point and other sales of 1 percentage point, whereas currency effects had a negative impact of 1 percentage point.

Net sales per market

SEK millions	2017	Share, %	2016	Share, %
USA	15,229	23	13,071	24
Sweden	11,323	17	9,461	17
Finland	6,864	10	6,258	11
Germany	3,439	5	3,229	6
Norway	2,793	4	2,727	5
Other	26,411	41	20,608	37
Total	**66,059**	**100**	**55,354**	**100**

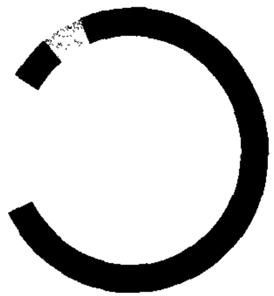
EARNINGS

Operating profit for the full year 2017 amounted to SEK 3,838 (1,213) million, up SEK 2,625 million compared with the full year 2016. Improved earnings were primarily due to higher prices (SEK 6,300m) and higher volumes (SEK 800m), whereas higher variable costs (SEK 4,500m), primarily from raw materials, had a negative impact on earnings.

Financial items for the full year 2017 amounted to SEK -976 (-889) million and the result after financial items amounted to SEK 2,863 (324) million.

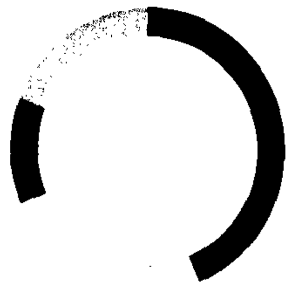
The Group's cost structure, SEK 63.3 (54.6) bn

- Input materials 42 (36)%
- Manufacturing costs 26 (26)%
  Personnel costs 16 (17)%
- Energy 5 (6)%
- Purchased products 5 (8)%
- Depreciation/Amortization 6 (7)%

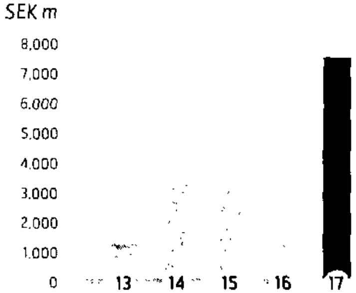


Input materials, SEK 26.8 (19.7) bn

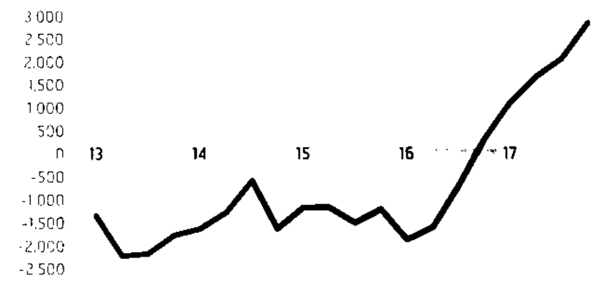
- Iron ore, pellets 24 (25)%
- Coal 20 (17)%
  Scrap 25 (26)%
- Alloys 12 (12)%
- Miscellaneous 19 (20)%



EBITDA



Profit/loss after financial items



— Rolling four quarters (including items affecting comparability)

PROFIT AFTER TAX AND EARNINGS PER SHARE

Profit after tax (attributable to shareholders) for the full year 2017 amounted to SEK 2,295 (937) million, equating to SEK 2.23 (1.04) per share. Tax for the full year 2017 was SEK -552 (619) million.

CASH FLOW, FINANCING AND LIQUIDITY

Operating cash flow for the full year 2017 amounted to SEK 6,511 (3,207) million. Cash flow was positively impacted primarily by operating profit and by somewhat lower working capital.

Net cash flow amounted to SEK 5,068 (6,875) million. Net cash flow was affected, among other things, by payments for strategic expenditures, including acquisitions of operations and businesses of SEK 248 (319) million. Total capital expenditure was SEK 1,614 (1,372) million. During 2016, cash flow was impacted by proceeds of SEK 4,907 million from the rights issue. Net debt decreased by SEK 6,313 million during the full year 2017 and at December 31 amounted to SEK 11,574 million. The net debt/equity ratio was slightly below 22 (34)%.

The term to maturity of the total loan portfolio at December 31 averaged 5.5 (5.1) years, with an average fixed interest period of 1.1 (0.8) years.

Cash and cash equivalents were SEK 4,249 (3,879) million and non-utilized credit facilities were SEK 8,263 (7,096) million, which combined corresponds to 19 (20)% of rolling 12 months' sales.

Operational cash flow and net debt

SEK millions	2017 Full year	2016 Full year
Operating profit before depreciation/amortization	7,591	4,951
Change in working capital	303	-661
Maintenance expenditures	-1,366	-1,053
Other	-17	-30
Operating cash flow	**6,511**	**3,207**
Financial items	-943	-994
Taxes	-249	80
Cash flow from current operations	**5,319**	**2,293**
Strategic capital expenditures in plants and machinery	-237	-273
Acquisitions of shares and operations	-11	-46
Divestments of shares and operations	1	-
Cash flow before dividend	**5,072**	**1,974**
Dividend to the Parent Company's shareholders	-	-
Rights issue	-	4,907
Dividend to non-controlling interest	-4	-6
Net cash flow	**5,068**	**6,875**
Net debt at beginning of period	**-17,887**	**-23,156**
Net cash flow	5,068	6,875
Revaluation of liabilities against equity[1]	1,286	-1,342
Other[2]	-41	-264
Net debt at end of period	**-11,574**	**-17,887**

[1] Revaluation of hedging of currency risks in foreign operations
[2] Mainly consisting of cash flow effects on derivative instruments and revaluation of other financial instruments in foreign currency

RETURN ON CAPITAL EMPLOYED/EQUITY

Return on capital employed before tax and return on equity after tax for the whole year were 6% and 4% respectively, whereas figures for the full year 2016 were both 2%.

EQUITY

With earnings of SEK 2,295 million and other comprehensive income (mostly consisting of translation differences) of SEK -1,955 million, shareholders' equity in the company amounted to SEK 53,231 (52,891) million, equating to SEK 51.69 (51.36) per share.

MAINTENANCE OUTAGES IN 2017

The table below shows the impact on earnings of all major planned maintenance outages during 2017. The impact on earnings comprises the direct maintenance cost and the cost of lower capacity utilization (*underabsorption*), but excludes lost margins.

Major maintenance outages in 2017

SEK millions	2017 Q 1	2017 Q 2	2017 Q 3	2017 Q 4	2017 Full year	2016 Full year
SSAB Special Steels	-	-	230	-	230	250
SSAB Europe	20	50	125	195	390	300
SSAB Americas	160	230	-	-	390	290
Total	**180**	**280**	**355**	**195**	**1,010**	840

ASSETS WITH UNDETERMINABLE USEFUL LIFE

Consolidated assets with undeterminable useful life are allocated to the group's cash-generating units as shown in the table below.

SEK millions	2017 Dec. 31	2016 Dec. 31
Goodwill		
SSAB North America (incl. in the SSAB Americas division)	22,408	24,741
SSAB Special Steels	2,714	2,636
SSAB Europe	2,046	1,985
Tibnor	502	487
Ruukki Construction	60	60
Total goodwill	**27,730**	**29,909**
Ruukki Construction (tradename *Rautaruukki*)	440	427
Total assets with undeterminable useful life[1]	**28,170**	**30,336**

[1] *All changes in value compared with the previous year are due to currceny effects.*

Goodwill is tested for *impairment* each year towards the end at the fourth quarter. The impairment test showed no need for an impairment charge. *For additional information,* see Note 6.

DIVIDEND AND ALLOCATION OF PROFIT

A dividend is proposed of SEK 1.00 (0.00) per share. Consideration relating to proposed allocation of profit in Note 31 and Proposed allocation of profit on page 233 is part of the Board of Director's Report.

BUSINESS SEGMENTS

The Group is organized into five business segments, with a clear profit responsibility. The business segments consist of the three steel divisions: SSAB Special Steels, SSAB Europe and SSAB Americas as well as the fully owned subsidiaries: Tibnor and Ruukki Construction. Tibnor and Ruukki Construction are operated as independent subsidiaries by their respective Boards and act at arm's length in relation to SSAB.

SSAB Special Steels

SSAB Special Steels has global responsibility for the marketing and sales of all SSAB's quenched and tempered steels (Q&T) and hot-rolled, advanced high-strength steels with yield strengths of 700 MPa and above. SSAB Special Steels is responsible for steel and rolling production in Oxelösund (Sweden), and for sales of the above products produced in Mobile (USA), Raahe (Finland) and Borlänge (Sweden). When SSAB Special Steels sells steels made by another division, the revenue is reported by SSAB Special Steels and the accounts are settled between the divisions at the cost of goods sold.

SSAB Europe

SSAB Europe has responsibility for strip, plate and tubular products in Europe, and global profit responsibility for the Automotive segment (cold-rolled strip). SSAB Europe is responsible for steel and plate production in Raahe and Hämeenlinna (Finland), and in Luleå and Borlänge (Sweden).

SSAB Americas

SSAB Americas has profit responsibility for heavy plate in North America, and for steel and plate production in Montpelier and Mobile, USA.

Tibnor

Tibnor is the Group's distributor of a full range of steel and non-ferrous metals in the Nordic region and Baltics. Tibnor buys and sells materials produced both by SSAB and other suppliers.

Ruukki Construction

Ruukki Construction is responsible for the sales and production of energy-efficient building and construction solutions, with a focus on northern and eastern Europe. Ruukki Construction includes Plannja.

Net sales per business segment

	2017	2016
SEK millions	**Full year**	**Full year**
SSAB Special Steels	16,053	12,582
SSAB Europe	31,048	25,831
SSAB Americas	12,727	10,639
Tibnor	7,821	6,879
Ruukki Construction	5,773	5,304
Other, incl. Group adjustments	-7,363	-5,881
Total	**66,059**	**55,354**

Operating profit before depreciation/amortization (EBITDA) per division

	2017	2016
SEK millions	**Full year**	**Full year**
SSAB Special Steels	2,002	1,453
SSAB Europe	4,405	2,458
SSAB Americas	818	737
Tibnor	334	191
Ruukki Construction	307	322
Other, incl. Group adjustments	-275	-210
Total	**7,591**	**4,951**

Operating profit before depreciation/amortization (EBITDA)

	2017	2016
SEK millions	**Full year**	**Full year**
Operating profit/loss	3,838	1,213
Depreciation & impairment	3,753	3,738
Operating profit before depreciation/amortization (EBITDA)	**7,591**	**4,951**

Items affecting comparability incl. in operating profit/loss, per quarter and business segment

SEK millions	1/15	2/15	3/15	4/15	1/16	2/16	3/16	4/16	1/17	2/17	3/17	4/17
SSAB Special Steels	-	-	-	-	-	-27	-	-	-	-	-	-
SSAB Europe	-2	-2	-	-95	-	-49	-	-	-	-	-	-
SSAB Americas	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tibnor	-20	-4	-	112	-3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ruukki Construction	-2	-4	-	-93	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other	-6	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	**-30**	**-9**	**-**	**-76**	**-3**	**-76**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**

Items affecting comparability relate mainly to restructuring costs related to synergies in the acquisition of Rautaruukki, amounting SEK 79 million for 2016 and SEK 135 million for 2015. In 2015 there was also a capital gain on real estate sale amounting to SEK 122 million.

The information about the business segments below excludes depreciation/amortization on surplus values on tangible and intangible assets relating to the acquisitions of IPSCO and Rautaruukki. For information about the IFRS figures (including depreciation/amortization on surplus values), see Note 27.

SSAB SPECIAL STEELS

Key numbers

SEK millions	2017 Full year	2016 Full year
Sales	16,053	12,582
Operating profit before depreciation/amortization, EBITDA	2,002	1,453
Operating profit	1,465	902
Operating cash flow	909	437
Number of employees at end of period	2,834	2,772

Demand during the full year 2017 increased compared with the full year 2016, primarily from the Mining, Heavy Transport and Construction Machinery segments.

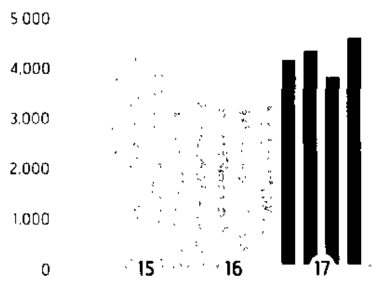
External shipments for the full year 2017 were 1,192 (1,008) thousand tonnes, up 18%.

Crude steel production during the full year 2017 was 956 (975) thousand tonnes, down 2% compared with the full year 2016.

Rolling production for the full year 2017 was at the same level as for the full year 2016.

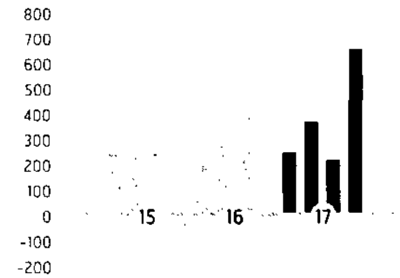
Sales for the full year 2017 were SEK 16,053 (12,582) million, up 28% compared with the full year 2016. Higher volumes had a positive impact of 18 percentage points, higher other sales had a positive impact of 7 percentage points and higher prices of 5 percentage points, whereas a weaker product mix and currency effects each had a negative impact of 1 percentage point.

Sales per quarter



Operating profit for the full year 2017 was SEK 1,465 (902) million, up SEK 563 million compared with the full year 2016. Improved earnings were primarily due to higher volumes and prices, the impact of which was counteracted by higher variable costs.

Operating profit/loss per quarter



Excluding items affecting comparability

Operating cash flow for the full year 2017 was SEK 909 (437) million. Cash flow was positively impacted primarily by operating profit for the full year 2017. However, this positive impact was counteracted by higher working capital, primarily as a result of higher stocks and higher accounts receivable due to higher sales.

Capital expenditure payments during the full year 2017 were SEK 374 (275) million, of which SEK 23 (25) million were strategic investments.

SSAB EUROPE

Key numbers

SEK millions	2017 Full year	2016 Full year
Sales	31,048	25,831
Operating profit before depreciation/amortization, EBITDA	4,405	2,458
Operating profit[1]	2,988	1,000
Operating cash flow	3,782	2,113
Number of employees *at end of period*	6,798	6,851

[1] Excluding depreciation/amortization on surplus values on tangible and intangible asset related to the acquistion of Rautaruuki. Depreciation/amortization on surplus values was SEK 214 (211) million during 2017.

Demand for the full year *2017 was good, with demand* growth primarily in the Automotive segment, which was an important contributory factor why the *share of premium products* increased to 32 (30)% of sales.

External shipments for the full year 2017 were 3,745 (3,720) *thousand tonnes, up 1%.*

Crude steel production for the full year 2017 was 4,599 (4,681) thousand tonnes, *down 2% compared with* the full year 2016.

Rolling production for the full year 2017 was up 4% compared with the full year 2016.

Sales for the full year 2017 were SEK 31,048 (25,831) million, up 20% compared with the full year 2016. *Higher prices* had a positive impact of 20 percentage points, higher volumes and a better product mix each *had a positive impact of* 1 percentage point, whereas currency effects and other sales each had a negative impact of 1 percentage *point.*

Sales per quarter

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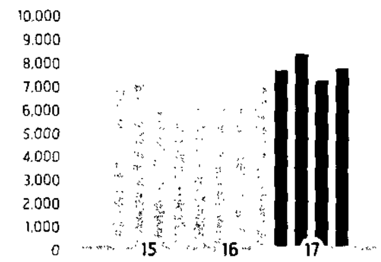

Operating profit for the full year 2017 was SEK 2,988 (1,000) million, up SEK 1,988 million compared with the full year 2016. Improved *earnings were primarily* due to higher prices, including a better product mix, the impact of which was counteracted by higher *variable and fixed costs.*

Operating profit/loss per quarter

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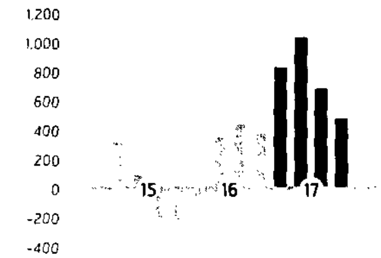


Excluding items affecting comparability

Operating cash flow for the full year *2017 was SEK 3,782* (2,113) million. Cash flow was impacted positively by operating profit and lower working capital.

Capital expenditure payments during the full year 2017 were SEK 859 (687) *million, of which* SEK 137 (127) million were strategic investments.

SSAB AMERICAS

Key numbers

SEK millions	2017 Full year	2016 Full year
Sales	12,727	10,639
Operating profit before depreciation/amortization, EBITDA	818	737
Operating profit[1]	183	110
Operating cash flow	1,166	426
Number of employees at end of period	1,228	1,222

[1] Excluding the depreciation/amortization on surplus values on tangible and intangible assets related to the acquisition of IPSCO. Depreciation/amortization on surplus values was SEK 713 (636) million during 2017.

Compared with the full year 2016, demand increased during 2017 in the Energy and Construction Machinery segments.

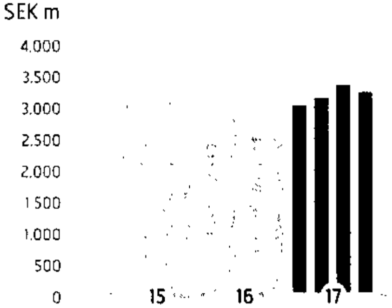
External shipments of steel for the full year 2017 were up 2% at 1,971 (1,924) thousand tonnes.

Crude steel production for the full year 2017 was up 5% at 2,440 (2,331) thousand tonnes compared with the full year 2016.

Rolling production for the full year 2017 was up 4% compared with the full year 2016.

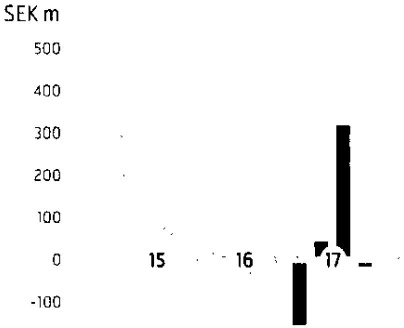
Sales for the full year 2017 were SEK 12,727 (10,639) million, up 20% compared with the full year 2016. Higher prices had a positive impact of 16 percentage points, other sales and higher volumes each had a positive impact of 2 percentage points.

Sales per quarter



Operating profit for the full year 2017 was SEK 183 (110) million, up SEK 73 million compared to the full year 2016. Improved earnings were primarily due to higher prices, the impact of which was counteracted by higher variable costs.

Operating profit/loss per quarter



Operating cash flow for the full year 2017 was SEK 1,166 (426) million. Cash flow was impacted positively by operating profit and by lower working capital.

Capital expenditure payments during the full year 2017 were SEK 212 (218) million, of which SEK 8 (55) million were strategic investments.

TIBNOR

Key numbers

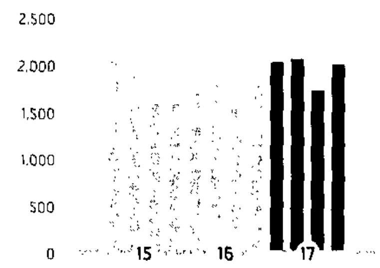
SEK millions	2017 Full year	2016 Full year
Sales	7,821	6,879
Operating profit before depreciation/amortization, EBITDA	334	191
Operating profit[1]	252	106
Operating cash flow	472	191
Number of employees at end of period	1,091	1,137

[1] Excluding depreciation/amortization on surplus vlaues on tangible and intangible assets related to the acquisition of Rautaruukki. Depreciation/amortization on surplus values was SEK 23 (23) million during 2017.

Total shipments for the full year 2017 were up 1% compared with the full year 2016. The Rebar Products and Tubes segments grew during the year, but the impact of this was counteracted by lower shipments in the other segments.

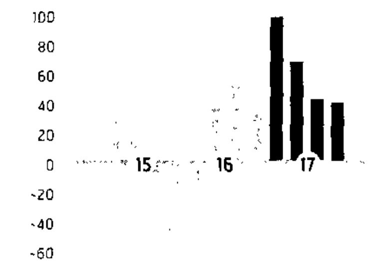
Sales for the full year 2017 were SEK 7,821 (6,879) million, up 14% compared with the full year 2016. This was primarily due to higher prices and somewhat higher volumes.

Sales per quarter



Operating profit for the full year 2017 was SEK 252 (106) million, up SEK 146 million compared with the full year 2016. Improved earnings were primarily due to better margins.

Operating profit/loss per quarter



Excluding items affecting comparability

Operating cash flow for the full year 2017 was SEK 472 (191) million. Cash flow was impacted positively by operating profit and by lower working capital.

Capital expenditure payments during the full year 2017 were SEK 63 (51) million, of which SEK 31 (26) million were strategic investments.

RUUKKI CONSTRUCTION

Key numbers

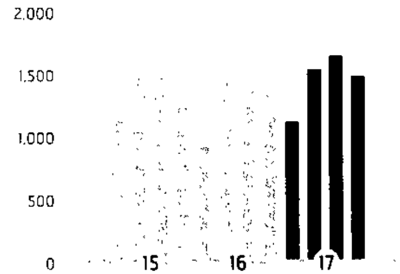
SEK millions	2017 Full year	2016 Full year
Sales	5,773	5,304
Operating profit before depreciation/amortization, EBITDA	307	322
Operating profit[1]	171	171
Operating cash flow	340	243
Number of employees at end of period	2,502	2,543

[1] Excluding depreciation/amortization on surplus values on tangible and intangible assets related to the acquisition of Rautaruukki. Depreciation/amortization on surplus values was SEK -29 (-29) million during 2017.

Except for Russia and Ukraine, demand increased in all markets in the full year 2017 compared with the full year 2016.

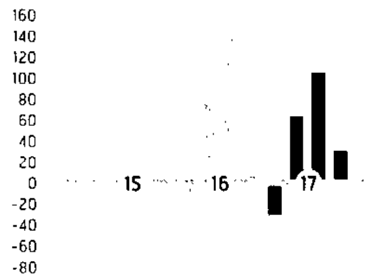
Sales for the full year 2017 were SEK 5,773 (5,304) million, up 9% compared with the full year 2016. This was primarily due to higher sales in the Building Components segment.

Sales per quarter



Operating profit for the full year 2017 was SEK 171 (171) million, unchanged compared with the full year 2016. Higher prices and volumes had a positive impact on earnings, but the impact of this was counteracted by higher variable and fixed costs.

Operating profit/loss per quarter



Excluding items affecting comparability

Operating cash flow for the full year 2017 was SEK 340 (243) million. Cash flow was impacted positively by operating profit and by lower working capital due to lower stocks and accounts receivable.

Capital expenditure payments during the full year 2017 were SEK 65 (114) million, of which SEK 39 (87) million were strategic investments.

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES AND RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

Capital expenditures

Capital expenditure payments during the full year were SEK 1,614 (1,372) million, of which SEK 248 (319) million were strategic investments, including acquisitions of businesses and operations.

Research and development

Research and development activities are focusing on areas that aim at increasing the profitability of SSAB. Close collaboration with strategic customers and customer segments providing conditions for a market-driven product development that creates increased value also for the end-customers. This is particularly evident for SSAB's high-strength steels, where also technical customer support is an important part of research and development. Continuous work is also carried out with the development of the processes for increased cost efficiency, sustainable processes and energy conservation.

During 2017, SSAB has updated the definition of Research and Development and thus which internal resources actually work with research and development within the Group. This should not be interpreted as an actual cost base, but a more fair view.

During the year, research and development investments amounted to SEK 343 (280) million.

ENVIRONMENT

Steel production is energy intensive and generates carbon dioxide emissions. In Sweden and Finland, SSAB's blast furnaces are among the largest sources of carbon dioxide emissions in each country. At the same time, SSAB's blast furnaces are among the most efficient in the world in terms of minimizing emissions from steel production. The impact on the local environment in the vicinity of SSAB's plants has decreased significantly in recent decades. Technical development and increasingly stringent external demands dictate constant improvements in the operations.

The most important environmental aspects for SSAB are:

- Air emissions reductions of carbon dioxide, nitrogen oxides, sulfur oxides and particulate matter
- Water effluent reductions of nitrogen and suspended substances
- Efficient use of raw materials and energy
- Landfill waste minimization

Permitted production at the Swedish plants[1]

Thousand tonnes	Locality	Permitted production	Production 2017	Production 2016
Coke	Luleå	800	709	681
	Oxelösund	530	369	414
Hot metal	Luleå	-[2]	2,196	2 186
	Oxelösund	2,000	915	905
Steel slabs	Luleå	2,500	2,069	2 063
	Oxelösund	1,900	888	910
Hot-rolled steel	Borlänge	3,200	2,246	2 139
	Oxelösund[3]	1,000	517	535
Pickled steel	Borlänge	2,500	1,293	1 332
Cold-rolled steel	Borlänge	1,400	652	683
Annealed steel	Borlänge	900	607	586
Metal-coated steel	Borlänge	400	-	38
Organic-coated products	Köping	30	17	15
	Finspång[4]	40	31	33
Tubes	Virsbo	125	11	13

[1] In North Americas, the permitted production levels are determined through maximum permitted hourly production volumes and for Finnish sites there are no limits on production.
[2] Not regulated
[3] Delivery of plate
[4] Unit million m^2

SSAB's operations are subject to environmental permits with hundreds of environmental conditions governing among other production levels, emissions into the air and water, noise levels, and rules regarding landfill sites.

PERSONNEL

At year-end 2017, the number of employees (excluding temporary employees) amounted to 14,925 (14,980). The total compensation to employees including social security expenses and pension cost, amounted to SEK 9,836 (9,481) million. Additional information about compensation to employees, see Note 2.

Number of employees at year-end

	2017	2016
SSAB Special Steels	2,834	2,772
SSAB Europe	6,798	6,851
SSAB Americas	1,228	1,222
Tibnor	1,091	1,137
Ruukki Construction	2,502	2,543
Other	472	455
Total	**14,925**	**14,980**

COMPENSATION TO SENIOR EXECUTIVES

The Board's proposal for guidelines for 2018

For 2018, the Board proposes that compensation to the President and other members in the Company's senior management shall comprise of:

- fixed salary;
- variable compensation;
- other benefits, such as company car, and
- pension.

"Other members of the Company's senior management" mean members of the Group Executive Committee. The total compensation package shall be at market terms and conditions and competitive in the employment market in which the executive works. Fixed salary and variable compensation shall be related to the executive's responsibilities and authority. The variable compensations shall be based on results as compared with defined and measurable targets and shall be subject to a ceiling in relation to the fixed salary. The variable compensations shall not be included in the basis for computation of pension, except in those cases where so provided in the rules of a general pension plan, e.g. the Swedish ITP plan. For senior executives outside Sweden, all or parts of the variable compensation may be included in the basis for pension computation due to legislation or competitive practice in the local market.

The variable compensation programs shall be structured such that the Board of Directors has the possibility, should exceptional circumstances prevail, to restrict the payment of variable compensations, or to decline to make such payment, where such a measure is deemed reasonable and compatible with the Company's responsibilities to its shareholders, employees and other stakeholders.

Consultant fees in line with prevailing market conditions may be payable insofar as any director performs work on behalf of the Company, in addition to the Board work.

The period of notice of termination of employment for senior executives in Sweden shall be six months in the event of termination by the executive. In the event of termination by the Company, the total of the period of notice of termination and the period during which severance compensation is payable shall not exceed 24 months. For senior executives outside Sweden, the termination period and severance compensation may deviate from the above stated due to legislation or practice on the local market.

Pension benefits shall be contribution-based with individual retirement ages, in no case earlier than the age of 62. In the event the employment terminates prior to the retirement age, the executive shall receive a paid-up policy for earned pension.

The Board of Directors shall be entitled to deviate from the guidelines where special reasons exist in an individual case.

Short-term variable salary components in 2017 (including senior executives)
For the Group Executive Committee, the short-term variable salary component for 2017 is linked to:
- the Group's EBITDA margin relative to a number of comparable steel companies;
- net cash flow
- an injury frequency target established by the Board, and
- one or more individual targets.

Long-term variable salary components in 2017 (including senior executives)
In 2011, a long-term incentive program was introduced covering then a maximum of 100 (now 150) key employees throughout the Group, including the President and other senior executives. The purpose of the program is to promote the Company's ability to recruit and retain key employees.

The program applies for rolling three-year periods, is cash-based and linked to the total return on the SSAB share compared with a comparison group comprising the Company's competitors and return on capital employed. For participants in the program outside North America, the result is capped at between 18 and 30% of fixed salary. The outcome for participants in North America is capped at between 32 and 144%, which is in line with the local market. For these participants, the program is also linked to SSAB Americas' results and return on capital employed. The total annual cost for the program is SEK 36 million in the event of target realization, and SEK 72 million in the event of maximum realization, of which approximately 60% constitutes the cost for participants in North America.

For more detailed information regarding applicable compensation and benefits, see Note 2.

RISK AND SENSITIVITY ANALYSIS
Risks and opportunities
SSAB's earnings and financial position are affected by many factors, several of which are beyond the company's control. These include general political and economic conditions affecting the steel markets. Many of these factors can impact SSAB positively or negatively. Positive development or proper management of, a risk can lead to opportunities and value creation.

Overall risk management
SSAB has prioritized identifying and analyzing risks, as well as deciding how they are to be addressed. Responsibility for the long-term, overall management of strategic risks is dictated by the company's delegation policy, namely from the Board to the CEO and from the CEO to the leaders of each division and subsidiary. Consequently, most of the Group's operational risks are managed by each respective division, but coordinated across divisions when necessary. The leaders of each division and subsidiary perform a yearly review of risks in connection with the strategy process. The findings are presented and discussed at a SSAB Board meeting. The Group Legal function is responsible for global risk management, assessing insurable risks. The Group risk manager is functionally responsible for the Group's risk management work and works with each divisional risk manager to optimize the work from a group-wide perspective. The Group's treasury function is responsible for managing financial risks. For several years, SSAB has an internal control function that supports operations in identifying risk areas and, based on a risk analysis; establish control processes to mitigate identified risk areas.

For many years, SSAB has had an internal audit unit which, among other tasks, identifies risk areas and, based on a risk analysis, conducts internal controls followed by recommendations for improvements within these areas. The internal audit unit reports directly to the Audit Committee. For full information about the Group's internal audit function, see the Corporate governance report.

Operational risks

Risk factor	Risk description	Response and initiatives
BUSINESS CYCLE	The steel industry is strongly affected by fluctuations in the business cycle, such as in products and raw materials. The sensitivity to business cycle fluctuations is also influenced by the high percentage of fixed costs due to the large capital expenditures that characterize the steel industry.	SSAB focuses on high-strength steels as one way to minimize the cyclical nature of its earning capacity. A continuous focus on developing niche products will enable SSAB to maintain and strengthen its position in relation to its competitors. Another way SSAB reduces sensitivity to the business cycle is by focusing on the company's home markets, namely North America and the Nordic region. In these markets, SSAB strives to be the customers' supplier of choice by offering short delivery times, superior quality and close, long-term relationships. SSAB also offers value-added services based on its industry-leading know-how in the field of high-strength steels, offering customers the ability to create innovative solutions. SSAB works closely with customers or at one of its many research facilities to develop these innovative solutions. SSAB also works to cut costs and increase flexibility in its operations in order to lessen the effects of downturns in the business cycle. Through the acquisition of Rautaruukki, the flexibility of production (i.e. the ability to handle production outages as well as rising and decreasing demand) has increased.
POLITICAL DECISIONS	SSAB operates in many countries and is therefore affected by both country-specific and international regulations related to general tax and financial reporting rules, as well as more specific rules concerning trade barriers, the environment and energy policy.	SSAB participates in national and international industry organizations in which the monitoring of relevant events plays an important role. In the US, the Group has a separate function for this purpose, based in Washington, DC. One focus area for SSAB is environmental and energy legislation, with the EU's emissions trading system being of critical importance for SSAB's operations. In this area, SSAB acts via industry organizations and directly in explaining the importance of emissions allowances regulations and their impact on SSAB. Since steel production takes place in both Europe and the US, exposure to various trade barriers has been reduced.

Operational risks, cont.

Risk factor	Risk description	Response and initiatives
CUSTOMERS AND SUPPLIERS	Dependence on individual major customers and/or suppliers may entail major inherent risks; with significant consequences were deliveries to or from such customers or suppliers to cease.	SSAB has a diversified customer base and thus has little dependence on individual customers. Credit risks are managed by each division and subsidiary, based on the Group's credit policy. There is also great diversity in the company's suppliers. However, this is not the case with SSAB's most important raw materials, namely coal and iron ore, where the number of potential suppliers is limited. Coking coal is purchased from a number of major suppliers around the world, such as Australia, USA, Canada and Russia. Iron ore is currently purchased from LKAB in Sweden and from Severstal in Russia. However, since the price of iron ore is set on the world market, it is in principle the same regardless of supplier. SSAB has signed long-term supply agreements with both LKAB and Severstal in order to ensure physical supplies, while proximity to iron ore reduces the risk of long-term delivery problems.
ENVIRONMENT	Steel production is energy and resource intensive and has a significant impact on the environment. In both Sweden and Finland, SSAB's blast furnaces are among the largest sources of carbon dioxide emissions.	In pace with technical developments and more stringent environmental requirements, SSAB is continuously striving to minimize its environmental impact. SSAB's steel mills are among the most efficient in the world in terms of carbon dioxide emissions and in terms of reductions in emissions. SSAB is participating in a number of research projects aimed at minimizing carbon dioxide emissions. During 2016, SSAB initiated a project that evaluates the possibilities for a long-term transition to hydrogen-based ironmaking and an almost carbon-free steel industry. In 2017, the joint venture company Hybrit Development AB was formed together with Vattenfall and LKAB. Hybrit Development AB will work to find a production process for steel that does not release carbon dioxide. More information about SSAB's environmental issues is provided in the GRI report on www.ssab.com.

Operational risks, cont.

Risk factor	Risk description	Response and initiatives
PRODUCTION	Steel production takes place in a chain of different processes, in which disruptions in one part of the chain can rapidly have serious consequences on other parts. Operational disruptions, such as those due to transportation problems and damage caused by fire, explosions and other types of accidents, may be costly.	Each division and subsidiary is responsible for pro-active work to prevent loss. Risks relating to personal injury and damage to property and the environment (insurable risks), work on preventing injury and damage from occurring at all, and work on minimizing the effects of injury or damage if it nevertheless occurs are managed within the Group's Risk Management organization. SSAB's Group Risk Manager is functionally responsible for this work on risks on a group-wide perspective and works with the Risk Manager in each division. All Risk Managers are participating in the Company's quarterly Risk Forum, led by the Group Risk Manager. The Risk Forum is established within SSAB, with the aim of striving for continuous improvements and unity, as well as developing Risk Management using "best practice" and good examples. SSAB Risk Management has developed a guide, Guidelines for Pollution Work, which is a support in the daily ongoing risk management work in the business. The Group Risk Manager report to the Group Chief Legal Counsel. Risk management work is conducted in accordance with a risk management policy which emphasizes the following: • proactive work to prevent injury and damage (initiate, coordinate and manage) • risk and cost optimization (insurance management). In order to minimize costs, if this kind of risk still occurs, there are both continuity plans as well as property damage insurance and business disruption insurance in place. The risk of disruptions in one part of the process having an impact on other parts of the process is minimized by maintaining stocks of crucial raw materials, products in progress and finished products as well as analyzing our vendors and incoming flows and look at alternative process flows. Within Risk Management, ongoing risk analyzes are carried out together with our production managers and risk surveys of our facilities and processes together with risk engineers from our insurance brokers and risk engineers from insurance companies. This is done in order to identify and manage the emerging risks and to serve as a basis for our insurers. The results of the surveys and risk analyzes are presented continuously for the production managers and measures to improve processes and our protection are monitored carefully. SSAB also subscribes to other group-wide insurance programs such as, for example, liability insurance and transport insurance and the Risk Management function also works to prevent damage in these areas, which is also a prerequisite for signing insurance.

Operational risks, cont.

Risk factor	Risk description	*Response and initiatives*
EMPLOYEE-RELATED ISSUES	SSAB needs to attract and retain skilled, motivated employees in order to be able to conduct operations with good profitability for the long term. SSAB's niche strategy requires continuous development of strong processes and products, making skills development in these areas particularly important. The company's reputation can be rapidly eroded if safety, responsibility for the environment, and ethics are called into question.	Issues related to safety, environmental responsibility and ethics are prioritized in day-to-day work, as well as in the long term through training and by influencing attitudes. Stringent safety rules are in place in each division, and must be complied with by SSAB's employees and hired personnel, as well as by external contractors. Skills development, especially management training, is a high priority. Frequency of accidents and related measures are monitored continuously by the Group Executive Management Group and the Board. SSAB also conducts a regular engagement for all employees in the entire company. The survey is an important tool for managers at all levels to develop as leaders and improve work on their teams. Salaries are competitive to employees' respective markets.

Financial risks

International operations such as those at SSAB involve a number of financial risks in the form of financing, liquidity, interest rate, currency and credit risks. The management of these risks is governed by the Group's Finance Policy, which has been adopted by the Board of Directors.

Most financial transactions take place through the parent company's treasury function in Stockholm and through SSAB Finance in Ireland. For further information about the Group's financial risk management, see Note 28.

Risk factor	Risk description	Response and initiatives
REFINANCING RISK/ LIQUIDITY RISK	'Refinancing risk/liquidity risk' means the risk of SSAB being unable to pay its obligations due to insufficient liquidity or difficulties in raising new loans.	The borrowing strategy is focused on securing the Group's needs for loan financing with regard to long-term loans and SSAB's day-to-day payment obligations to its lenders and suppliers. Borrowing takes place primarily through the parent company, taking into consideration the Group's financial targets. In order to minimize the refinancing risk, the objective is that long-term loans will have an even maturity and an average term to maturity in excess of three years. The liquidity buffer, i.e. non-utilized, binding credit facilities, as well as cash and cash equivalents, should exceed 10 percent of the Group's sales.

Financial risks, cont.

Risk factor	Risk description	Response and initiatives
MARKET RISK	Market risks comprise *the risk of the Group's earnings or financial position* being affected by movements in market prices, such as interest rates and exchange rates.	**Interest rate risks:** The Group's interest rate risks relate to movements in market interest rates and their impact on the debt portfolio. The average fixed-rate term in the total debt portfolio should be approximately 1 year, but is *permitted to vary between 0.5 and 2.5 years.* The fixed-rate term on borrowing may be adjusted through the use of interest rate swaps. **Currency risks:** SSAB's currency exposure related to translation exposure, largely relates to the translation risk regarding net assets of foreign subsidiaries. This exposure is partly hedged through borrowing in foreign currency, so-called equity hedge. Exceptions are made in the case of small amounts, e.g. for equity in foreign sales companies. The objective with the equity hedge is to minimize the translation impact on the net debt/equity ratio. The Swedish krona (SEK) is the base currency. In order to handle the transaction risk, part of the *commercial currency flows qualifying* for hedge accounting (currently purchases of coal and ore in USD) is hedged. Major investments decided upon in foreign currency are hedged in their entirety. Other commercial currency flows that arise in connection with purchases and sales in foreign currency *are short term in nature* and thus no hedging takes place; instead, they are exchanged on the spot market. The net currency inflow in 2017 was SEK 6.8 (5.1) billion. The Group's most important currency flows are shown in the adjacent diagram.

Currency flow 2017
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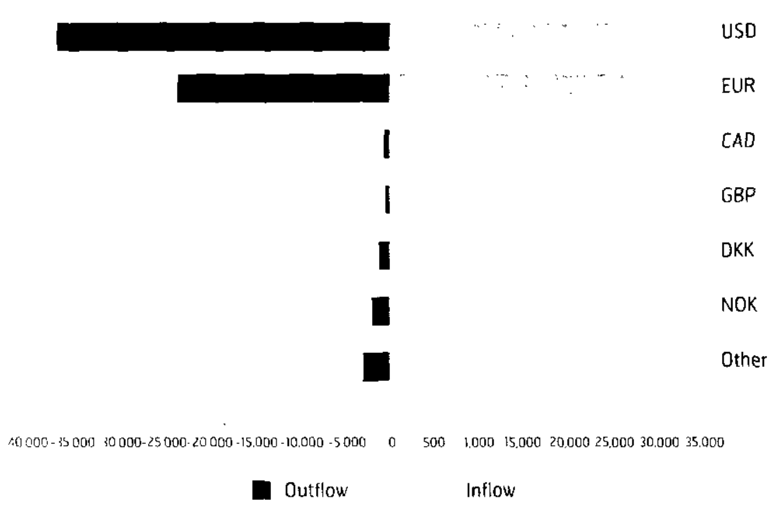

Financial risks, cont.

Risk factor	*Risk description*	*Response and initiatives*
CREDIT RISK	'Credit risk' means the risk of losses due to the Group's customers or counterparties in financial contracts being unable to perform their payment obligations.	Financial counterparties are selected based on Standard & Poor's and Moody's current ratings for long-term borrowing and taking into account the Group's reciprocal commercial relations with the relevant counterparty. The minimum acceptable ratings are A- from Standard & Poor's or A3 from Moody's. Credit risks associated with accounts receivable and other claims are managed in each division and subsidiary, taking into account the Group's credit policy.

SENSITIVITY ANALYSIS

The calculated full-year effect in 2017 on profit after financial items and earnings per share of changes in significant factors is shown in the sensitivity analysis below.

	Change, %	**Effect on earnings, SEK millions**	**Effect on earnings per share, SEK[2)]**
Steel price – steel operations	10	5,171	3.92
Volume – steel operations[1)]	10	1,111	0.84
Iron ore prices	10	644	0.49
Coal prices	10	433	0.33
Scrap metal prices	10	676	0.51
Interest rate	1% point	33	0.03
Krona index[3)]	5	788	0.60

[1)] Excluding the effect of lower capacity utilization (under absorption)
[2)] Calculated based on a 22% tax rate
[3)] Calculated on SSAB's exposure without currency hedging. Any weakening of the Swedish krona entails a positive effect.

THE SHARE

SSAB's shares are listed on the Nasdaq OMX Stockholm's Large Cap List in Sweden. In conjunction with SSAB's completion of the merger with Rautaruukki, SSAB applied for a secondary listing on Nasdaq OMX Helsinki, Finland, where SSAB's shares have been listed since August 1, 2014.

Share capital

As of December 31, 2017, there are in total 1,029,835,326 shares in SSAB, of which 304,183,270 class A shares, corresponding to 304,183,270 votes, and 725,652,056 class B shares, corresponding to 72,565,205.6 votes. 376,748,475.6 votes in total. Each class A share carries one vote and each class B share carries one-tenth of one vote. SSAB's share capital is SEK 9,062 million. The quotient value per share is SEK 8.80.

Ownership structure

At the end of 2017, SSAB had 100,141 shareholders.

SSAB's three largest owners in terms of voting rights at year-end 2017 were:

- Industrivärden 18.2%
- *Solidium 11.0%*
- LKAB 3.6%

At the end of December 2017, the ten largest identified owners, *owned in total approximately 42.7% of the votes* and 41.7% of the share capital. Owners outside of Sweden and Finland controlled 29.2% of the votes and 23.0% of the share capital.

Corporate Governance Report

The Corporate Governance Report is not part of the Board of Director's Report. The Corporate Governance Report and the related auditor's report are available on the Group's website at www.ssab.com.

OUTLOOK

In North America, demand for heavy plate is expected to be good during the first quarter of 2018. Similarly in Europe, demand for strip and heavy plate is expected to remain good. It is anticipated that the underlying demand for high-strength steel will continue to show positive development. Shipments by *SSAB Europe and* SSAB Americas during the first quarter of 2018 are expected to be somewhat higher than during the fourth quarter of 2017, whereas shipments by SSAB Special Steels are expected to be stable. It is anticipated that overall the prices realized during the first quarter by SSAB's three steel divisions will be somewhat higher compared with the fourth quarter of 2017, although this impact will to a certain extent be counteracted by higher *raw material costs.*

There are no major planned maintenance outages during the first quarter of 2018. The table below shows all major planned maintenance outages during 2018, the impact of the estimated direct maintenance cost and the cost of lower capacity utilization (underabsorption), but excluding lost margins.

Major maintenance outages for 2018

SEK millions	2018 Q1	2018 Q2	2018 Q3	2018 Q4	2018 Full Year	2017 Full Year
SSAB Special Steels	-	-	-	230	230	230
SSAB Europe	-	40	200	125	365	390
SSAB Americas	-	-	-	280	280	390
Total	**-**	**40**	**200**	**635**	**875**	**1,010**

Consolidated income statement

SEK millions	Note	2017	2016
Sales	1	66,059	55,354
Cost of goods sold	2	-58,592	-50,240
Gross profit		**7,467**	**5,114**
Selling expenses	2	-2,081	-2,090
Administrative expenses	2	-2,129	-2,079
Other operating income	1	972	445
Other operating expenses	2	-458	-233
Shares in earnings of affiliated companies and joint ventures after tax	3	68	56
Operating profit		**3,838**	**1,213**
Financial income	4	321	80
Financial expenses	4	-1,297	-969
Profit after financial items		**2,863**	**324**
Taxes	5	-552	619
Profit for the year		**2,311**	**943**
Of which attributable to:			
• Parent Company's shareholders		2,295	937
• Non-controlling interests		16	6
Earnings per share[1,2]	12	**2.23**	**1.04**
Dividend per share, 2017 – proposal	31	**1.00**	**0.00**

[1] Earnings per share have been adjusted based on the bonus issue element in the rights issue in 2016.
[2] There are no outstanding share instruments and thus no dilution is relevant.
[3] Hedging is structured such that the net debt/equity ratio is unchanged in the event of changed exchange rates.

Consolidated statement of comprehensive income

SEK millions	Note	2017	2016
Profit for the year		**2,311**	**943**
Other comprehensive income			
Items that may be subsequently reclassified to the income statement:			
Translation differences for the years		-2,984	3,462
Cash flow hedges		26	291
Hedging of currency risks in foreign operations[3]		1,286	-1,342
Tax attributable to items that may be subsequently reclassified to the income statement	5	-289	237
Total items that may be subsequently reclassified to the income statement		**-1,961**	**2,648**
Items that will not be reclassified to the income statement:			
Remeasurements of the net defined benefit liability		-2	12
Tax attributable to items that will not be reclassified to the income statement	5	10	-5
Total items that will not be reclassified to the income statement		**8**	**7**
Total other comprehensive income for the year, net after tax		**-1,953**	**2,655**
Total comprehensive income for the year		**358**	**3,598**
Of which attributable to:			
• Parent Company's shareholders		340	3,591
• Non-controlling interest		18	7

Consolidated balance sheet

SEK millions	Note	2017 Dec. 31	2016 Dec. 31
ASSETS			
Fixed assets			
Goodwill	6	27,730	29,909
Other intangible assets	6	1,918	2,704
Tangible fixed assets	7	23,931	25,866
Participations in affiliated companies and joint ventures	3, 8	651	628
Financial assets	8, 13	433	308
Deferred tax receivables	14	291	1,054
Total fixed assets		**54,954**	**60,469**
Current assets			
Inventories	9	16,035	15,001
Accounts receivable	28	7,822	7,118
Prepaid expenses and accrued income	10	807	1,115
Current tax receivables		302	474
Other current interest-bearing receivables	11	2,565	2,145
Recognized but not invoiced sale		66	48
Other current receivables	28	676	664
Cash and cash equivalents	11	4,249	3,879
Total current assets		**32,522**	**30,444**
TOTAL ASSETS		**87,476**	**90,913**

SEK millions	Note	2017 Dec. 31	2016 Dec. 31
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES			
Equity			
Share capital	12	9,062	9,062
Other contributed funds		23,021	23,021
Reserves	12	2,041	4,004
Retained earnings		19,107	16,804
Total equity for the shareholders in the Company		**53,231**	**52,891**
Non-controlling interests		**63**	**49**
TOTAL EQUITY		**53,294**	**52,940**
Long-term liabilities			
Pension provisions	13	453	397
Deferred tax liabilities	14	874	1,321
Other long-term provisions	15	138	132
Long-term interest-bearing liabilities	16	16,053	18,751
Other long-term non-interest-bearing liabilities	17	346	448
Total long-term liabilities		**17,864**	**21,049**
Current liabilities			
Short-term provisions	15	76	75
Short-term interest-bearing liabilities	16	2,011	4,497
Accounts payable	28	10,215	8,224
Current tax liabilities		215	41
Other current liabilities	28	1,258	970
Invoiced but not accrued sale		246	250
Accrued expenses and deferred income	18, 28	2,297	2,867
Total current liabilities		**16,318**	**16,924**
TOTAL EQUITY AND LIABILITIES		**87,476**	**90,913**

Consolidated statement of changes in equity

SEK millions		2017							2016							
		Equity attributable to the Parent Company's shareholders							Equity attributable to the Parent Company's shareholders							
SEK millions	Note	Share capital	Other contributed funds	Reserves	Retained earnings	Total	Non-controlling interest	Total equity	Share capital	Other contributed funds	Reserves	Retained earnings	Total	Non-controlling interest	Total equity
Equity, January 1		**9,062**	**23,021**	**4,004**	**16,804**	**52,891**	**49**	**52,940**	**4,833**	**22,343**	**1,357**	**15,860**	**44,393**	**48**	**44,441**
Translation differences				2,986		-2,986	2	-2,984			3,461		3,461	1	3,462
Cash flow hedges				26		26		26			291		291		291
Tax attributable to cash flow hedges	5			-6		-6		-6			-58		-58		-58
Hedging of currency risks in foreign operations				1,286		1,286		1,286			-1,342		-1,342		-1,342
Tax on hedging of currency risks in foreign operations	5			-283		-283		-283			295		295		295
Remeasurements of the net defined benefit liability	13				-2	-2		-2			0	12	12		12
Tax on remeasurements of the net definied benefit liability	5				10	10		10				-5	-5		-5
Profit for the year					2,295	2,295	16	2,311				937	937	6	943
Total comprehensive income				**-1,963**	**2,303**	**340**	**18**	**358**			**2,647**	**944**	**3,591**	**7**	**3,598**
New issue									4,229	678			4,907		4,907
Dividend, non-controlling interest							-4	-4					-	-6	-6
Equity, December 31		**9,062**	**23,021**	**2,041**	**19,107**	**53,231**	**63**	**53,294**	**9,062**	**23,021**	**4,004**	**16,804**	**52,891**	**49**	**52,940**

Consolidated cash flow statement

SEK millions	Note	2017	2016
BUSINESS OPERATIONS			
Profit from operating activities			
Operating profit		3,838	1,213
Reversal of non-cash items:			
• Non distributed shares in affiliated companies' earnings		-62	-27
• Depreciation, amortization and write-down of fixed assets	6, 7	3,753	3,738
• Profit/loss upon sale of fixed assets		-9	5
• *Profit/loss upon sale of shares and operations*		3	6
• Change in provisions		15	-64
• Other reversals		1	1
Interest received		311	28
Interest paid		-1,254	-1,022
Tax paid		-249	80
		6,347	**3,958**
Working capital			
Inventories (+ decrease)		-1,208	-1,869
Accounts receivable (+ decrease)		-862	-846
Accounts payable (+ increase)		2,080	1,661
Other current receivables (+ decrease)		43	-158
Other current liabilities (+ increase)		250	551
		303	**-661**
CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		**6,650**	**3,297**

SEK millions	Note	2017	2016
INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Investments in plants and machinery	6, 7	-1,603	-1,326
Sale of plants and machinery		51	45
Acquisition of shares and operations	25	-11	-46
Divested shares and operations		1	-
Other investing activities (+ decrease)		-16	4
CASH FLOW FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		**-1,578**	**-1,323**
FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
New issue		-	4,907
Dividend, non-controlling interest		-4	-6
New loans	26	5,246	3,497
Repayment/amortization of loans	26	-9,254	-8,767
Financial investments		-437	-141
Other financing (+ increase)		-434	-422
CASH FLOW FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES		**-4,683**	**-932**
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS			
Balance, January 1		3,879	2,711
Cash flow from operating activities		6,650	3,297
Cash flow from investing activities		-1,578	-1,323
Cash flow from financing activities		-4,683	-932
Translation differences, cash and cash equivalents		-19	126
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, December 31	11	**4,249**	**3,879**
Contracted, non-utilized overdraft facilities		8,263	7,096
DISPOSABLE CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS *(incl. non-utilized overdraft facilities)*		**12,512**	**10,975**

Parent Company's income statement

SEK millions	Note	2017	2016
Gross profit		**0**	**0**
Administrative expenses	2	-343	-261
Other operating income	1	119	105
Other operating expenses	2	-1	-2
Operating loss		**-225**	**-158**
Result from shares in subsidiaries and affiliated companies	4	737	10,450
Other interest expenses and similar items	4	427	-2,040
Loss after financial items		**939**	**8,252**
Appropriations	24	1,423	1,100
Profit before tax		**2,362**	**9,352**
Tax	5	-406	211
Profit for the year		**1,956**	**9,563**

Parent Company's other comprehensive income

SEK millions	Note	2017	2016
Profit for the year		**1,956**	**9,563**
Other comprehensive income			
Items that may be subsequently reclassified to the income statement:			
Cash flow hedges		21	3
Tax attributable to other comprehensive income	5	-5	-1
Total items that may be subsequently reclassified to the income statement		**16**	**2**
Total other comprehensive income for the year, net after tax		**16**	**2**
Total comprehensive income for the year		**1,972**	**9,565**

Parent Company's balance sheet

SEK millions	Note	2017 Dec. 31	2016 Dec. 31
ASSETS			
Fixed assets			
Intangible fixed assets	6	3	-
Tangible fixed assets	7	1	1
Financial assets	8	65,243	33,107
Long-term receivables from subsidiaries		6,005	819
Deferred tax receivables	14	174	585
Total fixed assets		**71,426**	**34,512**
Current assets			
Accounts receivable	28	0	0
Current receivables from subsidiaries		8,537	47,586
Current tax receivables		0	1
Other current interest-bearing receivables	11	2,453	1,853
Other current receivables	28	8	4
Prepaid expenses and accrued income	10	142	366
Cash and cash equivalents	11	3,187	2,238
Total current assets		**14,327**	**52,048**
TOTAL ASSETS		**85,753**	**86,560**

SEK millions	Note	2017 Dec. 31	2016 Dec. 31
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES			
Equity			
Restricted equity			
• Share capital		9,062	9,062
• Statutory reserve		902	902
Unrestricted equity			
• Retained earnings		50,451	40,873
• Profit for the year		1,956	9,563
TOTAL EQUITY		**62,371**	**60,400**
Untaxed reserves	24	-	-
Provisions			
Pension provisions	13	3	3
Other long-term provisions	15	40	18
Total provisions		**43**	**21**
Long-term liabilities			
Liabilities to subsidiaries		0	346
Other long-term interest-bearing liabilities	16	12,870	14,652
Total long-term liabilities		**12,870**	**14,998**
Current liabilities			
Short-term interest-bearing liabilities	16	1,279	3,838
Accounts payable	28	20	2
Liabilities to subsidiaries		8,802	6,613
Other current liabilities	28	110	7
Accrued expenses and deferred income	18, 28	243	678
Short-term provisions	15	15	3
Total current liabilities		**10,469**	**11,141**
TOTAL EQUITY AND LIABILITIES		**85,753**	**86,560**

Parent Company's statement of changes in equity

SEK millions		2017							2016						
		Restricted equity		Unrestricted equity					Restricted equity		Unrestricted equity				
SEK millions	Note	Share capital	Statutory reserve	Share prerium	Reserve for fair value	Retained earnings	Profit for the year	Total	Share capital	Statutory reserve	Share prerium	Reserve for fair value	Retained earnings	Profit for the year	Total
Equity, January 1	12	**9,062**	**902**	**22,469**	**-2**	**18,406**	**9,563**	**60,400**	**4,833**	**902**	**21,791**	**-5**	**16,762**	**1,644**	**45,927**
Cash flow hedges					21			21				3			3
Tax on cash flow hedges					-5			-5				0			0
Profit for the year							1,956	1,956						9,563	9,563
Total comprehensive income					**16**		**1,956**	**1,972**				**3**		**9,563**	**9,566**
Retained earnings from previous year						9,563	-9,563	-					1,644	-1,644	-
New issue								-	4,229		678				4,907
Equity, December 31		**9,062**	**902**	**22,469**	**14**	**27,969**	**1,956**	**62,371**	**9,062**	**902**	**22,469**	**-2**	**18,406**	**9,563**	**60,400**

Parent Company's cash flow statement

SEK millions	Note	2017	2016
BUSINESS OPERATIONS			
Profit from operating activities			
Operating loss		-225	-158
Reversal of non-cash items:			
• Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	7	1	0
• Change in provisions		33	-23
• Other reversals		0	168
Interest received		458	185
Interest paid		-1,042	-776
Tax paid		1	1
		-774	**-603**
Working capital			
Accounts receivable (+ decrease)		0	0
Accounts payable (+ increase)		18	-12
Other current receivables (+ decrease)		137	-70
Other current liabilities (+ increase)		120	-19
Commercial intra-group transactions		-141	66
		134	**-35**
CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		**-640**	**-638**

SEK millions	Note	2017	2016
INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Investments in fixed assets	6	-3	-
Dividends from subsidiaries		39,523	1,315
Received/paid group contributions		1,101	1,111
Paid shareholder contributions		-37,417	-1,438
Acquisition/divesture of shares and operations	25	-11	1
Other investing activities (+ decrease)		-	-
CASH FLOW FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		**3,193**	**989**
FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
New issue		-	4,907
New loans	26	5,020	2,882
Repayments/amortization of loans	26	-8,534	-6,581
Financial investments		-601	-150
Financial intra-group transactions		2,468	1,910
Other financing (+ increase)		43	-1,672
CASH FLOW FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES		**-1,604**	**1,296**
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS			
Balance, January 1		2,238	591
Cash flow from operating activities		-640	-638
Cash flow from investing activities		3,193	989
Cash flow from financing activities		-1,604	1,296
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, December 31	11	**3,187**	**2,238**
Contracted, non-utilized overdraft facilities		8,263	7,096
DISPOSABLE CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS (incl. non-utilized overdraft facilities)		**11,450**	**9,334**

5-year summary, Group

	2017	2016	2015	2014[1]	2013[2]
Sales, SEK millions	66,059	55,354	56,864	47,752	36,455
Operating profit/loss, SEK millions	3,838	1,213	-243	-107	-1,131
Profit /loss after financial items, SEK millions	2,863	324	-1,171	-1,589	-1,728
Profit/loss after tax for the Parent Company's shareholders, SEK millions	2,295	937	-508	-1,399	-1,066
Investments in plant and operations, SEK millions	1,614	1,372	2,582	1,720	828
Cash flow from current operations, SEK millions	5,319	2,293	2,802	473	1,103
Net debt, SEK millions	11,574	17,887	23,156	24,674	14,833
Average capital employed, SEK millions	74,947	74,564	75,346	62,476	45,983
Total assets, SEK millions	87,476	90,913	85,158	89,727	55,936
Return on capital employed before tax (%)	6	2	0	0	-2
Return on equity after tax (%)	4	2	-1	-4	-4
Equity ratio (%)	61	58	52	49	48
Net debt/equity ratio (%)	22	34	52	56	55
Dividend per share (SEK), 2017 – proposal[3]	1.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Earnings per share (SEK)[3]	2.23	1.04	-0.66	-2.39	-2.36
Average number of employees, incl. temporary employees	16,158	16,381	17,515	13,639	8,194
Sales per average employee, SEK millions	4.1	3.4	3.2	3.5	4.3
Production of crude steel, thousand tonnes	7,995	7,988	7,593	6,682	5,567

[1] Rautarukki was acquired on July 29, 2014 and the above figured include Rautarukki's figures from that date onwards.
[2] Sales and Sales per average employee for 2013 have been restated due to change in method 2014 concerning the inclusion of freight income in Sales.
[3] Earnings per share and dividend per share has been adjusted based on the bonus issue element in the rights issue 2016.

ACCOUNTING AND VALUATION PRINCIPLES

The most important accounting principles applied in the preparation of these consolidated financial statements are set forth below. Unless otherwise stated, these principles have been applied consistently with respect to all presented years.

GENERAL INFORMATION

SSAB AB is a limited liability company with its registered office in Stockholm, Sweden. The parent company is listed on Nasdaq OMX Stockholm with a secondary listing on Nasdaq OMX Helsinki.

PRINCIPLES FOR PREPARATION OF THE REPORT

The consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Swedish Annual Reports Act as well as International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB) with interpretation statements issued by the International Financial Reporting Interpretations Committee (IFRIC), as such have been adopted by the EU. In addition, the Swedish Financial Reporting Board's recommendation RFR 1, Supplementary Accounting Rules for the Group, has been applied.

Accounting standards and applications introduced during the year have had no material impact on the Group's earnings and financial position.

The consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the acquisition value method, other than with respect to certain financial assets and liabilities (including derivative instruments) which have been valued at fair value via the income statement.

The preparation of reports in accordance with IFRS requires the use of a number of important estimations for accounting purposes. In addition, management must make certain assessments in conjunction with the application of the Group's accounting principles. Those areas that include a high degree of assessment, which are complex, or in which assumptions and estimations are of material significance for the consolidated financial statements are stated in Note 29.

The parent company applies the same accounting principles as the Group, except where stated below in a particular section. The differences that exist between the principles applied by the parent company and the Group are due to limitations on the possibilities to apply IFRS to the parent company as a consequence of the provisions of the Swedish Annual Reports Act and the Swedish Pension Obligations (Security) Act and also, in certain cases, for tax reasons. In addition, the Swedish Financial Reporting Board's recommendation RFR 2, Accounting for Legal Entities, has been applied.

STANDARDS, CHANGES AND INTERPRETATIONS THAT ENTERED INTO FORCE IN 2017 AND ARE RELEVANT TO THE GROUP

Annual improvements to IFRS standards, disclosure initiative

- IAS 7 (AMENDMENT), STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS. This amendment applies commencing from January 1, 2017. The Group has applied this from January 1, 2017. The amendment require that an entity should provide information that allows users of the financial statements to evaluate how debt elated to financing activities has changed over the year. This applies to changes due to cash flows as well as changes arisen for other reasons. This amendment has affected the financial statements for 2017 by providing disclosures in Note 26, where the changes in liabilities related to financing activities is divided into changes arising from cash flows, changes related to divestment/acquisition of subsidiaries, currency effects, effects on revaluation to fair value and other changes. The amendment is applied prospectively, so no disclosures have been presented for the comparison year, 2016.

STANDARDS, CHANGES AND INTERPRETATIONS RELEVANT TO THE GROUP THAT HAVE BEEN ADOPTED BY THE EU BUT HAVE NOT YET ENTERED INTO FORCE AND HAVE NOT BEEN APPLIED BY THE GROUP PREMATURELY

Estimated effect of the transition to IFRS 9 and IFRS 15

The Group will apply IFRS 9 Financial Instruments and IFRS 15 Revenue from agreements with customers as of *January 1, 2018. The Group has assessed the estimated impact of the transition to IFRS 9 and IFRS 15 on the* Group's financial statements. Total estimated impact on the opening balance as of January 1, 2018 on the equity of the Group amounts to SEK -7 million, due to impairment losses on financial assets. For details regarding the new standards and effects of the transition, see below.

- IFRS 9, "FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS". This standard applies commencing from January 1, 2018. The Group will apply this Standard from January 1, 2018. IFRS 9 shall be applied retroactively with certain practical exceptions as set forth in the Standard. The Group will not restate previous periods. IFRS 9 replaces IAS 39, Financial Instruments; Classification and measurement. IFRS 9 addresses the classification, measurement and de-recognition of financial assets, a new impairment model for financial assets and introduces new rules for hedge accounting.

Classification of financial assets

According to IFRS 9, there will be three measurement categories for financial assets; amortized cost, fair value over other comprehensive income and fair value over the income statement. The Group's assessment is that the new measurement categories will not have a material impact on the accounting of financial assets in the financial statements of 2018.

Impairment loss model for impairment provision

IFRS 9 introduce a new impairment model for impairment provision, based on expected future credit losses. SSAB is affected by the new impairment loss model regarding the calculation of the bad debt provision for accounts receivables. It result in an estimated loss for all accounts receivables, including those that have not yet expired. SSAB will apply the simplified approach, i.e. the provision will correspond to the expected loss over the entire lifetime of the accounts receivable. At the date of the transition, the provision will increase by SEK 7 million, which will be reported in retained earnings as of January 1, 2018.

Hedge accounting

At the transition to IFRS 9, the Group may choose to continue to apply the hedge accounting rules in accordance with IAS 39 or to apply hedging rules in accordance with IFRS 9. The Group will apply the new rules in IFRS 9. IFRS 9 requires the Group to ensure that the hedging relationship is in line with the Group's risk management and strategy objectives and apply a more qualitative and forward-looking approach to assessing the effectiveness of hedging.

The types of hedging relationships that the Group identifies currently meets the requirements of IFRS 9 and complies with the company's risk management strategy and objectives. The Group uses currency derivatives in terms of futures and swaps to hedge the purchase price of coal, iron ore and zinc, to hedge the exchange rate of significant foreign currency sales, major investments in fixed assets in foreign currency, hedging of net investments in foreign subsidiaries and to secure the payment flow in foreign loans to the Swedish krona.

Application of IFRS 9 implies easing of the effectiveness assessment, as the Group will only assess future efficiency and the effectiveness will be assessed on a qualitative basis to a greater extent.

For purposes of IFRS 9, the Group may begin to apply the new principles for cost of hedging, which means that changes in forward rates are reported in other comprehensive income instead of directly in the income statement. Application of this will be decided on a transactional basis. Any application of the cost of hedging will be made prospectively, which will not affect the Group's current hedge accounting.

- IFRS 15, "REVENUE FROM CONTRACTS WITH CUSTOMERS". This standard applies commencing from January 1, 2018. The Group will apply this from January 1, 2018. IFRS 15 is the new revenue recognition standard and will replace IAS 18 which covers contracts for goods and services and IAS 11 which covers construction contracts, including all interpretations (IFRIC and SIC). During the year, the Group has mapped and evaluated the Group's sales contract and the conclusion is that the revenue recognition will not be significantly affected by a transition to IFRS 15. IFRS 15 may have an impact on the Group's future revenue recognition if changes occur in the Group's sales processes and contracts.

- IFRS 16, LEASES. This standard applies commencing from January 1, 2019. The Group will apply this from January 1, 2019. IFRS 16 will replace current IFRS standards related to accounting of lease agreements, such as IAS 17, Leases as well as IFRIC 4, Determining Whether an Arrangement Contains a Lease.

  IFRS 16 primarily affects lessees and the central effect is that almost all lease agreements that are currently reported as operational leases are reported in a manner similar to the current accounting of financial leases. Exceptions from the new rules on recognizing an asset and liability is applicable for lease agreement with low value and contracts with maturity terms of maximum 12 months. As of December 31, 2017, the Group has started the collection of information, but no quantification has been made. For information about the operational lease of the Group as of December 31, 2017, see Note 21.

CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The consolidated financial statements cover SSAB AB (publ) and the companies in which the Group has existing rights that give it the current ability to direct the activities and is exposed, or has rights, to variable returns from its involvement with the investee.

Subsidiaries

The Group's annual accounts are prepared in accordance with the acquisition method, entailing that the equity of subsidiaries at the time of acquisition defined as the difference between the fair value of identifiable assets, liabilities and potential obligations – is eliminated in its entirety against the acquisition price. Those surpluses that comprise the difference between the acquisition value and the fair value of the Group's share of identifiable acquired assets, liabilities and potential obligations are reported as goodwill. If the acquisition price is below the fair value of the net assets of the acquired subsidiary, the difference is reported directly in the income statement. With respect to each acquisition, the Group determines whether all non-controlling interests in the acquired company shall be reported at fair value or at the proportion of the net assets of the acquired company represented by the holding.

- Goodwill is initially valued as the amount by which the total purchase price and fair value of non-controlling interests exceeds the fair value of identifiable acquired assets and assumed liabilities. Acquired companies are included in the consolidated financial statements commencing the date on which a controlling influence is obtained, while divested companies are reported up to the date on which the controlling influence ceases.
- Intra-group transactions, dealings and unrealized profits are eliminated in the consolidated financial

statements. Unrealized losses are also eliminated unless the transaction constitutes evidence of impairment of the transferred asset. Where appropriate, the accounting principles for subsidiaries have been changed in order to ensure a consistent application of the Group's principles.

- In the consolidated cash flow statement, the purchase price with respect to acquired or divested operations is reported under the headings "Acquisition of shares and operations" and "Divested shares and operations". Thus, the assets and liabilities of the acquired/divested companies at the time of the acquisition/sale are not included in the cash flow statement.

Joint operations and affiliated companies

Companies in which the Group, together with one or more co-owners, is bound by a cooperation agreement which provides that the co-owners shall jointly exercise a controlling influence are reported as joint operations. SSAB's joint operations are classified as joint ventures, which mean that SSAB and the other party has joint control and have rights to the net assets.

Affiliated companies and joint operations ventures in the form of joint ventures are reported in accordance with the equity method and valued initially at acquisition value. The equity method entails that the Group's book value of the shares in affiliated companies and joint ventures corresponds to the Group's share in the equity of the affiliated companies and joint ventures and, where appropriate, the residual value of surplus values or under-values from a Group perspective, including goodwill. The Group's share in the earnings of affiliated companies and joint ventures which arises after the acquisition is reported in the income statement. In the consolidated income statement, "Shares in earnings of affiliated companies and joint ventures after tax" comprise the Group's share in the post-tax earnings of the affiliated company or joint venture. Shares in the earnings of affiliated companies and joint ventures are reported in the operating profit when operations in affiliated companies and joint ventures are related to SSAB's operations and considered to be of a business nature. Any intra-group profits are eliminated in relation to the share of equity held.

In the parent company, affiliated companies and joint ventures are reported in accordance with the acquisition value method.

TRANSACTIONS IN FOREIGN CURRENCIES

Items included in the financial statements for the various units in the Group are valued in the currency used in the economic environment in which the company in question primarily operates (functional currency). Swedish kronor are used in the consolidated financial statements: this is the functional currency and reporting currency of the parent company.

Transactions in foreign currency are reported at the exchange rate prevailing on the transaction date. In certain cases, the actual rate is approximated to the average rate during a month. At the end of the month, receivables and liabilities in foreign currency are translated in accordance with the closing day rate at that time. Exchange rate differences relating to the business are reported in the operating profit, while differences attributable to financial assets and liabilities are reported as a net sum among financial items.

The income statements of foreign subsidiaries are translated into Swedish kronor at the average exchange rates for the year, while their balance sheets are translated into Swedish kronor at the closing day rates. Any translation differences that arise are transferred directly to the consolidated statement of comprehensive income and reported in the item "Translation reserve".

Loans or other financial instruments taken up in order to hedge net assets in foreign subsidiaries are reported in the consolidated financial statements at the closing day rate. Any exchange rate differences less deferred taxes are transferred directly to other comprehensive income and thereby set off against the translation differences which arise in conjunction with the translation of these subsidiaries' balance sheets into Swedish kronor.

Upon sales of foreign subsidiaries, the total translation differences that relate to the foreign subsidiary are reported as a part of capital gains/ losses in the consolidated income statement.

Goodwill and adjustments of assets and liabilities to fair value in connection with the acquisition of foreign subsidiaries are treated as assets and liabilities in the foreign operations and thus translated in accordance with the same principles as the foreign subsidiaries.

REVENUE RECOGNITION

Revenues are reported at the fair value of what has been or will be received and correspond to amounts received for sold goods less value added tax, discounts and returns, including exchange rate differences from forward contracts which are entered into in order to hedge sales in foreign currency. For information regarding hedge accounting, see Note 28.

The Group reports revenue when the amount can be measured in a reliable manner, it is likely that future economic benefits will inure to the Company, and specific criteria have been fulfilled in respect of each of the Group's operations as described below.

Sales of steel

Revenues from sales of steel are reported after the crucial risks and benefits associated with title are transferred to the buyer and no right of disposition or possibility of actual control over the goods remains. In most cases, this means that sales are reported upon delivery of the goods to the customer in accordance with agreed delivery terms and conditions.

Revenue recognition of projects within Ruukki Construction

The Group applies gradual income recognition when reporting fixed price agreements for projects which extend over more than one year. When the result of the project can be calculated in a reliable manner and it is likely that the project will be profitable, revenues are reported over the term of the agreement based on the degree of completion. At the end of the period, project expenditures are reported based on the degree of completion in respect of the activities included in the work. When it is likely that the total expenditures on the project will exceed the total revenues, the anticipated loss is reported immediately as an expense. When the result of the project work cannot be calculated in a reliable manner, revenues are reported only in an amount corresponding to the accrued project expenditures which are likely to be compensated.

Sales of services

Revenues from sales of services are reported in the period in which the services are performed. All intra-group sales are eliminated in the consolidated financial statements.

Interest income and dividends

Interest income is reported in accordance with the effective rate method. Dividends are reported when the right to receive the dividend has been established.

Regarding dividends from subsidiaries see the section entitled Dividends, the parent company.

PRICING BETWEEN GROUP COMPANIES

Arm's length pricing is applied to deliveries of goods and services between companies in the Group.

GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE

Government assistance and grants are reported at fair value when there is reasonable certainty that the grant will be received and that the Group will fulfill the conditions attached to the grant. Government assistance and grants are allocated over the same period as the expenses which the grants are intended to reimburse. Grants provided as compensation for expenses are recognized in the income statement as an expense reduction. Grants related to assets are recognized in the balance sheet through a reduction in the reported value of the assets.

RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT EXPENSES

Research and development expenses are booked as they are incurred. Development expenses may be capitalized under certain strict conditions. However, this requires, among other things, that future economic benefits can be demonstrated at the time the expenses are incurred. The projects that take place are short-term in nature and do not involve significant amounts, and thus development expenditures are also booked as costs.

TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

Tangible fixed assets are reported at acquisition value less deduction for accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment. Depreciation is based on the acquisition value of the assets and estimated useful life. If major investments include components, an assessment must always be made as to whether the useful life of the component differs from that of the entire facility. The acquisition value includes expenditures directly attributable to the acquisition of the asset. Any borrowing costs in conjunction with the construction and design of fixed assets, a significant portion of which is required for completion for use or sale, are added as a part of the acquisition cost of the asset. Restoration expenses in connection with disposals of fixed assets are included in the acquisition value only where the criteria for making a provision for such restoration expenses may be deemed fulfilled. Additional expenditures for acquiring replacement components are added to the reported value of the fixed asset or recognized as a separate asset only where it is likely that the Group will enjoy the future economic benefits associated with the asset and the acquisition value of the asset can be measured in a reliable manner. The reported value for the replaced part is removed from the balance sheet. All other forms of repairs and maintenance are recognized as expenses in the income statement during the period in which they occur.

Land is assumed *to have a perpetual period of use* and thus is not depreciated. Other tangible fixed assets are classified into groups for calculation of depreciation based on their estimated useful life, in accordance with the following table.

Examples of items	Estimated use, years
Vehicles, office equipment and computers	3–5
Light machinery	5–12
Heavy machinery:	
• Relining of blast furnaces	12–15
• Steel furnaces, rolling mills and cranes	15–20
• Blast furnaces and coke ovens	15–20
Land improvement	20
Buildings	25–50

The useful life of the assets is reviewed annually and adjusted where required. The assets are normally depreciated to zero without *any remaining residual value. The straight line* depreciation method is used for all types of tangible non- current assets with a limited useful life. Where the book value of an asset exceeds the expected recovery value, the asset is written down to such value.

Capital gains and capital losses upon the sale of tangible non-current assets are determined by comparing the revenue from the sale with the reported value; this is reported in the income statement as "Other operating revenues" or "Other operating expenses".

INTANGIBLE ASSETS

Similarly, intangible assets are classified in two groups, with assets with a determinable useful life being amortized *over a determined useful life, while* assets with an undeterminable useful life are not amortized at all.

Goodwill

The compensation transferred in conjunction *with a business acquisition is valued at fair value.* Goodwill comprises the amount by which the acquisition value (the compensation) exceeds the fair value of the Group's share of the identifiable net assets of the acquired subsidiary at the time of the acquisition. Goodwill upon the acquisition of a subsidiary is reported as an *intangible asset. Goodwill is tested annually* to identify any impairment and reported at acquisition value less accumulated impairment. Testing for impairment is also carried out in those cases where there are indications that the asset may have diminished in value. Impairment of goodwill is reported as an expense and not reversed. Profits or losses upon the sale of a unit include the remaining reported *value of the goodwill which relates to the sold unit.* When testing for any impairment, goodwill is allocated over cash-generating units. The allocation is made on the cash-generating units or groups of cash-generating units which are expected to benefit from the business acquisition which gave rise to the goodwill item. Goodwill is monitored on *a divisional level.*

Customer relations

Acquired customer relations are reported at acquisition value. Customer relations *have a determinable useful life and are reported at acquisition* value less accumulated amortization. Straight line amortization is applied to allocate the costs for customer relations over their assessed useful life (six to twelve years).

Trademarks and licenses

Acquired trademarks and licenses are reported at acquisition value. Trademarks and licenses that have a determinable useful life are reported at acquisition value less accumulated amortization. Straight line amortization *is applied to allocate the costs for trademarks* over their assessed useful life and licenses are amortized over the term of the agreement (five to ten years). Trademarks and licenses that don't have a determinable useful life are tested annually to identify any impairment and are reported at acquisition value less accumulated impairment. Testing for impairment is also carried out in *those cases where there are indications that* the assets may have *diminished* in value. Impairment of trademark and licenses is reported as an expense and not reversed.

Software

Acquired software licenses are capitalized on the basis of the costs incurred upon acquisition and placement into operation of the relevant software. These capitalized costs are amortized on a straight-line basis over the assessed useful life (three to five years).

Expenses for development and acquisition of new software are capitalized and reported as an intangible asset provided they have a significant value for the Company in the future and they can be deemed *to have a useful life in* excess of three years. *These capitalized expenses are* depreciated on a straight-line basis over the assessed useful life (three to five years). Expenses for training and software maintenance are, however, booked directly as costs.

Other intangible assets

Other intangible assets are reported at acquisition value less accumulated amortization. Straight line amortization is applied to allocate the costs over their assessed useful life (five to fifteen years).

IMPAIRMENT OF NON-FINANCIAL ASSETS

Intangible assets with an undeterminable useful life (including goodwill) are not amortized but, rather, tested annually for any impairment or otherwise where signs indicate a decline in value. Other non-financial assets with an undeterminable useful life are tested when signs indicate a decline in value. Amortized assets are tested for impairment when signs indicate a decline in value. Where the estimated recovery value is less than the reported value, the asset is written down to the recovery value. Testing of the value of an asset with an undeterminable useful life may also result in the asset being reclassified as an asset with a determinable useful life. The asset's period of use is then calculated and amortization commences. The recovery value is the asset's fair value reduced by selling expenses, or its useful value, whichever is higher. When testing for impairment, assets are grouped on the lowest levels for which there are separately identifiable cash flows (cash-generating units). With respect to assets other than financial assets and goodwill which have previously been impaired, an annual test is conducted as to whether a reversal should be made.

LEASED ASSETS

Expenses for fixed assets that are leased instead of owned are reported primarily as lease expenses on a straight line basis over the leasing period (operational leasing). Where leasing agreements contain terms and conditions pursuant to which the Group enjoys the economic advantages and incurs the economic risks that are associated with ownership of the property (financial leasing), they are reported in the consolidated balance sheet under 'Fixed Assets' and depreciated over the useful life (the economic life or the outstanding leasing period, whichever is the shorter). At the beginning of the leasing period, financial leasing is reported in the balance sheet at the leased object's fair value or the present value of the minimum leasing charges, whichever is lower. Each lease payment is divided into interest payment and repayment of the debt: interest is allocated over the leasing period. Corresponding payment obligations, less deductions for financial expenses, are included in the balance sheet items, "Short-term interest-bearing liabilities" and "Long-term interest-bearing liabilities".

In the parent company, all leasing agreements are reported as operational.

FINANCIAL ASSETS

Financial assets include cash and cash equivalents, accounts receivable, shares and participations, loan claims and derivative instruments. They are reported initially at an acquisition value corresponding to the fair value of the asset plus a supplement for transaction costs, with the exception of assets that are valued at fair value. Reporting thereafter takes place depending on the classification of the asset. Financial assets are removed from the balance sheet when the debt/instrument is finally paid or ceases to apply or is transferred through all risks and benefits being assigned to an external party.

Spot purchases and sales of financial assets are reported on the Settlement day, i.e. the day on which the asset is delivered. Accounts receivable are reported in the balance sheet when an invoice has been issued. The fair value of listed financial assets corresponds to the asset's listed transaction price on the balance sheet date. The fair value of unlisted financial assets is determined through use of valuation techniques, for example, recently conducted transactions, prices of similar instruments and discounted cash flows.

Financial assets are classified in four valuation categories: "Financial assets at fair value through profit and loss", "held to maturity investments", "loans and receivables" and "available for sale financial assets".

- FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT AND LOSS: Assets that are acquired primarily in order to enjoy profits upon short-term price fluctuations, holdings for trading, are classified as "Financial assets at fair value through profit and loss" and reported as short-term investments if their term to maturity on the acquisition date is less than three months and as "Other interest-bearing current receivables" if the term to maturity is between three and twelve months. Derivative instruments are classified as holdings for trading except where used for hedge accounting. Assets in this category are valued regularly at fair value and changes in value are reported in the income statement. Derivative instruments taken up in respect of business-related items are reported in the operating profit, while derivative instruments of a financial nature are reported in financial items. Assets in this category are included in current assets, with the exception of items with maturity dates more than twelve months after the balance sheet date, which are classified as non-current assets.

- HELD TO MATURITY INVESTMENTS: Assets with a fixed maturity date and which are intended to be held until maturity are classified as "held to maturity investments" and reported as financial non-current assets, except those parts that mature within twelve months: these are reported as "Other interest-bearing current receivables". Assets in this category are valued at amortized cost. The amortized cost is determined based on the effective interest rate, which is calculated on the acquisition date.

- LOANS AND RECEIVABLES: Loans and receivables are financial assets that are not derivative instruments, which have fixed or determinable payments and which are not listed on an active market. The claims arise when cash, goods or services are provided directly to the debtor without an intention of trading in the receivables. Just as with the preceding category, assets in this category are valued at the amortized cost. They are included in current assets, with the exception of items with maturity dates more than twelve months after the balance sheet date, which are classified as non-current assets.

  The Group has sold part of the accounts receivables, "factoring" and received liquid funds. These receivables are included in a pre-determined, defined customer group. The accounts receivables remain in the consolidated accounts with the remaining credit risk that is not transferred to the factoring company. When the accounts receivable is fully paid and no credit risk remains, the balance is derecognized the consolidated accounts.

- FINANCIAL ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR SALE: Financial assets without a fixed term to maturity but which can be sold should liquidity needs arise or upon changes in interest rates are classified as "available for sale". Assets in this category are valued regularly at fair value with changes in value in other comprehensive income. Upon removal of the investments from the balance sheet, any accumulated profit or loss previously reported in comprehensive income is reversed to the income statement. They are included in current assets, with the exception of items with maturity dates more than twelve months after the balance sheet date, which are classified as non-current assets. The Group held no instruments in this category during 2017 and 2016.

Other shares and participations
Consist primarily of investments in equity instruments which do not have a listed market price and the fair value of which cannot be calculated in a reliable manner. They are valued at acquisition value.

Non-current receivables
Non-current receivables are receivables held without any intention of Trading in the claim. Parts where the outstanding holding period is less than one year are reported among "Other current interest-bearing receivables". The receivables are classified in the category, "Loan claims and accounts receivable".

Accounts receivable
Accounts receivable are classified in the category, "Loan claims and accounts receivable". Accounts receivable are reported initially at fair value and accounts receivable in excess of twelve months are reported at the accrued acquisition value applying the effective interest rate method, less any provisions for reduction in value. The Company has had no accounts receivable with a due date in excess of twelve months. Any impairment of accounts receivable takes place in selling expenses in the income statement.

Cash and cash equivalents
'Cash and cash equivalents' include cash, immediately accessible bank balances as well as other short-term deposits with an original term to maturity of less than three months (short-term investments). Investments with an original term to maturity of between three and twelve months are reported under "Other current interest-bearing receivables" and classified as assets valued at the fair value via the income statement. Overdraft facilities are reported in the balance sheet as borrowing among "Current interest-bearing liabilities".

Impairment of financial assets
The Group regularly assesses whether there is any objective evidence for impairment of a financial asset or a group of financial assets. With respect to investments in equity instruments which are valued at acquisition value, a significant or prolonged decline in the fair value of a share to a level below its acquisition value is considered to be evidence of impairment. If such evidence exists, the difference between the reported value and the current fair value is reported in the income statement. Impairment of equity instruments is not reversed. Tests for impairment of accounts receivable are based on an individual assessment of bad debts. The size of the provision comprises the difference between the reported value of the asset and the present value of estimated future cash flows, discounted applying an effective interest rate. The remaining amount is reported in the income statement.

INVENTORIES
Inventories are valued at the lower of acquisition cost and net realizable value, with the acquisition value being calculated in accordance with the FIFO method (first in, first out). When calculating the acquisition value, a weighted average value is normally used to approximate FIFO.

The net realizable value is normally calculated as the sales price less Production and selling expenses. With respect to products in the trading operations, the replacement cost with an added estimated gross margin is used as the best gauge of the net realizable value. In respect of raw materials, the replacement cost is used as the best gauge of the net realizable value. However, raw materials are not written down below the acquisition value where the end product in which they are included is expected to be sold at a price which exceeds the manufacturing cost.

Work in progress and finished inventories are valued at the manufacturing cost or the net realizable value, whichever is lower. Necessary provision is made for obsolescence.

The acquisition value of inventories includes all costs for purchasing, Production and other expenses incurred in bringing the goods to their current location and condition.

EMPLOYEE BENEFITS
Pensions
Within the Group there are both contribution-based and benefit-based Pension plans. Generally, the plans are financed through payments to insurance companies or manager-administered funds.

In the contribution-based plans, fixed fees are paid to a separate legal entity and there is no obligation, legal or informal, to pay any additional fees. In the contribution-based plans, payments are recognized as an expense during the period when the employees have performed the services to which the fees relate. Blue collar employees in Sweden are covered by such a contribution-based plan.

In the benefit-based plans, compensation is payable to employees and former employees based on salary at the time of retirement and number of years in service. The Group bears the risk that the costs for the promised payments will be higher than estimated.

In the consolidated balance sheet, the net of the estimated present value of the obligations and fair value of the managed assets is reported either as a long-term provision or as a long-term financial claim. In those cases where a surplus in a plan cannot be utilized in full, only that part of the surplus which can be recovered through reduced future fees or refunds is reported. Set-off of a surplus in one plan against a deficit in another plan takes place only where a right of set-off exists.

Pension expenses and pension obligations for benefit-based plans are calculated in accordance with the Projected Unit Credit Method. The method allocates pension expenses as the employees perform the services that increase their entitlement to future compensation. The obligation is calculated by independent actuaries and constitutes the present value of the anticipated future disbursements. The discount rate that is applied corresponds to the rate of interest on high-quality corporate bonds with a term to maturity which corresponds to the average term for the obligations. The most important actuarial assumptions are stated in Note 13.

Actuarial profits or losses may arise upon determination of the present value of the obligations and the fair value of the managed assets. These arise either as a consequence of the actual result differing from previously-made assumptions, or due to changes in the assumptions. Such actuarial profits and losses are recognized in their entirety in the Group's results when they arise.

White collar personnel in Sweden are covered by a collective benefit-based plan, the ITP (supplementary pensions for salaried employees) plan. The ITP plan has been financed through the purchase of pension insurance with the mutual insurance company, Alecta. However, at present no information is available which makes it possible to report this plan as a benefit-based plan. Accordingly, the plan is reported as a contributions based *plan, and thus premiums paid to Alecta during the year are reported as pension expenses.*

The parent company and other legal entities within the Group report benefit-based pension plans in accordance with the local rules in each country.

Profit shares and variable salary

SSAB employees are covered by a profit sharing system which entitles them to a share in the profit above a minimum level. The Group Executive Committee and a number of other senior executives have instead salaries which contain a variable element related to the profit level and individually set targets. The costs for these systems are booked as accrued expenses regularly during the year as soon as it is likely that the targets will be met. In 2011, a long-term incentive program was introduced for the Company's senior executives, including the President, which is capped at 25% of fixed salary. The program runs for rolling three-year periods, is cash-based, and is linked to the total return on the SSAB share relative to a comparison group comprised of the Company's competitors. A percentage of the costs for the program are booked each year, based on a continuous assessment of the outcome for the three-year period.

Compensation upon termination of employment

Compensation upon termination of employment is paid when employment is terminated prior to the normal retirement age or where an employee accepts voluntary retirement in exchange for such compensation. The Group reports severance compensation when the Group is demonstrably obliged either to terminate an employee in accordance with a detailed formal plan without the possibility of recall, or to provide compensation upon termination as a result of an offer made in order to encourage voluntary retirement. Benefits which fall due more than twelve months from the balance sheet date are discounted to present value.

PROVISIONS

Provisions are reported when the Group has an obligation as a result of an event that has occurred and it is likely that payments will be demanded for fulfillment of the obligation. A further requirement is that it is possible to make a reliable estimation of the amount to be paid out. Provisions for restructuring measures are made when a detailed, formal plan for the measures is in place and well-founded expectations have been created among the parties that will be affected by the measure, and this takes place prior to the balance sheet date.

EMISSION RIGHTS

SSAB participates in the EU's emission rights trading system. Provision is made if a shortfall in emission rights is identified between owned rights and those rights which will have to be delivered due to emissions having taken place. *The value of any surplus emission rights is reported only when it is realized as an external sale.* Emission rights are reported as intangible assets and are booked at acquisition value.

ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION EXPENSES

Expenses for environmental measures associated with previous operations and which do not contribute to current or future revenue are booked as a cost when incurred. The environmental undertaking is calculated based on interpretations of applicable environmental legislation and regulations and reported when it is likely that payment liability will be incurred and a reasonable estimation can be made of such amount. Provisions have not been made for land clean-up to prepare the industrial areas for other use in the future, since it is not possible to make a reasonable estimation of when such cleanup will take place.

FINANCIAL LIABILITIES

Financial liabilities include loan debts, accounts payable and derivative instruments. Reporting thereafter takes place depending on how the liabilities are classified. Financial liabilities are removed from the balance sheet when the debt/instrument is paid in full or ceases to apply or is transferred through all risks and benefits being assigned to an external party.

Accounts payable

Accounts payable are valued initially at fair value and thereafter at accrued acquisition value.

Loan debts

Loan debts are valued initially at net fair value after transaction costs, and thereafter at accrued acquisition value. The accrued acquisition value is determined based on the effective interest rate which was calculated when the loan was taken up. Accordingly, surplus values and under-values as well as direct issuance costs are allocated over the loan period. Loans which constitute the hedged object in fair value hedging are valued and booked at fair value. Non-current loan debts have an anticipated term to maturity in excess of one year, while current loan debts have a term to maturity of less than one year.

DERIVATE INSTRUMENTS AND HEDGING

Currency derivatives in the form of forward contracts and swaps are used to hedge exchange rates on purchase orders for coal, iron ore, zinc and heavy fuel oil, to hedge the exchange rate in conjunction with major sales in foreign currency, in conjunction with major investments in non-current assets made in foreign currency, to hedge net investments in foreign subsidiaries, and to hedge Swedish kronor payment flows on foreign loans. Derivative instruments in the form of interest swaps are used to hedge exposure to interest rate risks.

- All derivative instruments are reported in the balance sheet at fair value. The method for reporting accrued profit/ loss differs, however, depending on the purpose of the derivative instrument. When a derivative contract is entered into, it is characterized as hedging of the fair value of a reported asset/ liability or of a signed delivery order ("fair value hedging"), hedging of a planned transaction ("cash flow hedging"), hedging of a net investment in a foreign company, or as a derivative instrument which does not meet the requirements for hedging transactions.
- When the transaction is entered into, the Group documents the relationship between the hedge instrument and the hedged item, as well as the Group's risk management objectives and risk management strategy as regards the hedging. The Group also documents its assessment, both when hedging is entered into and on a regular basis, of whether the derivative instruments used in hedge transactions are effective in counteracting changes in fair value or cash flows that relate to the hedged items.
- Information regarding fair value of various derivative instruments used for hedging purposes is set forth in Note 12. The entire fair value of a derivative Note 28. Changes in the hedging reserve in equity are set forth in instrument which constitutes a hedge instrument is classified as a non-current asset or noncurrent liability when the outstanding term of the hedged item exceeds twelve months and as a current asset or current liability when the outstanding term of the hedged item is less than twelve months.
- Fair value hedging: Changes in the fair value of derivative instruments which are categorized as, and meet the requirements for, "fair value hedging" are reported in the income statement together with changes in the fair value of the asset/liability or the delivery order to which the hedging relates. Transaction costs related to "fair value hedging" are recognized immediately in the income statement.
- Cash flow hedging: The effective part of changes in fair value of derivative instruments which are identified as, and meet the requirements for, cash flow hedging, is reported in other comprehensive income. The profit or loss attributable to the ineffective part is reported immediately in financial items in the income statement. However, the ineffective part of the profit or loss relating to cash flow hedging of sales in foreign currency is reported among other operating expenses or revenue. Accumulated amounts in equity are reversed to the income statement in those periods in which the hedged item affects earnings (e.g. when the forecast sale which is hedged takes place). The profit or loss attributable to the effective part of a forward contract which hedges sales in foreign currency is reported in the income statement item, Sales. When a hedge instrument lapses or is sold, or when the hedging no longer fulfills the criteria for hedge accounting and there are accumulated profits or losses in equity regarding the hedging, such profits or losses remain in equity and are reported as income at the same time as the forecast transaction is finally reported in the income statement. When a forecast transaction is no longer expected to occur, the accumulated profit or loss which is reported in equity is transferred immediately to the income statement. Where the transfer relates to cash flow hedging of sales in foreign currency, it is reported among other operating expenses or revenue. Where the transfer relates to cash flow hedging of financial items, it is reported in the income statement among financial items.
- Net investment hedging: Hedging of net investments in foreign companies is reported in the same manner as cash flow hedging. The effective part of changes in value of derivative instruments and liabilities, which are used as hedge instruments, is reported in other comprehensive income. The ineffective part of changes in

value is reported immediately in financial items in the income statement. Accumulated profits and losses in equity are reported in the income statement when the foreign operations are divested, in whole or in part.
- Certain derivative transactions do not meet the formal criteria for hedge accounting; they are reported in the income statement among financial revenues and expenses.

Derivative instruments which are reported in hedge accounting and executed in respect of business-related items are reported in operating profit, while derivative instruments of a financial nature are reported in financial items. The fair value of currency forward contracts and currency swaps is calculated based on forward contract prices on the balance sheet date, while interest rate swaps are valued calculated on the basis of future discounted cash flows.

TAXES

The Group's reported tax expenses consist of tax on the taxable earnings of Group companies for the period as well as any adjustments with respect to tax for previous periods and changes in deferred tax.

Deferred tax

Deferred tax is calculated in order to correspond to the tax effect which arises when final tax is triggered. It corresponds to the net effect of tax on all differences between the tax value of assets and liabilities and their value for accounting purposes (temporary differences), applying the future tax rates already decided upon or announced which will apply when the tax is expected to be realized.
- Temporary differences arise primarily through accelerated depreciation of non-current assets, profits from intra-group inventory transactions, untaxed reserves in the form of tax allocation reserves, non-utilized losses carried forward, as well as fair value adjustments in conjunction with business combinations. A deferred tax receivable due to losses carried forward is, however, recognized as an asset only to the extent that it is likely that the deduction can be set off against future surpluses.
- In the parent company's balance sheet, the accumulated values of Accelerated depreciation and other untaxed reserves are reported in the item "Untaxed reserves" without deduction of the deferred tax. In the parent company's income statement, changes in the untaxed reserves are reported on a separate line.

DIVIDENDS

Dividends proposed by the Board of Directors do not reduce equity until the annual general meeting has adopted a resolution regarding payment of the dividend.

Dividends, the parent company

An anticipated dividend is reported in those cases where the parent company is exclusively entitled to decide on the amount of the dividend and the parent company, prior to the date on which its financial statements are published, has decided on the amount of the dividend and ascertained that the dividend will not exceed the dividend capacity of the subsidiary.

GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS IN THE PARENT COMPANY

Group contributions received and provided, and the tax consequences thereof, are reported as a transfer to untaxed reserves, and the tax effect as a tax expense /income in the income statement.

CASH FLOW STATEMENT

The cash flow statement is prepared in accordance with the indirect method. Cash and cash equivalents in the cash flow statement consist of cash and bank balances as well as short-term investments with a term to maturity of less than three months from the acquisition date, which are exposed to only an insignificant risk of change in value.

SEGMENT REPORTING

Operating segments

The Group is organized in five reportable operating segments with clear profit responsibility. The operating segments are the three steel divisions; SSAB Special Steels, SSAB Europe, SSAB Americas and the subsidiaries Tibnor and Ruukki Construction. Tibnor and Ruukki Construction are operated as independent subsidiaries by their respective Boards. In addition, there are other operating segments which are not reportable since they do not reach the threshold values in IFRS 8 and they are not monitored separately by the Group Executive Committee. The segment reporting takes place in such a manner that it corresponds to the internal reporting which is submitted to the Group Executive Committee. The Group Executive Committee is the highest Executive decision-making body which is responsible for the allocation of resources and assessment of the results of operating segments, and takes strategic decisions. A more detailed description of the reportable segments and their operations is provided on page 153 and in Note 27.

NON-CURRENT ASSETS HELD FOR SALE

Significant non-current assets (or divestments groups) are classified as Non-current assets held for sale when their reported value will primarily be recovered through a sales transaction and a sale is deemed to be very likely. They are reported at reported value or fair value less selling expenses, whichever is lower, if their book value is primarily recovered through a sales transaction and not through permanent use.

1 Sales and other operating income

Sales per product area

	Group	
SEK millions	**2017**	**2016**
Steel products	48,436	41,760
Trading operations	8,944	6,579
Ruukki Construction operations	5,729	5,262
Slabs	84	86
By-products/scrap	2,518	1,436
Other	348	231
Total sales	**66,059**	**55,354**

Sales broken down by divisions and geographic area is shown in Note 27.

Other operating income

	Group		Parent company	
SEK millions	**2017**	**2016**	**2017**	**2016**
Sales of purchased energy and media	208	188	-	-
Sales of services	30	24	-	-
Net exchange rate differences	216	113	1	1
Profit upon sale of company or business	10	-	-	-
Profit upon sale of fixed assets	36	13	-	-
Investment grant	25	0	-	-
Insurance reimbursement	315	-	-	-
Other	132	107	118	104
Total other operating income	**972**	**445**	**119**	**105**

2 Operating expenses

Type of cost	Group		Parent company	
SEK millions	**2017**	**2016**	**2017**	**2016**
Raw materials in the steel operations, including change in raw material inventory	24,752	18,113	-	-
Supplies and inputs	2,009	1,545	-	-
Purchased products in the trading operations	1,699	2,388	-	-
Purchased products in the steel operations	1,700	2,095	-	-
Energy	3,349	3,029	-	-
Change in inventory, work in progress and finished products	146	1,135	-	-
Compensation to employees	9,836	9,481	196	112
Material, services and maintenance	8,175	8,152	95	147
Depreciation/amortization	3,753	3,738	1	1
Other	7,841	4,966	52	3
Total operating expenses	**63,260**	**54,642**	**344**	**263**

Audit fees and related services	Group		Parent company	
SEK millions	**2017**	**2016**	**2017**	**2016**
PricewaterhouseCoopers				
Audit fees	19	17	2	2
Audit related services	1	3	1	1
Tax consulting	5	6	0	0
Other services	0	0	0	0
Total audit fees and related services to PricewaterhouseCoopers[1]	**25**	**26**	**3**	**3**
Other audit firms				
Audits and related services	7	3	-	-
Other services	18	17	7	1
Total audit fees and services to audit firms	**50**	**46**	**10**	**4**

[1] During the year PwC Sweden have invoiced SEK 6 million for audit services. PwC Sweden's fees for other services than audit amounts to 27% compared to PwC Sweden's fees for audit. The PwC network's fees for other services than audit amounts to 27% compared to the network's invoiced fees for audit services.

Operating expenses have been reduced by the following government and other grants:	Group		Parent company	
SEK millions	**2017**	**2016**	**2017**	**2016**
Investment grant	9	18	-	-
Other	16	20	-	-
Total grants	**25**	**38**	**-**	**-**

Compensation to employees	Board, President and Executive Vice President		Other employees	
SEK millions	**2017**	**2016**	**2017**	**2016**
Parent Company[2]	26	18	74	48
Subsidiaries in Sweden	6	6	2,803	2,832
Subsidiaries outside Sweden	34	24	4,315	4,051
Total wages and salaries[3]	**66**	**48**	**7,192**	**6,931**
Social security expenses	24	19	2,146	2,163
(of which pension expenses)	(13)	(11)	(901)	(929)
Other expenses for employee benefits	4	4	404	316
Total compensation to employees	**94**	**71**	**9,742**	**9,410**

[2] Relates only to personnel employed and working within the parent company. Personnel in some of the larger subsidiaries *are formally employed by the parent company but are reported in terms of number and expense in the relevant subsidiary.* In the parent company expenses for the president of SSAB EMEA AB are also reported.

[3] Total wages and salaries include variable salary components to Presidents in the amount of SEK 16 (3) million, of which SEK 7 (1) million in the parent company.

2 Operating expenses cont.

BOARD FEES

Board of Directors

At the annual general meeting (AGM) in April 2017, Bengt Kjell was re-elected as Chairman of the Board. Pasi Laine was elected as new director. At the AGM, it was decided that the Chairman's fee should amount to SEK 1,650,000 and directors' fees (excluding the President) to SEK 550,000 each.

Members of the Audit Committee should receive a fee of SEK 125,000 and members of the Remuneration Committee should receive a fee of SEK 100,000. The Chairman of the Audit Committee should receive SEK 200,000 and the Chairman of the Remuneration Committee should receive SEK 150,000. Thus, in total SEK 6,425 (5,675) thousand was paid in fees to the Board of Directors.

Board members

Elected by general meeting	Elected	Position	Fee 2017, SEK[1] Board fee	Fee 2017, SEK[1] Committee fee	Fee 2016, SEK[1] Board fee	Fee 2016, SEK[1] Committee fee
Bengt Kjell	2015	Chairman	1,650,000	275,000	1,650,000	200,000
Petra Einarsson	2014	Member	550,000	-	550,000	-
Matti Lievonen	2014	Member	550,000	100,000	550,000	100,000
Martin Lindqvist	2011	Member, President	-	-	-	-
Annika Lundius	2011	Member	550,000	125,000	550,000	100,000
John Tulloch	2009	Member	550,000	100,000	550,000	100,000
Lars Westerberg	2006	Member	550,000	125,000	550,000	125,000
Marika Fredriksson	2016	Member	550,000	200,000	550,000	100,000
Pasi Laine	2017	Member	550,000	-	-	-

[1] The fee relates to the full term.

SALARIES AND COMPENSATION FOR THE PRESIDENT AND OTHER SENIOR EXECUTIVES

Resolution of the annual general meeting

According to a resolution adopted by the AGM in April 2017, the President and other persons in the Company's senior management shall receive compensation comprising fixed salary, possible variable compensation, other benefits such as company car, and pension. "Other members of the Company's senior management" mean members of the Group Executive Committee other than the President. The total compensation package shall be at market terms and conditions and competitive in the employment market in which the executive works. Fixed salary and variable compensations shall be related to the executive's responsibilities and authority. The variable compensations shall be based on results as compared with defined and measurable targets and shall be subject to a ceiling in relation to the fixed salary. The variable compensations shall not be included in the basis for computation of pension, except in those cases where so provided in the rules of a general pension plan, e.g. the Swedish ITP plan. For senior executives outside Sweden, all or parts of the variable compensations may be included in the basis for pension computation due to legislation or competitive practice in the local market.

The variable compensation programs should be structured such that the Board of Directors has the possibility, should exceptional circumstances prevail, to restrict the payment of variable compensation, or to decline to make such payment, where such a measure is deemed reasonable and compatible with the Company's responsibilities to its shareholders, employees and other stakeholders.

2 Operating expenses cont.

Consultant fees in line with prevailing market conditions may be payable insofar as any director performs work on behalf of the Company, in addition to the Board work.

The period of notice of termination of employment for senior executives in Sweden shall be six months in the event of termination by the executive. In the event of termination by the Company, the total of the period of notice of termination and the period during which severance compensation is payable shall not exceed 24 months. Pension benefits shall be contribution-based with individual retirement ages; however in no case earlier than the age of 62. In the event the employment terminates prior to the retirement age, the executive shall receive a paid-up policy for earned pension. For senior executives outside Sweden, the termination period, retirement age and severance compensation may vary due to legislation or practice on the local market.

The Board of Directors shall be entitled to deviate from the guidelines where special reasons exist in an individual case.

Remuneration committee

Within the Board of Directors there is a Remuneration Committee, which issues proposals to the Board regarding the President's salary and other employment terms and conditions, and determines the salary and other employment terms and conditions for the Group Executive Committee in accordance with guidelines decided upon by the AGM. The Committee consists of Bengt Kjell (Chairman), Matti Lievonen and John Tulloch. The President is a co-opted member of the Committee but does not participate in discussions concerning his own salary and employment terms and conditions.

Compensation in 2017

Compensation to the President and other members of the Group Executive Committee consisted of a fixed salary component, a short-term variable salary component, and a long-term variable salary component. There is no share-related compensation.

The short-term variable salary component which is related to the Group's EBITDA margin relative to other comparable steel companies, a net cash flow objective and to an objective related to injury frequency established by the Board, combined with one or more individual objectives. This variable salary component is capped at 75% of fixed salary for the President and 50% for others. The divisional head of SSAB Americas receives variable compensation which is considered to be competitive in the local market. The target result is 60% of fixed salary but may amount to a maximum of 180% in the event of extremely high performance. As a supplement, for year 2017, the maximum level was raised from 180% to 240%.

In 2011, a long-term incentive program was introduced covering then a maximum of 100 (now 150) key persons throughout the Group, including the Company's President and other senior executives. The purpose of the program is to promote the Company's ability to recruit and retain key contributors.

The program applies for rolling three-year periods, is cash-based and linked to the total return on the SSAB share compared with a comparison group comprising the Company's competitors and return on capital employed. For participants in the program outside North America, the result is capped at between 18% and 30% of fixed salary. The outcome for participants in North America is capped at between 32% and 144%, for these participants, the program is also linked to SSAB Americas' results and return on capital employed. The total annual cost for the program is SEK 36 million in the event of target realization, and SEK 72 million in the event of maximum realization, of which approximately 60% constitutes the cost for participants in North America.

Payments under the long-term incentive program take place in cash and on condition that the employment remains.

President and Chief Executive Officer

The total paid compensation package, excluding pension, amounted to SEK 12.8 (15.2) million. The retirement age is 62. The pension is based on contributions and is covered by insurance. The cost amounted to 43 (43)% of fixed salary. Earned pension is inviolable but premium payments cease upon termination of employment.

There is a 12-month notice period in the event of dismissal by the Company. In addition, in such situation, severance compensation is payable equal to 12 months' salary. In the event of the President's resignation, the termination period is 6 months and, in such a situation, there is no entitlement to severance compensation. Variable salary components are earned during the termination period only on condition that the President remains in active service.

Other Group Executive Committee members

Apart from the President, the Group Executive Committee comprised 8 (8) persons. The Group Executive Committee is presented in the Corporate Governance Report.

The minimum retirement age for members of the Group Executive Committee stationed outside the USA is 62. Pensions are based on contributions, exceptions from this are Olavi Huhtala; he continues to be covered by the benefit-based pension scheme with a retirement age of 60 via Ruukki A-Pension Foundation, of which he has long been covered through his employment at Rautaruukki, as well as Charles Schmitt, whose pension scheme is in accordance with US legislation and practice. The other members of the Group Executive Committee are entitled to 12 months' notice in the event of dismissal by the Company. In addition, in such a situation, severance compensation is payable equivalent to 6 months' salary. Members of the Group Executive committee must give 6 months' notice of resignation, whereupon there is no entitlement to severance compensation.

Total compensation and benefits are shown in the adjacent table:

Compensation and benefits for the President and other members of the Group Executive Committee	President		Other Group Executive Committee	
SEK millions	**2017**	**2016**	**2017**	**2016**
Fixed salary[1]	10.3	9.3	25.2	23.2
Other benefits[2]	0.3	0.3	0.7	0.6
Short-term variable salary[3]	2.2	5.6	6.1	15.6
Long-term variable salary[3]	-	-	0.6	0.7
Total compensation	**12.8**	**15.2**	**32.6**	**40.1**
Pension expenses	4.4	4.0	9.6	9.3
Total	**17.2**	**19.2**	**42.2**	**49.4**

[1] For 2017, includes payment of SEK 0.2 (0.2) million to the President in respect of vacation compensation, as well as cost compensation in respect of company residence in the amount of SEK 0.2 (0.2) million.
[2] *Relates primarily to car and gasoline benefits as well as housing benefits*
[3] The amounts relate to payments made in the relevant financial year, which were earned in previous years. Since the compensation is not known at the end of the accounting year due to the fact that comparisons are made with competitors who have not yet reported *their figures, and also the fact that the Board can decide* to reduce the compensation if special reasons exist, compensation in this table is reported only in the year in which payment has taken place. Booked variable salary components for the entire Group Executive Committee amounted to SEK 22.0 (2.8) million.

3 Affiliated companies, joint ventures and related party transactions

Share of earnings and sales	Share of earnings after tax		Share of sales	
SEK millions	**2017**	**2016**	**2017**	**2016**
Lulekraft AB	-1	2	168	142
Oxelösunds Hamn AB	*11*	*12*	*150*	*146*
Blastech Mobile LLC (joint venture)	36	24	129	95
Bet-Ker Oy	8	10	46	45
Helens Rör AB	19	9	431	370
Manga LNG Oy	0	-1	2	0
Raahen Voima Oy	-	0	205	163
Hybrit Development AB (joint venture)	0	-	0	-
Stoxy Solutions AB (joint venture)	-5	-	-	-
Total	**68**	**56**	**1,131**	**961**

Share of assets and liabilities	Share of assets		Share of liabilities	
SEK millions	**2017**	**2016**	**2017**	**2016**
Lulekraft AB	126	122	112	107
Oxelösunds Hamn AB	150	165	10	36
Blastech Mobile LLC (joint venture)	70	80	12	1
Bet-Ker Oy	43	42	8	9
Helens Rör AB	190	147	106	82
Manga LNG Oy	224	181	157	115
Raahen Voima Oy	609	606	361	366
Hybrit Development AB (joint venture)	1	-	1	-
Stoxy Solutions AB	6	-	1	-
Total	**1,419**	**1,343**	**768**	**716**

Receivables from affiliated companies and joint venture	Group		Parent Company	
SEK millions	**2017**	**2016**	**2017**	**2016**
Included in balance sheet items:				
Accounts receivable	*64*	*34*	-	-
Prepaid expenses and accrued revenue	4	74	-	-
Total	**68**	**108**	**-**	**-**

Liabilities to affiliated companies and joint venture	Group		Parent Company	
SEK millions	**2017**	**2016**	**2017**	**2016**
Included in balance sheet items:				
Accounts payable	81	41	-	-
Total	**81**	**41**	**-**	**-**

Share of owning and equity share can be found in Note 8.

RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The following transactions with affiliated companies and joint venture occurred during the year:

SSAB Americas purchased plate shot blasting and painting services from Blastech Mobile for SEK 172 (150) million. Lulekraft purchased gas from SSAB Europe for SEK 267 (212) million and resold electricity for SEK 175 (117) million. Raahen Voima purchased gas and fuel from SSAB Europe for SEK 131 (119) million and sold back energy for SEK 152 (118) million.

Oxelösunds Hamn sold port services to SSAB Europe for SEK 173 (153) million and purchased other services for SEK 46 (51) million. Helens Rör bought steel from the steel operations for SEK 199 (173) million and the steel operations bought steel from Helens Rör for SEK 2 (3) million. SSAB Europe purchased refractory materials from Bet-Ker for SEK 70 (75) million. The Board Member John Tulloch has a consultancy agreement with one of the US subsidiaries of SSAB from which he received SEK 0.6 (0.6) million in fees. The transactions took place at arm's length prices.

4 Financial items

Group

SEK millions	2017	2016
Financial income		
Interest income	256	38
Net exchange rate differences	63	35
Dividends	3	2
Other	-1	5
Total financial income	**321**	**80**
Financial expenses		
Interest expenses	-1,031	-740
Net exchange rate differences	-38	-
Other	-228	-229
Total financial expenses	**-1,297**	**-969**
Net financial income and expenses	**-976**	**-889**

Parent Company

SEK millions	2017	2016
Dividends from subsidiaries[1]	5,792	35,046
Dividends from affiliated companies	1	1
Write-down of subsidiary shares[1]	-5,292	-24,957
Capital gain of subsidiary shares	-	168
Interest income from subsidiaries	303	231
Interest expenses to subsidiaries	-67	-39
Total result from subsidiaries and affiliated companies	**737**	**10,450**
Other interest income	173	8
Other interest expenses	-832	-582
Net exchange rate differences	1,269	-1,317
Other	-183	-149
Total other financial items	**427**	**-2,040**
Total financial net	**1,164**	**8,410**

[1] During 2017, the parent company made a write-down of SEK 145 (24,707) million in its subsidiary SSAB Finance UK's shares, a write-down of SEK 5,121 (0) million in SSAB Finance Brussels shares and a write-down of SEK 26 (55) million in SSAB APAC Holding's shares. During 2017 SSAB Finance UK distributed SEK 144 (35,022) million, after which the shares in SSAB Finance UK was written down to SEK 0. SSAB Finance Brussels distributed SEK 5,647 (0) million after which the shares in SSAB Finance Brussels was written down to SEK 0.

5 Taxes

Taxes	Group		Parent Company	
SEK millions	**2017**	**2016**	**2017**	**2016**
Swedish corporate income tax	-8	5	0	0
Foreign corporate income tax	-561	197	0	1
Total current tax expenses	**-569**	**202**	**0**	**1**
Deferred taxes	17	417	-406	210
Total tax in the income statement	**-552**	**619**	**-406**	**211**
Total tax in other comprehensive income[1]	**-279**	**232**	**-5**	**-1**

Reconciliation of tax rates	Group		Parent Company	
%	**2017**	**2016**	**2017**	**2016**
Applicable tax rate in Sweden	22	22	22	22
Tax effect of:				
• non-deductible expenses	0	2	49	59
• non-taxable divestments	-	-	-	-
• non-taxable revenue[2]	-5	-12	-57	-83
• changes in tax rates[3]	1	0	-	-
• other tax rates in foreign subsidiaries	-8	-213	-	-
• taxes relating to earlier periods	0	-3	-	0
• unbooked deficit credit	0	11	-	0
• other	9	2	-	-
Effective tax rate	**19**	**-191**	**14**	**-2**

[1] For details see Consolidated statement of changes in equity on page 173 and on page 177 for the parent company.
[2] The parent company's non-deductible expenses are for the most part related to write-down of shares whereas non-taxable revenue consists primarily of dividends from subsidiaries
[3] The US tax reform was signed into law in December 2017 and had a negative impact on the Group effective tax rate due to the revaluation of deferred taxes. The impact was however limited and amounted to +1 percentage points as shown in the table above.

The tax for the year amounted to SEK -552 (619) million and the effective tax rate was 19 (-191) percent. The tax rate was negatively affected by unbooked deficit credits by +9 percentage points and positively affected by lower tax rates on positive results and higher tax rates on negative results in foreign subsidiaries by -8 percentage points.

6 Intangible assets

Group

	2017							2016						
SEK millions	*Customer relations*	Trademarks	Emission rights[1]	Other intangible assets	Trademarks with undeterminable useful life	Goodwill	Total intangible assets	Customer relations	Trademarks	Emission rights[1]	Other intangible assets	Trademarks with undeterminable useful life	Goodwill	Total intangible assets
Acquisition value, January 1	8,939	6	1,066	1,431	427	30,221	42,090	8,280	6	1,023	1,280	410	28,172	39,171
Acquisitions	-	-	-	78	-	-	78	-	-	-	66	-	-	66
Sales and disposals	-	-	-	-30	-	-	-30	-	-	-	-2	-	-	-2
Reclassifications	-	-	-	4	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Translation differences	-819	0	33	-51	13	-2,169	-2,993	659	0	43	87	17	2,049	2,855
Acquisition value, December 31	**8,120**	**6**	**1,099**	**1,432**	**440**	**28,052**	**39,149**	**8,939**	**6**	**1,066**	**1,431**	**427**	**30,221**	**42,090**
Accumulated amortization, January 1	7,521	5	516	1,115	-	-	9,157	6,475	5	291	930	-	-	7,701
Sales and disposals	-	-	-	-6	-	-	-6	-	-	-	0	-	-	0
Amortization for the year	488	0	215	72	-	-	775	498	0	212	110	-	-	820
Reclassifications	-	-	-	-1	-	-	-1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Translation differences	-718	0	21	-56	-	-	-753	548	0	13	75	-	-	636
Accumulated amortization, December 31	**7,291**	**5**	**752**	**1,124**	**-**	**-**	**9,172**	**7,521**	**5**	**516**	**1,115**	**-**	**-**	**9,157**
Accumulated write-down, January 1	6	-	-	2	-	312	320	6	-	-	2	-	301	309
Write-down for the year	-	-	-	0	-	-	0	-	-	-	0	-	-	0
Reclassifications	-	-	-	-1	-	-	-1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Translation differences	0	-	-	0	-	10	10	-	-	-	0	-	11	11
Accumulated write-down, December 31	**6**	**-**	**-**	**1**	**-**	**322**	**329**	**6**	**-**	**-**	**2**	**-**	**312**	**320**
Residual value, December 31	**823**	**1**	**347**	**307**	**440**	**27,730**	**29,648**	**1,412**	**1**	**550**	**314**	**427**	**29,909**	**32,613**

[1] Surplus values from the acquisition of Rautaruukki relating to future allocation of emission rights

Amortization for the year is included in the income statement in the amount of SEK 735 (776) million in cost of goods sold; SEK 8 (6) million in selling expenses and SEK 32 (38) million in other administrative expenses.

6 Intangible assets cont.

TEST OF IMPAIRMENT OF GOODWILL AND OTHER ASSERS WITH AN UNDETERMINABLE USEFUL LIFE

Test of impairment of goodwill and other assets with an undeterminable useful life takes place annually towards the end of the fourth quarter. The Group's most significant assets with an undeterminable useful life is allocated to the Group's cash-generating units below:

SEK millions	2017	2016
Goodwill		
SSAB North America (in Division SSAB Americas)	22,408	24,741
SSAB Special Steels	2,714	2,636
SSAB Europe	2,046	1,985
Tibnor	502	487
Ruukki Construction	60	60
Total goodwill	**27,730**	**29,909**
Ruukki Construction (Trademark Rautaruukki)	440	427
Total assets with an undeterminable useful life[1]	**28,170**	**30,336**

[1] All value changes from previous year are due to exchange rate differences.

SSAB North Americas is included in the SSAB Americas division. For more information about SSAB Americas and the other divisions, see Note 27. Recoverable amounts for cash-generating units are based on value in use calculations. The calculations are based on the company's budget and forecasts regularly produced by the management team. Cash flow beyond a five-year period have been extrapolated applying an assessed rate of growth in accordance with the information below. The rate growth does not exceed the long-term rate of growth for the market in which these cash-generating units operate.

Significant assumptions used in calculations of use value are shown in the table below:

2017	SSAB *North America*	SSAB *Special Steels*	SSAB *Europe*	*Tibnor*	Ruukki *Construction*
Assessed long-term rate of growth, %	2	2	2	2	2
Weighted average discount rate, before tax, %	9.7	6.7	6.6	6.6	6.6

2016	SSAB North America	SSAB Special Steels	SSAB Europe	Tibnor	Ruukki Construction
Assessed long-term rate of growth, %	2	2	2	2	2
Weighted average discount rate, before tax, %	10.3	7.2	7.2	7.2	7.1

The assumptions above have been used to analyze the cash-generating unit.

The management has established the budgeted and forecast gross margin based on historical results and expectations regarding market trends and each specific cash-generating unit. The rate of growth used for thegross margin corresponds to the forecasts available in industry and analyst reports. The discount rate used isstated before tax and reflects specific risks applicable locally for each specific cash-generating

Calculations conducted using the above assumptions have demonstrated that no impairment of goodwill exists at December 31. For a sensitivety analysis, see Note 29.

EMISSION RIGHTS

The estimated consumption of emission rights in 2017 was 9.14 (10.0) million tons. No emission rights were sold in 2017 or 2016. The allocated rights were sufficient for consumption in 2017. The emission rights are reported as an intangible asset, with granted emission rights being booked at an acquisition value of SEK 0. SSAB is participating in various programs whereby it is possible to purchase emission rights and, through such programs, at year-end SSAB owned emission rights valued at SEK 5 (24) million, which are reported as an intangible asset.

6 Intangible assets cont.

Parent company

	2017		2016	
SEK millions	**Other intangible assets**	**Total intangible fixed assets**	**Other intangible assets**	**Total intangible fixed assets**
Acquisition value, January 1	-	-	-	-
Acquisitions	3	3	-	-
Acquisition value, December 31	**3**	**3**	-	-
Accumulated depreciation, January 1	-	-	-	-
Depreciation for the year	0	0	-	-
Accumulated depreciation, December 31	***0***	***0***	-	-
Residual value, December 31	**3**	**3**	-	-

7 Tangible fixed assets

Group

	2017							2016					
SEK millions	Land and land improvements	Buildings	Machinery	Equipment, tools, fixtures and fittings	Leased assets	Construction in progress and advances to suppliers	Total tangible fixed assets	Land and land improvements	Buildings	Machinery	Equipment, tools, fixtures and fittings	Construction in progress and advances to suppliers	Total tangible fixed assets
Acquistion value, January 1	1,053	8,149	43,970	661	-	1,358	55,191	1,034	7,359	41,615	629	1,518	52,155
Acquistions	2	90	144	93	-	1,196	1,525	0	300	367	25	882	1,574
Sales and disposals	-11	-34	-88	-34	-	0	-167	-11	-34	-234	-32	-35	-346
Reclassifications	-5	-281	-1,310	1,931	609	-904	40	8	210	982	25	-1,055	170
Translation difference	-20	-76	-912	32	14	-26	-988	22	314	1,240	14	48	1,638
Acquisition value, December 31	**1,019**	**7,848**	**41,804**	**2,683**	**623**	**1,624**	**55,601**	**1,053**	**8,149**	**43,970**	**661**	**1,358**	**55,191**
Accumulated depreciation, January 1	245	2,952	25,561	386	-	-	29,144	211	2,379	22,684	347	-	25,621
Sales and disposals	-9	-18	-50	-42	-	-	-119	0	-7	-211	-30	-	-248
Depreciation for the year	31	347	2,356	179	61	-	2,974	33	388	2,390	76	-	2,887
Reclassifications	-10	-40	-1,200	1,186	119	-	55	0	119	174	-5	-	288
Translation difference	-5	-30	-536	31	4	-	-536	1	73	524	-2	-	596
Accumulated depreciation, December 31	**252**	**3,211**	**26,131**	**1,740**	**184**	**-**	**31,518**	**245**	**2,952**	**25,561**	**386**	**-**	**29,144**
Accumulated write-down, January 1	14	87	80	0	-	-	181	12	119	127	0	-	258
Sales and disposals	-	-1	-4	-1	-	-	-6	-	-	-1	-	-	-1
Write-down for the year	-	0	4	1	-	-	5	-	1	4	-	-	5
Reclassifications	-	-6	-21	-	-	-	-27	1	-47	-81	-	-	-127
Translation difference	-1	-1	1	0	-	-	-1	1	14	31	0	-	46
Accumulated write-down, December 31	**13**	**79**	**60**	**0**	**-**	**-**	**152**	**14**	**87**	**80**	**0**	**-**	**181**
Residual value, December 31	**754**	**4,558**	**15,613**	**943**	**439**	**1,624**	**23,931**	**794**	**5,110**	**18,329**	**275**	**1,358**	**25,866**

7 Tangible fixed assets cont.

Depreciation for the year is included in the income statement in the amount of SEK 2,905 (2,820) million in costs of goods sold, SEK 26 (39) million in selling expenses, SEK 43 (47) million in administrative expenses, and SEK 0 (6) million in other expenses.

As per the balance sheet date, there were contracted investments in fixed assets valued at SEK 248 (112) million which were not reported in the financial statements.

Parent company

	2017		2016	
SEK millions	**Equipment, tools, fixtures and fittings**	**Total tangible fixed assets**	**Equipment, tools, fixtures and fittings**	**Total tangible fixed assets**
Acquisition value, January 1	13	13	13	13
Acquisitions	-	-	-	-
Acquisition value, December 31	**13**	**13**	**13**	**13**
Accumulated depreciation, January 1	12	12	11	11
Depreciation for the year	0	0	1	1
Accumulated depreciation, December 31	**12**	**12**	**12**	**12**
Residual value, December 31	**1**	**1**	**1**	**1**

8 Financial assets, shares and participations in affiliated companies and joint venture

Group

	2017				2016			
SEK millions	**Other shares and participations**	**Other long-term receivables**	**Total financial assets**	**Participations in affiliated companies and JV**	**Other shares and participations**	**Other long-term receivables**	**Total financial assets**	**Participations in affiliated companies and JV**
Book value at January 1	212	95	308	628	169	337	506	546
Investments	34	116	150	11	32	16	48	46
Sales and amortization	-19	-14	-33	-	-	-256	-256	-
Impairments	-	-	-	-	-	-1	-1	-
Shares in profit after tax	-	-	-	68	-	-	-	55
Reclassification	-	2	2	-	4	-2	3	-
Dividend	-	-	-	-61	-	-	-	-40
Translation differences	6	-	6	5	7	1	8	21
Book value at December 31	**233**	**199**	**433**	**651**	**212**	**95**	**308**	**628**

Other shares and participations consist primarily of unlisted holdings in equity instruments which do not have a listed market price and the fair value of which cannot be calculated in a reliable manner. They are valued at acquisition value. Other long-term receivables are receivables that are classified in the category "Loans and receivables". They are valued at amortized cost.

Parent company

	2017					2016				
SEK millions	**Shares in subsidiaries**	**Shares in affiliated companies**	**Other shares and participations**	**Other long-term receivables**	**Total financial assets**	**Shares in subsidiaries**	**Shares in affiliated companies**	**Other shares and participations**	**Other long-term receivables**	**Total financial assets**
Book value, January 1	33,088	11	8	0	33,107	56,608	11	8	240	56,867
Investments	37,417	11	-	-	37,428	3,885	-	-	-	3,885
Impairments	-26	-	-	-	-26	-24,957	-	-	-	-24,957
Reductions and amortization	-5,266	-	-	-	-5,266	-2,448	-	-	-240	-2,688
Book value, December 31	**65,213**	**22**	**8**	**0**	**65,243**	**33,088**	**11**	**8**	**-**	**33,107**

8 Financial assets, shares and participations in affiliated companies and joint venture cont.

Parent Company's shares and participations in subsidiaries

	Reg. no	Office	Number	%[1]	*Book value, SEK millions*
Swedish operating subsidiares:					
Plannja AB	556121-1417	Luleå	80,000	100	16
SSAB EMEA AB	556313-7933	Oxelösund	1,000	100	3,961
Tibnor AB	556004-4447	Stockholm	1,000,000	100	425
SSAB Technology AB	556207-4905	Stockholm	1,000	100	0
SSAB Americas Holding AB	556858-6654	Stockholm	50,000	100	9
SSAB APAC Holding AB	556858-6647	Stockholm	50,000	100	50
Foreign operating subsidiaries:					
SSAB Central Inc.		Canada	1,000	100	361
SSAB US Holding Inc.		USA	100	100	6,802
Rautaruukki Oyj		Finland	138,929,363	100	14,967
SSAB Finance Ireland		Ireland	130,000,000	100	38,620
Other[2]					2
Dormant companies					**0**
Total					**65,213**

Other shares and participations

Tenant-owner rights	8
Total, Parent Company's other shares and participations	**8**
Subsidiaries' other shares and participations[2]	225
Total, Group's other shares and participations	**233**

Parent Company's shares in affiliated companies and joint venture

	Reg. no	Office	Number	%[1]	Book value, SEK millions
Hybrit Development AB	559121-9760	Stockholm	500,000	33	1
Industrikraft i Sverige AB	556761-5371	Stockholm	20,000	20	1
Lulekraft AB	556195-0576	Luleå	100,000	50	10
Stoxy Solutions AB	559099-3910	Stockholm	500	50	10
Total, Parent Company's shares in affiliated companies					**22**

Subsidiaries' shares and participations in affiliated companies and joint venture

	Reg. no	Office	Number	%[1]	SEK millions
Oxelösunds Hamn AB	556207-4913	Oxelösund	50,000	50	129
Blastech Mobile LLC		USA		50	80
Bet-Ker Oy	1003246-0	Finland	120	44	34
Manga LNG Oy	2592122-8	Finland	3,151,042	25	64
Raahen Voima Oy	2604933-9	Finland	1,875	75	240
Helens Rör AB	556086-9785	Halmstad	4,500	25	64
					611
Equity shares in affiliated companies and joint venture's equity in excess of the book value in the Parent Company					**18**
Total, Group participations in affiliated companies and joint venture					**651**

[1] The percentages indicate the equity share which, in all cases, also corresponds to the share of the voting capital. However, the voting share in Raahen Voima is, through a shareholder agreement, limited to 50%.
[2] A complete specification of other shares and participations is available from SSAB's Group headquarters in Stockholm.

8 Financial assets, shares and participations in affiliated companies and joint venture cont.

Indirectly owned subsidiaries (not directly owned by SSAB AB)

Name	Office	Ownership %
Alamentti Oy	Finland	100
BevakningsAB Företagsskydd	Sweden	100
Blupoint Pty Ltd	Australia	100
EO Stål AB	Sweden	100
Förvaltnings AB Tegelhögen	Sweden	100
G & G Mining Fabrication	Australia	100
Geha Beheer BV	The Netherlands	51
Hardox Wearparts Center Gauteng	South Africa	80
JL Steel Services Ltd	Great Britain	100
Linköpings Stål AB	Sweden	100
LLC Ruukki Investment Ukraine	Ukraine	100
LLC Ruukki Ukraine	Ukraine	99,9
Metform Oy	Finland	100
Nordic Steel AB	Sweden	100
OOO Metalplast Russia	Russia	100
OOO Ruukki Express	Russia	100
OOO Ruukki Rus	Russia	100
Plannja Siba AB	Sweden	100
Plannja A/S	Norway	100
Plannja A/S	Denmark	100
Plannja Förvaltnings AB	Sweden	100
Plannja Ltd	Great Britain	100
Plannja SP z.o.o	Poland	100
Plannja Steinwalls AB	Sweden	100
Plåtdepån i Borlänge AB	Sweden	100
Presteel Oy	Finland	80,1
Rannila Uü	Estonia	100
Rautaruukki Uü	Estonia	100
Ruukki Australia Pty Ltd	Australia	100
Ruukki Building Components AS	Norway	100
Ruukki Bulgaria EOOD	Bulgaria	100
Ruukki Canada Inc	Canada	100
Ruukki Chile SpA	Chile	100
Ruukki Construction Norge AS	Norway	100
Ruukki Construction Oy	Finland	100
Ruukki CZ s.r.o.	Czech Republic	100
Ruukki d.o.o.	Slovenia	100
Ruukki DOO Belgrade	Serbia	100
Ruukki Engineering Oy	Finland	100
Ruukki Express AB	Sweden	100
Ruukki Finance B.V.	The Netherlands	100
Ruukki Holding AB	Sweden	100
Ruukki Holding B.V.	The Netherlands	100
Ruukki Hungary Kft	Hungary	100
Ruukki Metal (Shanghai) Co Ltd	China	100
Ruukki Metals Trading & Marketing India Private Limited	India	99
Ruukki Polska Sp.zo.o.	Poland	100
Ruukki Products AS	Estonia	100
Ruukki Romania S.R.L.	Romania	100
Ruukki Slovakia s.r.o.	Slovakia	100
Ruukki Sverige AB	Sweden	100
Ruukki Trading (Shanghai) Co., Ltd	China	100
Ruukki UK Ltd	Great Britain	100
Ruukki USA Inc.	USA	100
SC Plannja SRL, Romania	Romania	100
SIA Ruukki Latvija	Latvia	100

8 Financial assets, shares and participations in affiliated companies and joint venture cont.

Indirectly owned subsidiaries (not directly owned by SSAB AB)

Name	Office	Ownership %
SSAB Adriatic d.o.o.	Croatia	100
SSAB Alabama Inc.	USA	100
SSAB Argentina SRL	Argentina	100
SSAB Bulgaria Ltd	Bulgaria	100
SSAB Columbia S.A.S.	Colombia	100
SSAB Construction Inc.	USA	100
SSAB Danmark A/S	Denmark	100
SSAB Egypt LLC	Egypt	100
SSAB Enterprises LLC	USA	100
SSAB Europe Oy	Finland	100
SSAB Hardox	China	100
SSAB Hardox Stahl GmbH	Austria	100
SSAB Holding Danmark A/S	Denmark	100
SSAB Inc	USA	100
SSAB Iowa Inc.	USA	100
SSAB Israel Ltd	Israel	100
SSAB Saudi Factory LLC	Kingdom of Saudi Arabia	100
SSAB Merox AB	Sweden	100
SSAB Minnesota Inc.	USA	100
SSAB Oxelösund , Taiwan	Taiwan	100
SSAB Oxelösund AB Sucursal Del	Peru	100
SSAB Poland Sp.z.o.o, Poland	Poland	100
SSAB South Africa Pty Ltd	South Africa	100
SSAB Sales Inc. (US)	USA	100
SSAB SSC AB	Sweden	100
SSAB Svenskt Stål A/S	Norway	100
SSAB Swedish Steel (China) Co., Ltd.	China	100
SSAB Swedish Steel	Indonesia	100
SSAB Swedish Steel	Australia	100

Name	Office	Ownership %
SSAB Swedish Steel	Hong Kong	100
SSAB Swedish Steel	Japan	100
SSAB Swedish Steel (China) Co,Ltd	China	100
SSAB Swedish Steel (Thailand) Co., LTD	Thailand	49
SSAB Swedish Steel Aceros de Chile Limitada	Chile	100
SSAB Swedish Steel BV	The Netherlands	100
SSAB Swedish Steel CIS	Russia	100
SSAB Swedish Steel Comércio de Aço Ltda.	Brazil	100
SSAB Swedish Steel Eesti OU	Estonia	100
SSAB Swedish Steel FZE	United Arab Emirates	100
SSAB Swedish Steel India PVT Ltd	India	100
SSAB Swedish Steel International Trade (Kunshan)Co	China	100
SSAB Swedish Steel Lda	Angola	100
SSAB Swedish Steel Lda	Portugal	100
SSAB Swedish Steel LLC.	Ukraine	100
SSAB Swedish Steel LLP	Kazakhstan	100
SSAB Swedish Steel Ltd	Canada	100
SSAB Swedish Steel Ltd	Great Britain	100
SSAB Swedish Steel Ltd, Shanghai	China	100
SSAB Swedish Steel Ltd.	Korea	100
SSAB Swedish Steel Mepe	Greece	100
SSAB Swedish Steel Pte Ltd	Singapore	100
SSAB Swedish Steel S.L.	Spain	100
SSAB Swedish Steel SARL	Morocco	100
SSAB Swedish Steel s.r.o.	Czech Republic	100
SSAB Swedish Steel Sdn Bhd	Malaysia	100
SSAB Swedish Steel SpA	Italy	100
SSAB Swedish Steel SRL	Romania	100
SSAB Swedish Steel Trading Ltd	Turkey	100

Included in the parent company accounts for SSAB AB, the subsidiary company Ruukki UK Ltd, company registration 1874681, are claiming exemption from audit under section 479A of the Companies Act 2006.

8 Financial assets, shares and participations in affiliated companies and joint venture cont.

Indirectly owned subsidiaries (not directly owned by SSAB AB)

Name	Office	Ownership %
SSAB Swedish Steel Trading Ltd, Ungern	Hungary	100
SSAB Swedish Steel, Serbia	Serbia	100
SSAB Texas Inc.	USA	100
SSAB Wear Solutions LLC	USA	100
Swedish Steel AB Mexico Sa De CV	Mexiko	100
Tappers Stål & Metaller AB	Sweden	100
Tibnor AS	Norway	100
Tibnor AS	Denmark	100
Tibnor Estonia AS	Estonia	100
Tibnor Lanna AB	Sweden	100
Tibnor Oy	Finland	100
Tibnor SIA Latvia	Latvia	100
UAB Ruukki Lietuva	Lithuania	100

9 Inventories

	Group		Parent Company	
SEK millions	**2017**	**2016**	**2017**	**2016**
Raw materials, consumables and semi-finished goods	8,120	4,983	-	-
Slabs	1,412	1,558	-	-
Work in progress	564	913	-	-
Stocks of finished goods	5,939	7,547	-	-
Total inventories	**16,035**	**15,001**	**-**	**-**

SEK 234 (190) million of the inventory value is valued at net realizable value. The share of inventories which is booked as an expense amounts to SEK 58,592 (50,240) million during the period, where of SEK 497 (66) million was reported as an expense relating to impairment of inventories.

10 Prepaid expenses and accrued income

	Group		Parent Company	
SEK millions	**2017**	**2016**	**2017**	**2016**
Delivered, non-invoiced goods and services	53	28	-	-
Bonuses, discounts, licenses and similar	48	44	-	-
Prepaid rents	27	26	3	3
Prepaid insurance premiums	141	162	2	-
Advances raw material	-	47	-	-
Accrued interest income	0	4	0	4
Derivatives reported in hedge accounting	137	372	81	255
Derivatives not reported in hedge accounting	38	51	27	46
Energy taxes	67	48	-	-
Prepaid bank fees	22	46	22	46
Other prepaid expenses	274	287	7	12
Total prepaid expenses and accrued income	**807**	**1,115**	**142**	**366**

11 Other current interest-bearing receivables/Cash and cash equivalents

	Group		Parent Company	
SEK millions	**2017**	**2016**	**2017**	**2016**
Other current interest-bearing receivables				
Restricted funds	2,453	1,812	2,453	1,540
Other current interest-bearing receivables	112	333	-	313
Total current interest-bearing receivables	**2,565**	**2,145**	**2,453**	**1,853**
Cash and cash equivalents				
Cash and bank balances	4,245	3,876	3,187	2,238
Short-term investments (term to maturity of less than three months)	4	3	-	-
Total cash and cash equivalents	**4,249**	**3,879**	**3,187**	**2,238**

All short-term investments and current interest-bearing receivables are valued at amortized costs. Short-term investments with terms to maturity of less than three months consist of *overnight deposits at banks*.

12 Equity

The share capital amounts to SEK 9,062 (9,062) million, divided into 1,029.8 (1,029.8) million shares with a par value of SEK 8.80 (8.80) per share. 304.2 (304.2) million of the shares are Class A shares and 725.7 (725.7) million shares are Class B shares. Each Class A share entitles one vote, while each Class B share entitles the holder to one tenth of a vote. No shares are held in treasury by the Company or its subsidiaries. The average number of shares was 1,029.8 (900.3) million (average number of shares have been adjusted based on the bonus issue element in the rights issue). Other contributed funds amounting to SEK 23,021 (23,021) million and consists of funds paid in by the shareholders in connection with new issues, in excess of the par value of the shares.

Exchange rate differences which arise upon the translation into Swedish kronor of the net investment in foreign subsidiaries are transferred to the translation reserve. The accumulated translation differences amounted to SEK 5,593 (8,579) million. The exchange rate differences in conjunction with the translation of loans or other financial instruments taken up in order to hedge the exchange rate of net assets in foreign subsidiaries are transferred to the reserve for hedge of foreign operations. The accumulated translation differences amounted to SEK -3,686 (-4,689) million.

Exchange rate differences in conjunction with cash flow hedge of significant sales in foreign currency as well as hedge of interest rates from variable to fixed rate are transferred to the reserve for cash flow hedge. The accumulated translation differences amounted to SEK 134 (114) million.

The proposed dividend for 2017 amounts to SEK 1029.8 (0) million which constitutes SEK 1.00 (0.00) per share.

Numbers of shares/share capital	Group	
	2017	**2016**
Numbers of shares in million	1,029.8	1,029.8
Share capital in SEK million	9,062	9,062

Group

SEK millions	Reserve for hedge of foreign operations	Reserve for cashflow hedges	Translation reserve	Total reserves
Reserves, January 1, 2016	-3,642	-119	5,118	1,357
Translation differences during the period	-	-	3,461	3,461
Fair value changes during the period	-1,342	298	-	-1,044
Tax related to fair value changes during the period	295	-61	-	234
Transferred to the income statement	-	-7	-	-7
Tax related to transferred to the income statement	-	3	-	3
Reserves, December 31, 2016	**-4,689**	**114**	**8,579**	**4,004**
Reserves, January 1, 2017	-4,689	114	8,579	4,004
Translation differences during the period	-	-	-2,986	-2,986
Fair value changes during the period	1,286	318	-	1,604
Tax related to fair value changes during the period	-283	-65	-	-348
Transferred to the income statement	-	-291	-	-291
Tax related to transferred to the income statement	-	58	-	58
Reserves, December 31, 2017	**-3,686**	**134**	**5,593**	**2,041**

13 Pensions

Within the Group there are both contribution-based and benefit-based pensions. In respect of contribution-based pensions and the pension plan for white collar staff in Sweden which is taken out with Alecta, the premiums relating to the period that has elapsed are reported as expenses for the year.

The most significant defined benefit plans in the Group are the Finnish pension fund (A-säätiö), the Finnish Pension promise plan and the Norwegian pension fund (CCB Pensionskasse).

Actuarial gains/losses are disclosed in the Other comprehensive income. The actuarial gains on the net pension obligations weere primarily due to a high return on managed assets partly offset by an increase in discount rates.

The total pension expenses are broken down as follows:	Group		Parent Company	
SEK millions	**2017**	**2016**	**2017**	**2016**
Fees for contribution-based plans	709	715	21	14
Fees for pension insurance policies with Alecta[1]	96	101	6	4
Pension expenses, benefit-based plans	24	25	0	0
Special employer's contributions	79	80	8	5
Other	6	8	0	0
Total pension expenses	**914**	**929**	**35**	**23**

[1] Alecta's surplus can be allocated to the policyholders and/or the insurers. At the end of December 2017, Alecta's preliminary surplus in the form of the *collective funding level amounted to 154% compered with 149% as per the* end of 2016. The collective funding level consist of the market value of Alecta's assets as a percentage of insurance commitments calculated in accordance with Alecta's actuarial calculation assumptions, which do not concur with IAS 19.

Following provisions for pension obligations have been made in the balance sheet:	Group		Parent Company	
SEK millions	***2017***	***2016***	***2017***	***2016***
Funded pension obligations	1,350	1,363	-	-
Fair value of managed assets	-1,328	-1,314	-	-
Pension obligations less managed assets	***22***	***49***	-	-
Unfunded pension obligations	352	315	3	3
Pension obligations, net	***374***	***364***	***3***	***3***

Changes in benefit-based obligations during the year:	Group		Parent Company	
SEK millions	**2017**	**2016**	**2017**	**2016**
Pension obligations, January 1	1,679	1,647	3	3
Increase through acquisition of shares/operations	0	0	-	-
Benefits earned during the year	47	43	1	1
Actuarial gains/losses	66	5	-	-
Interest expenses	30	34	0	0
Paid benefits	-119	-131	-1	-1
Curtailments and settlements	-14	-7	-	-
Translation differences	13	88	-	-
Pension obligations, December 31	**1,702**	**1,679**	**3**	**3**

Changes in the value of the managed assets during the year:	Group		Parent Company	
SEK millions	**2017**	**2016**	**2017**	**2016**
Managed assets, January 1	1,315	1,271	-	-
Increase through acquisition of shares/operations	0	0	-	-
Actuarial gains/losses	64	17	-	-
Return during the year	10	21	-	-
Fees from employer	23	40	-	-
Paid benefits	-91	-107	-	-
Curtailments and settlements	-4	3	-	-
Translation differences	11	70	-	-
Managed assets, December 31	**1,328**	**1,315**	-	-
Pension obligations, net	**374**	**364**	**3**	**3**

13 Pensions cont.

Net pension provisions in balance sheet

	Group		Parent Company	
SEK millions	**2017**	**2016**	**2017**	**2016**
Pensions provisions	453	397	3	3
Long-term receivables	79	33	-	-
Pension obligations, net	**374**	**364**	**3**	**3**

Pensions provisions by country, December 31, 2017

SEK millions	Finland	Norway	USA	Sweden	Other	Total
Funded pension obligations	1,033	248	67	2	0	1,350
Fair value of managed assets	954	323	50	1	0	1,328
Pension obligations less managed assets	**79**	**-75**	**17**	**1**	**0**	**22**
Unfunded pension obligations	138	14	117	44	39	352
Pension obligations, net	**217**	**-61**	**134**	**45**	**39**	**374**

Pensions provisions by country, December 31, 2016

SEK millions	Finland	Norway	USA	Sweden	Other	Total
Funded pension obligations	1,010	291	60	3	0	1,364
Fair value of managed assets	947	321	45	2	0	1,315
Pension obligations less managed assets	**63**	**-30**	**15**	**1**	**0**	**49**
Unfunded pension obligations	140	16	80	42	37	315
Pension obligations, net	**203**	**-14**	**95**	**43**	**37**	**364**

Specification of plan assets

Distribution, %	2017	2016
Equity instruments	9.1	8.2
Bonds	47.1	47.4
Real estate	8.7	8.1
Cash	6.3	5.5
Investments funds	27.5	27.5
Other	1.3	3.3
Total	**100.0**	**100.0**

Exposure to the most significant risks in the benefit plans:

ASSET VOLATILITY

The plan holds a significant part of its assets as bonds which over time should provide a lower volatility and carry less risk than equity instruments.

DISCOUNT RATE

The plan obligations are calculated using a discount rate set with a reference to corporate bond yields. A decrease in bond yields increases plan obligations even though this will be partially offset by increase in plan assets.

INFLATION RISK

The plans' benefit obligations are linked to inflation and increase in inflation increases liabilities.

Actuarial assumptions used

2017	Finland	Norway	USA	Sweden
Discount rate, %	1.4	2.7	3.6	0.5
Future salary growth, %	1.6	3.0	3.3	3.0
Pension increase rate, %	1.9	0.5	2.8	0.5
2016				
Discount rate, %	1.6	2.5	4.0	0.5
Future salary growth, %	1.0	3.0	3.3	3.0
Pension increase rate, %	1.7	2.0	2.8	0.5

A 0.5% decrease of discount rate would increase pension obligation by SEK 70 (69) million while an increase of 0.5% would decrease it with SEK 63 (62) million.

A 0.5% increase in Pension increase growth would increase pension obligation by SEK 42 (42) million while a 0.5% decrease would decrease it by SEK 40 (40) million.

14 Deferred tax liabilities and tax receivables

Deferred tax on retained earnings in subsidiaries and affiliated companies is not taken into consideration. To the extent profits are transferred to the parent company, such a transfer is normally exempt from taxation. To the extent such a transfer is not exempt from taxation, the parent company determines the date of such transfer and such transfer will not take place within the foreseeable future.

Changes in deferred tax
(receivables +/liabilities -)

Group

SEK millions	2017 Accelerated depreciation of fixed assets	2017 Unused tax losses	2017 Pension provisions	2017 Long-term deferred income	2017 Deferred tax on surplus values	2017 Other	2017 Total	2016 Accelerated depreciation of fixed assets	2016 Unused tax losses	2016 Pension provisions	2016 Long-term deferred income	2016 Deferred tax on surplus values	2016 Other	2016 Total
Opening balance, January 1	-2,024	844	128	182	-1,207	1,810	-267	-2,051	762	125	267	-1,382	1,437	-842
Changes against earnings	312	-500	-27	4	552	-324	17	128	43	5	-34	264	11	417
Changes against other comprehensive income			9			-288	-279	3		-7			237	233
Changes against investment grant				-49			-49				-67			-67
Increase due to acquisition of shares/operations							-						1	1
Decrease due to disposal of shares/operations							-							0
Translation difference	86	-19	1	-1	68	-140	-5	-104	39	5	16	-89	124	-9
Closing balance, December 31	**-1,626**	**325**	**111**	**136**	**-587**	**1,058**	**-583**	**-2,024**	**844**	**128**	**182**	**-1,207**	**1,810**	**-267**

14 Deferred tax liabilities and tax receivables cont.

Deferred tax receivables and liabilities are distributed as follows:

Deferred taxes	Group	
SEK millions	**2017**	**2016**
Deferred tax liabilities		
• due within 12 months	112	160
• due after more than 12 months	179	894
	291	**1,054**
Deferred tax liabilities		
• due within 12 months	0	0
• due after more than 12 months	-874	-1,321
Total	**-874**	**-1,321**
Deferred tax, net	**-583**	**-267**

Changes in deferred tax (receivables +/liabilities -)	Parent Company			
SEK millions	**Unused tax losses**	**Pension provisions**	**Other**	**Total**
Opening balance, January 1, 2016	291	20	65	376
Changes against earnings	190	1	18	209
Changes against other comprehensive income	-	-	0	0
Closing balance, December 31, 2016	**481**	**21**	**83**	**585**
Opening balance, January 1, 2017	481	21	83	585
Changes against earnings	-328	4	-82	-406
Changes against other comprehensive income	-	-	-5	-5
Closing balance, December 31, 2017	**153**	**25**	**-4**	**174**

A deferred tax receivable due to losses carried forward is recognized as an asset only to the extent that it is likely that the deduction can be set off against future surpluses. The Group did not recognize deferred tax receivables on losses carried forward in the amount of SEK 1,029 (1,432) million. SEK 57 (31) million of these will expire within 12 months.

15 Other provisions

Group

SEK millions	Restructuring *provision*	Warranties *provision*	Environmental *provision*	Other *provisions*[1]	Total
Opening balance, January 1, 2016	23	40	62	124	249
Additional provisions	39	11	5	53	108
Utilized during the year	-33	-3	-2	-115	-153
Reclassification	-	-1	-	-3	-4
Translation difference	1	1	2	3	7
Closing balance, December 31, 2016	**30**	**48**	**67**	**62**	**207**
Opening balance, January 1, 2017	30	48	67	62	207
Additional provisions	2	6	5	58	71
Utilized during the year	-17	-6	-17	-26	-66
Reclassification	-	-	-	-	0
Translation difference	0	1	2	-1	2
Closing balance, December 31, 2017	**15**	**49**	**57**	**93**	**214**

of which reported as:

	2017	2016
• Other long-term provisions	138	132
• Short-term provisions	76	75

Parent Company

SEK millions	Other provisions[1]	Total
Opening balance, January 1, 2016	44	44
Additional provisions	1	1
Utilized during the year	-24	-24
Reclassification	-	-
Closing balance, December 31, 2016	**21**	**21**
Opening balance, January 1, 2017	21	21
Additional provisions	44	44
Utilized during the year	-10	-10
Reclassification	-	-
Closing balance, December 31, 2017	**55**	**55**

of which reported as:

	2017	2016
• Other long-term provisions	40	18
• Short-term provisions	15	3

[1] "Other provisions" consists primarily of personnel-related provisions.

16 Interest-bearing liabilities

Long-term interest-bearing liabilities	Group		Parent Company	
SEK millions	**2017**	**2016**	**2017**	**2016**
Capital market debt[1]	8,858	12,396	7,854	11,184
Financial leasing agreements	487	536	-	-
Bank loans[2]	6,551	6,499	6,087	6,384
Alabama tax revenue bond[3]	1,784	1,969	-	-
Other	163	903	-	-13
Total	**17,843**	**22,303**	**13,941**	**17,555**
Less amortization, financial leasing agreements	-63	-	-	-
Less amortization 2018 and 2017	-1,727	-3,552	-1,072	-2,903
Total	**16,053**	**18,751**	**12,870**	**14,652**

[1] For description, see Specification of capital market debt in the adjacent table.
[2] For description, see Specification of bank loans in the adjacent table.
[3] For description, see Specification of Alabama tax revenue bond in the adjacent table.

Issued/matures	Interest rate (nominal), %	Group		Parent Company	
		Outstanding, SEK millions			
SEK millions		**2017**	**2016**	**2017**	**2016**
Specification of capital market debt					
Fixed interest					
2009–2023	2.903–5.35	832	1,164	-	176
2014–2019	3.875–4.625	2,588	2,833	2,588	2,833
2007–2019	3.875–5.875	-	2,428	-	2,428
Total capital market debt (fixed interest)		**3,420**	**6,425**	**2,588**	**5,437**
Variable interest					
2012–2022	Stibor + 2.50 – 3.40	1,803	1,775	1,803	1,775
2010–2034	Libor + 1.20 – 3.30	2,873	3,398	2,873	3,398
2013–2020	Euribor + 1.40 – 2.60	763	796	591	573
Total capital market debt (variable interest)		**5,438**	**5,969**	**5,266**	**5,746**
Specification of bank loans					
Variable interest					
2013–2019	Euribor + 1.10 – 2.12	1,626	1,070	1,162	955
2008–2022	Libor + 1.80 – 2.00	4,925	5,429	4,925	5,429
Total bank loans		**6,551**	**6,499**	**6,087**	**6,384**
Specification of Alabama tax revenue bond					
Variable interest					
2011–2031	Libor + 1.20%	474	523	-	-
2011–2040	Libor + 1.25%	1,310	1,446	-	-
Total Alabama tax revenue bond		**1,784**	**1,969**	-	-

16 Interest-bearing liabilities cont.

Repayment of long-term interest-bearing liabilities

SEK millions	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	Later
As per December 31, 2017						
Group	1,791	5,610	1,476	189	4,876	3,901
Parent Company	1,072	5,312	1,231	0	4,689	1,637

Repayment of long-term interest-bearing liabilities

SEK millions	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	Later
As per December 31, 2016						
Group	3,552	3,891	5,061	5,137	182	4,480
Parent Company	2,903	3,176	4,777	4,892	-	1,807

Short-term interest-bearing liabilities	*Group*		*Parent Company*	
SEK millions	**2017**	**2016**	**2017**	**2016**
Current part of long-term liabilities	1,727	3,552	1,072	2,903
Commercial paper	207	935	207	935
Current part of financial leasing agreements	63	-	-	-
Overdraft facilities	13	6	-	-
Other short-term interest-bearing liabilities	1	4	-	-
Total short-term interest-bearing liabilities	**2,011**	**4,497**	**1,279**	**3,838**

Loan debts are valued at the amortized cost. Most of the loans in foreign currency is used as hedging for the net investment in SSAB Americas and Rautaruukki and thus has not been hedged.

On the balance sheet date, the Group's exposure on the long-term interest-bearing liabilities to changes in interest rates and the contractually agreed dates for interest renegotiation with respect to borrowing was as follows:

Amount falling due for interest rate renegotiation

SEK millions	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	Later
As per December 31, 2017						
Group	10,524	4,096	151	148	2,425	498
Parent Company	7,885	3,829	-	-	2,227	-

Amount falling due for interest rate renegotiation

SEK millions	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	Later
As per December 31, 2016						
Group	15,406	2,367	2,978	16	14	1,522
Parent Company	12,620	2,106	2,829	-	-	-

Reported amounts, per currency, for the Group's borrowing are set forth in Note 28.

17 Other long-term non-interest-bearing liabilities

Other long-term non-interest-bearing liabilities	Group		Parent Company	
SEK millions	**2017**	**2016**	**2017**	**2016**
Investment grant (Alabama tax credit)	151	219	-	-
Other long-term employee benefits	175	160	-	-
Long-term hedge accounted derivatives	19	62	-	-
Other items	1	7	-	-
Total other long-term non-interest-bearing liabilities	**346**	**448**	**-**	**-**

18 Accrued expenses and deferred income

Accrued expenses and deferred income	Group		Parent Company	
SEK millions	**2017**	**2016**	**2017**	**2016**
Accrued personnel expenses	1,136	1,138	0	25
Non-invoiced goods and services received	570	801	-	-
Accrued interest expenses	159	157	142	144
Accrued discounts, bonuses and complaints	66	67	-	-
Derivatives reported in hedge accounting	93	431	61	401
Derivatives not reported in hedge accounting	92	141	35	105
Revaluation, hedged orders	0	0	-	-
Energy taxes	76	51	-	-
Other items	105	81	5	3
Total accrued expenses and deferred income	**2,297**	**2,867**	**243**	**678**

19 Net debt

	Group		Parent Company	
SEK millions	**2017**	**2016**	**2017**	**2016**
Cash and cash equivalents	4,245	3,876	3,187	2,238
Short-term investments	4	3	-	-
Receivables from subsidiaries	-	-	12,976	13,463
Other receivables	2,788	2,434	2,510	1,962
Interest-bearing assets	**7,037**	**6,313**	**18,673**	**17,663**
Short-term interest-bearing liabilities	2,011	4,497	1,279	3,838
Long-term interest-bearing liabilities	16,052	18,751	12,870	14,652
Pension provisions	453	397	3	3
Liabilities to subsidiaries	-	-	8,746	6,766
Other liabilities	94	555	37	488
Interest-bearing liabilities	**18,611**	**24,200**	**22,935**	**25,747**
Net debt	**11,574**	**17,887**	**4,262**	**8,084**

For definitions of Net debt, see Note 30.

20 *Average number of employees and gender breakdown*

	Number of employees		Women, %	
	2017	**2016**	**2017**	**2016**
Parent Company				
Sweden	61	56	50	51
Total, Parent Company	**61**	**56**	**50**	**51**
Subsidiaries				
Sweden	6,519	6,676	20	20
Finland	5,260	5,199	14	14
USA	1,306	1,304	12	12
Russia	793	1,095	27	28
Poland	716	669	24	25
Norway	196	207	20	19
Estonia	146	130	23	24
Lithuania	135	121	11	12
Canada	97	96	16	16
China	93	92	29	29
Ukraine	78	88	21	19
South Africa	70	79	17	17
Czechia	64	60	38	30
Italy	49	45	29	36
Germany	47	46	36	30
Great Britain	45	43	26	26
Denmark	44	43	36	37
Netherlands	39	37	21	27
Romania	33	48	36	34
Brazil	31	29	38	34
Latvia	30	29	17	21
France	28	26	37	35
Spain	25	23	16	17
Other < 20 employees	253	140	25	25
Total, subsidiaries	**16,097**	**16,325**	**19**	**18**
Total, Group	**16,158**	**16,381**	**18**	**19**

Average number of employees is calculated as an average of the total number of employees at the end of each quarter during the year. The percentage of women relates to the numbers employed on December 31. Women accounted for 34 (29) percent of the members of all boards of directors in the Group, while the figure for the Board of Directors of the parent company was 25 (27) percent. The percentage of women in the management groups (including Presidents) in the Group was 26 (24) percent. The Group Executive Committee comprises seven men and two women.

21 Leasing

Operational leasing	Group		Parent Company	
SEK millions	**2017**	**2016**	**2017**	**2016**
Leasing charges during the year	**321**	**285**	**12**	**11**

The agreed minimum leasing charges relating to operational leasing agreements that cannot be terminated amount to SEK 195 million for 2018, a total of SEK 386 million for 2019–2022, and to SEK 149 million for the years after 2022. Operational leasing includes an oxygen plant unit and a deep-water harbour, office equipment, leases for property, premises and railway wagons for transportation in the steel operations.

Financial leasing	Group		Parent Company	
SEK millions	**2017**	**2016**	**2017**	**2016**
Leasing charges during the year	**83**	**86**	**-**	**-**

Agreed minimum leasing charges for 2018 amount to SEK 64 million and to a total of SEK 187 million for 2019–2022. The present value of financial leasing liabilities is SEK 487 (536) million. Financial leasing includes three oxygen plant units and a lime burning kiln, other production- and office facilities, a switchgear, rolling stock for transportation in the steel operations, as well as a number of fork lift trucks.

22 Pledged assets

	Group		Parent Company	
SEK millions	**2017**	**2016**	**2017**	**2016**
Real property mortgages	60	59	-	-
Restricted funds	2,453	1,812	2,453	1,540
Total pledged assets	**2,513**	**1,871**	**2,453**	**1,540**

Restricted funds are mostly collateral for extended credit terms relating to purchases of raw materials.

23 Contingent liabilities

	Group		Parent Company	
SEK millions	**2017**	**2016**	**2017**	**2016**
Contingent liabilities regarding subsidiaries' obligations[1]	1,091	1,140	2,890	2,980
Other contingent liabilities[2]	1,583	1,565	106	100
Total contingent liabilities	**2,674**	**2,705**	**2,996**	**3,080**

[1] The Group's contingent liabilities for subsidiaries' obligations related primarily to bank guarantees and performance guarantees. Of the parent company, SEK 1,851 (2,044) million relates to guarantees for subsidiaries' loan.
[2] The Group's Other contingent liabilities consist mainly of guarantees on liabilities of associated companies for which the Group has individual responsibility, as well as lease obligations and unrecognized pension obligations. Other contingent liabilities for the parent company consist primarily of unrecognized pension obligations.has individual responsibility, as well as lease obligations and unrecognized pension obligations. Other contingent liabilities for the parent company consist primarily of unrecognized pension obligations.

CONDITIONS NOT REPORTED AS CONTINGENT LIABILITY

The Group is involved in a very limited number of legal disputes concering insurance and warranty matters, as well as complaints. The anticipated outcome of these cases has been taken into consideration in the accounting.

24 Untaxed reserves and appropriations

Untaxed reserves	Parent Company	
SEK millions	**2017**	**2016**
Tax allocation reserve	-	-
Total untaxed reserves in the balance sheet	-	-

Appropriations	Parent Company	
SEK millions	**2017**	**2016**
Group contribution, received	1,423	1,100
Group contribution, given	-	-
Change in tax allocation reserve	-	-
Total appropriations in the income statement	**1,423**	**1,100**

25 Acquisition shares and operations

In 2017, the Group has invested in 50% of the shares in Stoxy Solutions AB at the amount of SEK 10 million and also one third of the shares in Hybrit Development at the amount of SEK 1 million. The Group's liquid funds was negatively affected by SEK 11 million. During 2016, the Group invested additional SEK 46 million in Raahen Voima Oy, Finland. The ownership was unchanged at 75%. In total, the Group's cash and cash equivalents was negatively impacted by SEK 46 million. For more information, see Note 3.

Expenses associated with acquisitions have been reported as costs.

PARENT COMPANY

In 2017, SSAB AB invested in 50% of the shares in Stoxy Solutions AB at the amount of SEK 10 million and also one third of the shares in Hybrit Development AB at the amount of SEK 1 million. The Parent Company's liquid funds was negatively affected by SEK 11 million. During 2016, no aquisitions were made.

26 Cash flow

Below a reconciliation of liabilities reported financing activities in the cash flow statement.

The Group

			Non-cash flow items		
SEK millions	**Opening balance January 1, 2017**	**Cash flows**	***Exchange differences***	***Reclassifications***	**Closing balance December 31, 2017**
Capital market debts	12,396	-3,100	-262	-176	8,858
Financial leaseing agreements	536	-66	17	-	487
Bank loans	6,499	-3	-516	571	6,551
Alabama tax revenue bond	1,969	-11	-174	-	1,784
Commercial paper	935	-729	1	-	207
Other	913	-99	-243	-395	176
Total	**23,248**	**-4,008**	**-1,177**	**-**	**18,063**

The Parent Company

			Non-cash flow items		
SEK millions	**Opening balance January 1, 2017**	**Cash flows**	**Exchange differences**	**Reclassifications**	**Closing balance December 31, 2017**
Capital market debts	11,184	-2,795	-359	-176	7,854
Bank loans	6,384	-3	-470	176	6,087
Commercial papers	935	-729	1	-	207
Other	-13	13	-	-	-
Total	**18,490**	**-3,514**	**-828**	**-**	**14,148**

27 Business segments

The Group Executive Committee has established the business segments based on the information used for making strategic decisions. SSAB's overriding strategy is that SSAB will be a global leader within high-strength steels, the leading supplier on its domestic markets, and the leader within added value services. The key features of SSAB's strategic plan of action are based on creating a flexible business, a superior customer experience, and a high-performing organization. Since September 1, 2014, the Group is organized into five reportable business segments designated as divisions, with a clear profit responsibility. The business segments consist of the three steel divisions: SSAB Special Steels, SSAB Europe and SSAB Americas as well as the fully owned subsidiaries: Tibnor and Ruukki Construction. Tibnor and Ruukki Construction are operated as independent subsidiaries by their respective Boards and act at arm's length in relation to SSAB.

For more information about each business segment, see page 153. In addition, there are other business segments that are not reportable since they do not reach the threshold values set forth in IFRS 8 and they are not monitored separately by the Group Executive Committee; they are included in "Other".

Segment reporting takes place in a manner which corresponds to the internal reporting provided to the Group Executive Committee. The Group Executive Committee is the highest executive decision-maker responsible for the allocation of resources, assessment of the business segments' results, and making strategic decisions.

Segment information provided is as follows:

Sales and results per business segment	Total sales		of which internal sales		Operating profit/loss	
SEK millions	**2017**	**2016**	**2017**	**2016**	**2017**	**2016**
Business segments:						
SSAB Special Steels	16,053	12,582	1,832	1,148	1,465	929
SSAB Europe	31,048	25,831	5,144	4,460	2,988	1,050
SSAB Americas	12,727	10,639	176	82	183	110
Tibnor	7,821	6,879	169	149	252	108
Ruukki Construction	5,773	5,304	43	43	171	171
Other	1	14	0	13	-297	-232
Depreciation/amortization on surplus values[1]	-	-	-	-	-924	-844
Items affecting comparability[2]	-	-	-	-	-	-79
Group adjustments	-7,364	-5,895	-7,364	-5,895	-	0
Total	**66,059**	**55,354**	**-**	**-**	**3,838**	**1,213**

[1] *Depreciation and amortization on surplus values for 2017 is related to SSAB Special Steels with SEK 0 (0) million, in SSAB* Europe with SEK- 241 (-211) million, in SSAB Americas with SEK -713 (-636) million, in Tibnor with SEK -23 (-23) million, in Ruukki Construction with SEK 29 (29) million and in Other with SEK -3 (-3) million.

[2] No items affecting comparability during 2017. Items affecting comparability for 2016 is related to Special Steels with SEK -27, SSAB Europe with SEK -50 million, Tibnor with SEK -2 million, Ruukki Construction with SEK 0 million and Other with SEK 0 million.

Balance and cash flow information per business segment	Depreciation and amortization		Maintenance expenditures		Strategic expenditures	
SEK millions	**2017**	**2016**	**2017**	**2016**	**2017**	**2016**
Business segments:						
SSAB Special Steels	537	551	351	250	23	25
SSAB Europe	1,416	1,458	722	560	137	80
SSAB Americas	635	627	204	163	8	55
Tibnor	82	85	32	25	31	26
Ruukki Construction	136	152	26	27	39	87
Other	23	21	31	28	-	-
Depreciation/amortization on surplus values[1]	924	844	-	-	-	-
Total	**3,753**	**3,738**	**1,366**	**1,053**	**237**	**273**

27 Business segments cont.

GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS

The Group's export sales from Sweden and Finland are focused primarily on Europe. However, as a consequence of growth in the Group's niche products, sales in more distant markets are increasing. The manufacture of the Group's steel products take place almost exclusively in Sweden, Finland and the United States.

Sales per geographical area

SEK millions	2017	%	2016	%
Sweden	11,323	17	9,461	17
Finland	6,864	10	6,258	11
Germany	3,439	5	3,229	6
Poland	2,697	4	2,131	4
Denmark	2,409	4	1,776	3
Italy	1,983	3	1,559	3
Great Britain	1,713	3	1,512	3
Rest of EU-28	8,203	12	6,012	11
Norway	2,793	4	2,727	5
Russia	1,036	2	908	2
Rest of Europe	1,419	2	1,335	2
USA	15,229	23	13,071	24
Canada	2,027	3	1,621	3
Rest of the world	4,924	8	3,754	6
Total	**66,059**	**100**	**55,354**	**100**

The table below shows the reported value of tangible and intangible fixed assets and capital expenditures broken down by geographic areas *according to the location of the assets.*

Fixed assets and capital expenditures per country/region	Intangible/tangible fixed assets				Capital expenditures in plants and machinery			
SEK millions	**2017**	**%**	**2016**	**%**	**2017**	**%**	**2016**	**%**
Sweden	7,817	15	8,266	14	638	40	470	36
Finland	14,521	27	15,020	25	642	40	560	42
Rest of EU-28	671	1	578	1	60	4	52	4
Russia	449	1	216	1	8	0	2	0
Rest of Europe	60	0	29	0	6	0	8	1
USA	29,588	55	33,867	58	211	13	216	16
Canada	112	0	123	0	8	1	1	0
Rest of the world	361	1	380	1	30	2	17	1
Total	**53,579**	**100**	**58,479**	**100**	**1,603**	**100**	**1,326**	**100**

28 Financial risk management

Financial risk management is governed by the Group's finance policy. Most financial transactions take place through the parent company's finance function in Stockholm and through SSAB Finance Ireland in Ireland. For a detailed description of the Group's financial risks, see page 167.

REFINANCING RISKS (LIQUIDITY RISKS)
At year-end, long-term borrowing amounted to SEK 16,053 (18,751) million. Borrowing takes place primarily through the bank market and through existing note programs. For long term borrowing up to ten years, a European Medium Term Note program (EMTN) or a Swedish (MTN) program is used, while Swedish and Finnish commercial paper programs are used for borrowing for short terms(< 1 year). The program limit of the EMTN program is EUR 2,000 million; the MTN program has a limit of SEK 7,000 million, while the Swedish commercial paper program has a limit of SEK 5,000 million and the Finnish commercial paper program has a limit of EUR 500 million. The EMTN and MTN programs are rated by Standard & Poor's at BB-.

At year-end, long-term borrowing within the EMTN program amounted to SEK 2,405 (4,236) million, borrowing within the MTN program amounted to SEK 1,998 (2,800) million, borrowing within the Swedish commercial paper program amounted to SEK 100 (259) million and borrowing within the Finnish commercial paper program amounted to SEK 108 (676) million.

At year-end, the Group's liquidity buffer, consisting of cash and cash equivalents, short-term investments and non-utilized binding credit facilities, amounted to SEK 12,508 (10,971) million, equal to 19 (20) percent of sales.

To the extent surplus liquidity arises, the first priority is to repay loans. If that is not possible, the funds are invested in government securities or deposited with approved banks.

The total loan portfolio at year-end was SEK 18,063 (23,244) million, with an average term to maturity of 5.5 (5.1) years.

The maturity structure during the coming years is presented in Note 16.

The contractual payments on the outstanding loan debt, including interest payments and derivative instruments, are shown in the following table:

December 31, 2017

SEK millions	Book value	Contractual cash flow	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	Later
Capital market loans	8,858	9,691	1,344	3,496	1,485	183	1,168	2,015
Bank loans	6,551	7,184	778	2,366	139	138	3,762	-
Alabama tax revenue bond	1,784	2,355	28	28	28	28	28	2,214
Commercial papers	207	208	208	-	-	-	-	-
Other loans	663	663	15	98	67	65	61	357
Total loans	**18,063**	**20,100**	**2,374**	**5,988**	**1,719**	**414**	**5,020**	**4,585**
Derivatives, outflow	221	221	155	38	3	8	16	-
Derivatives, inflow	-205	-205	-183	-14	-5	-	-2	-
Total including derivatives	**18,080**	**20,117**	**2,346**	**6,012**	**1,717**	**422**	**5,035**	**4,585**

In addition to the above loan debts and derivative instruments, there are accounts payable and other current liabilities which are due and payable within one year. Interest flows are calculated based on interest rates and exchange rates at year-end.

28 Financial risk management cont.

MARKET RISKS

Market risks are the risk of changes in market prices, such as interest rates and exchange rates, which can affect the Group's earnings or financial position.

Interest rate risks

At year-end, the total interest bearing loan amounted to SEK 18,063 (23,244) million, of which SEK 8,230 (8,358) million carry or is swapped to fixed interest. Including the interest rate swaps, the average fixed interest term was 1.1 (0.8) years. Given the same loan portfolio, short-term investments, cash and cash equivalents, and the same fixed term rates as at the end of the year, including interest hedging, a change in market interest rates of 100 basis points (1 percentage point), would change earnings after tax by approximately SEK 26 (74) million. Loans which are subject to rate negotiation in the coming years are shown in Note 16.

At year-end, the value of interest rate swaps converting floating to fixed interest (entered into to secure cash flow in conjunction with interest payments) was SEK 18 (-3) million, which is reported in 'Other comprehensive income'. No inefficiency was identified during the year.

The Group's interest-bearing assets amounted to SEK 7,037 (6,312) million and consisted almost exclusively of cash and cash equivalents at variable interest rates.

Currency risks

Most of the commercial currency flows which qualify for hedge accounting (at present, purchases in USD of iron ore, coal and zinc) are hedged. In the course of 2017, net hedges of sales in EUR has been done, but nothing outstanding at the end of the year.

Major currency flows relating to Ruukki Construction project business are hedged. Major investments decided upon in foreign currency are hedged in their entirety. Other commercial currency flows that arise in connection with purchases and sales in foreign currency are short term in nature and thus no hedging takes place; instead, they are exchanged on the spot market.

The Group had a total net inflow of foreign currency. The net foreign currency inflow in 2017 was SEK 6.8 (5.1) billion. The Group's most important currency flows are shown in the diagram on page 168.

Based on revenues and expenses in foreign currency in 2017, a five percentage point devaluation of the Swedish krona against all currencies, including FX hedging, would have an annual positive effect on earnings after tax of SEK 830 (490) million. In addition to this equity would be positively affected by the translation effect of foreign subsidiaries, net of equity hedges, with about SEK 2,000 (2,000) million.

A five percentage point devaluation of the Swedish krona against the Group's two most important currencies, USD and EUR, would have a negative impact on earnings after tax of approximately SEK -510 (390) million with respect to USD and a positive impact of just over SEK 520 (370) million with respect to EUR. The negative effect vis-à-vis USD is due to an increased cost for the Group's purchases of raw materials (coal, iron ore and scrap metal) in the amount of approximately SEK 1,370 (520) million, a positive effect on the business' net flows of USD in other respects of approximately SEK 870 (145) million, and a negative impact as regards increased interest payments of approximately SEK 10 (15) million. The positive impact with respect to EUR consists of a positive effect on the business' net flows. The negative impact as regards to increased interest payments in EUR is approximately SEK 7 (7) million.

In 2017, net exchange rate differences were reported in the amount of SEK -1 (113) million in operating profit and SEK 26 (35) million in financial items.

As per December 31, the breakdown per currency of account receivables, other current receivables and derivative instruments was as follows:

Breakdown per currency	Group		Parent Company	
SEK millions	**2017**	**2016**	**2017**	**2016**
SEK	1,663	1,539	7	5
USD	1,941	1,801	90	214
EUR	3,042	3,046	18	88
Other currencies	2,025	1,818	-	-
Total	**8,672**	**8,204**	**115**	**307**
Of which:				
Accounts receivable	7,822	7,118	-	-
Other current receivables	675	663	8	5
Derivative instruments[1]	175	423	107	302
Total	**8,672**	**8,204**	**115**	**307**

[1] Derivative instruments are included in the balance sheet item 'Prepaid expenses and accrued income' in the amount of SEK 175 (423) million and, for the parent company, SEK 107 (302) million.

28 Financial risk management cont.

As per December 31, the breakdown per currency of accounts payable, other current liabilities and derivative instruments was as follows:

Breakdown per currency	Group		Parent Company	
SEK millions	**2017**	**2016**	**2017**	**2016**
SEK	1,641	1,421	50	8
USD	5,528	4,005	77	451
EUR	3,089	3,113	96	54
Other currencies	1,400	1,227	4	1
Total	**11,658**	**9,766**	**227**	**514**
Of which:				
Accounts payable	10,215	8,224	20	2
Other current liabilities	1,258	970	110	6
Derivative instruments[1]	185	572	96	506
Total	**11,658**	**9,766**	**227**	**514**

[1] Derivative instruments are included in the balance sheet item 'Accrued expenses and deferred income' in the amount of SEK 185 (572) million and, for the parent company, SEK 96 (506) million.

Borrowing broken down per currency	Group		Parent Company	
SEK millions	**2017**	**2016**	**2017**	**2016**
SEK	2,109	3,105	2,092	10,989
USD	9,684	13,103	7,792	2,797
EUR	6,203	6,936	4,264	4,704
Other currencies	67	100	-	-
Total	**18,063**	**23,244**	**14,148**	**18,490**

Borrowing in EUR and USD has not been hedged separately since the borrowing in itself is a hedge of the net investment in Rautaruukki and SSAB Americas.

The objective is to obtain an even balance in which the currency effect on the net investment in Rautaruukki and SSAB Americas has as little impact as possible on the Group's net debt/equity ratio.

At year-end, this net investment amounted to EUR 1,056 (1,620) million and USD 4,231 (4,314) million. In total, loans and currency derivatives subject to hedge accounting amounted to EUR 387 (761) million and USD 1,115 (1,579) million. At year-end, the accumulated fair value change in the hedge reserve on the loans and derivative instruments identified as hedge instruments amounted to SEK -4,911 (-6,197) million. No inefficiency has been identified during 2017 or 2016.

Credit risk

The limits for individual counterparties are evaluated continuously and, during the year, were capped at SEK 2,000 (2,000) million. At year-end, the total counterparty risk was SEK 5,596 (3,339) million, of which derivative instruments accounted for SEK 112 (156) million and investments in cash and cash equivalents amounted to SEK 5,484 (3,184) million.

In addition to the above, there are credit risks associated with accounts receivable and other receivables, which are managed in each subsidiary. Prior to write down in respect of bad debts, these receivables had a gross value of SEK 8,750 (8,089) million. The risk is allocated over a large number of customers. In addition, individual credit rating tests are conducted and limits imposed for each customer.

28 Financial risk management cont.

Age analysis regarding Accounts Receivable and Other receivables

	Group		Parent Company	
SEK millions	**2017**	**2016**	**2017**	**2016**
Not due	6,849	6,359	-	5
1–30 days	1,251	1,084	-	-
31–120 days	405	313	-	-
121–365 days	96	145	-	-
> 365 days	149	188	-	-
Total	**8,750**	**8,089**	**-**	**5**

Bad debts, change

	Group		Parent Company	
SEK millions	**2017**	**2016**	**2017**	**2016**
Opening balance	-307	-286	-	-
Increase through acquisition of business	-	-	-	-
Anticipated bad debt losses	37	-99	-	-
Realized bad debt losses	-	89	-	-
Reversed non-utilized amount	-	3	-	-
Translation differences	17	-14	-	-
Closing balance	**-253**	**-307**	**-**	**-**

No other financial assets have been written down.

VALUATION OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

Currency and commodity derivatives and interest rate swaps

According to the finance policy, currency hedging takes place mainly to minimize the translation risk associated with the impact of changes in exchange rates on the net debt/equity ratio. The translation exposure is hedged primarily through loans in the same currency, in the absence of which currency derivatives may be used instead. At year-end, the net investment in SSAB Americas was hedged with loans amounting to USD 950 (1,185) million and derivative instruments amounting to USD 165 (394) million. Net investment in Rautaruukki at year end was hedged with loans amounting to EUR 459 (459) million and derivative instruments amounting to EUR -72 (302) million.

Currency hedging takes place also with respect to purchases of iron ore, coal and zinc, as well as in relation to major investments in foreign currency. Currency derivatives are valued at fair value in the balance sheet. As regards the currency hedging which meets the requirements for hedge accounting pursuant to IAS 39 and comprises fair value hedging, changes in value of the currency derivatives do not impact on earnings. They are set off in the income statement against corresponding changes in the value of the hedged order. In connection with the delivery of such purchases, the hedged part of the acquired asset is reported at the hedged rate. At year-end, purchase orders for which currency forwards had been contracted had a total value of SEK 2.3 (1.5) billion. At year-end, derivative instruments for 'fair value hedging' had a reported net fair value of SEK 4 (74) million, while purchase orders subject to hedge accounting and accounts payables related to hedged purchase orders were reported at SEK -4 (-74) million. There was no inefficiency at the end of the accounting year.

Part of the currency hedges relating to USD denominated raw material purchases meet the requirements of cash flow hedge accounting pursuant to IAS 39. The effective part of movements in the fair value of the derivatives that are designated as and qualify for cash flow hedging is recognized in Other comprehensive income. The result of USD-denominated derivatives is transferred from the reserve for cash flow hedges in equity to adjust the cost of goods sold in the period when the hedged item affects the result. The ineffective part of movements in the fair value of the derivatives is booked directly to other operating expenses. There were no ineffective hedges and no ineffectiveness during the year or at the end of the year. At year-end, the total value of forecast purchases in respect of which currency forwards had been contracted was SEK 1.6 (1.8) billion. At year end, derivatives for 'cash flow hedging' had reported net fair value of SEK -29 (96) million of which SEK -9 (22) million was reported in Other comprehensive income.

Currency hedging policy allows for hedging forecasted sales in EUR. At year-end, there is no EUR hedges outstanding. For currency hedging which meets the requirements for hedge accounting, changes in value of a currency derivative do not impact on earnings. They are reported in 'Other comprehensive income'. In connection with sales, accumulated amounts are reversed from the hedge reserve in equity to the income statement in the periods in which the hedged item affects earnings. At year-end, the total value of forecasted sales in respect of which currency forwards had been contracted was SEK 0 (1.6) billion. At year-end, derivative instruments which relate to forecast sales and which meet the requirements for hedge accounting amounted to net SEK 0 (-9) million, of which SEK 0 (-9) million was reported in 'Other comprehensive income'. There was no inefficiency at the end of the accounting year.

Cash flow hedging is applied when hedging price risk in zinc and electricity. The zinc and electricity derivatives employed by the group have been defined as cash flow hedges. The relationship between the hedging instrument and the hedged item is documented when the hedging contract is made. Hedge effectiveness is measured both at the start of the hedging relationship and quarterly throughout the duration of the relationship. The effective

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part of movements in the fair value of the derivatives that are designated as and qualify for cash flow hedging is recognized in 'Other comprehensive income'. The ineffective part of movements in the fair value of the derivatives is booked directly to 'Other operating expenses'. The realized income of the effective part of hedges is recognized as an adjustment to the cost of sales in the period during which the hedged items affects the result.

Zinc is used for producing galvanized steel products. At year-end, the amount of forecast purchases in respect of which zinc derivatives had been contracted was 4,800 (15,300) tonnes. At year-end, derivative instruments which relate to forecast zinc purchases and which meet the requirements for hedge accounting amounted to net SEK 25 (70) million, of which SEK 19 (51) million was reported in 'Other comprehensive income'. There was no inefficiency at the end of the accounting year.

Electricity price risk relating to forecasted electricity consumption at the mills in Raahe and Hämeelinna in Finland is partly hedged through standard derivative products listed on the market, partly by physical delivery contracts. At year-end, the amount of forecast purchases in respect of which electricity derivatives had been contracted was 2,594 (2,499) GWh. At year-end, derivative instruments which relate to forecasted electricity purchases and which meet the requirements for hedge accounting amounted to net SEK 25 (-45) million, of which SEK 25 (-45) million was reported in 'Other comprehensive income'. There was no inefficiency at the end of the accounting year.

Cash flow hedging also takes place in respect of certain loans carrying floating interest rates where a variable to fixed interest rate swap is used. For interest-rate derivatives which meet the requirements for hedge accounting pursuant to IAS 39, changes in the value of the interest rate derivative do not impact on earnings. They are reported in 'Other comprehensive income'. At year-end, such interest-rate derivatives had a booked fair value of SEK 18 (-3) million, of which SEK 18 (-3) million was reported in 'Other comprehensive income'. There was no inefficiency at the end of the accounting year.

Derivative instruments which are not reported in hedge accounting are valued at fair value in the income statement. At year-end, these non-realized derivative instruments amounted to net SEK -54 (-90) million, of which SEK 17 (13) million was reported in 'Other operating income' and SEK -71 (-103) million was reported in 'Financial items'.

The Group's total outstanding FX derivatives had an average maturity of 2 (2) months, commodity derivatives 21 (19) months and interest rate derivatives 46 (24) months at year-end.

VALUATION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

The table below shows the reported value compared with the assessed fair value per type of financial asset and liability:

Group	Reported value		Fair value	
SEK millions	**2017**	**2016**	**2017**	**2016**
Financial assets				
2. Financial fixed assets	303	274	303	274
1. Currency derivatives not subject to hedge accounting[1]	38	51	38	51
4. Currency derivatives for 'fair value hedging' of flows[1]	31	75	31	75
4. Currency derivatives for hedging of sales[1]	0	4	0	4
4. Currency derivatives for hedging of purchases[1]	0	99	0	99
4. Derivatives for hedging of commodities[1]	57	117	57	117
4. Currency derivatives for hedging of net investments[1]	29	74	29	74
4. Interest rate derivatives for hedging of interest flows[1]	21	2	21	2
2. Accounts receivable	7,822	7,118	7,821	7,118
2. Other current interest-bearing receivables	675	663	673	663
2. Cash and cash equivalents	4,249	3,879	4,249	3,879
Financial liabilities				
3. Long-term interest-bearing liabilities	16,053	18,751	16,195	18,753
3. Current interest-bearing liabilities	2,011	4,493	2,034	4,606
1. Currency derivatives not subject to hedge accounting[1]	92	141	92	141
4. Currency derivatives for 'fair value hedging' of flows[1]	26	1	26	1
4. Currency derivatives for hedging of sales[1]	0	13	0	13
4. Currency derivatives for hedging of purchases[1]	29	-	29	-
4. Derivatives for hedging of commodities[1]	32	30	32	30
4. Currency derivatives for hedging of commodities (long term)[2]	19	62	45	62
4. Currency derivatives for hedging of net investments[1]	2	381	2	381
4. Interest rate derivatives for hedging of interest flows[1]	3	5	3	5
3. Accounts payable	10,215	8,224	10,214	8,224

Balance sheet item classification: 1. Holdings valued at fair value in the income statement; 2. Loan receivables and accounts receivable valued at acquisition value; 3. Financial liabilities valued at amortized cost; 4. Derivatives for hedging valued at fair value.

[1] Derivative instruments are included in the balance sheet items 'Accrued income and prepaid expenses' or 'Accrued expenses and deferred income'.
[2] Derivative instruments are included in the balance sheet item 'Other long-term non-interest bearing liabilities'.

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ASSESSMENT OF FAIR VALUE OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS
The classification takes place hierarchically on three levels based on the input data used in valuing instruments. On level 1, listed prices on an active market are used, e.g. stock exchange prices. On level 2, observable market data regarding assets and liabilities, other than listed prices, is used, e.g. interest rates and return curves. On level 3, the fair value is determined based on an assessment technique which is based on assumptions that are not based on prices or data that are directly observable. The fair value assessment of the financial instruments in SSAB is based on data in accordance with level 2 except electricity derivatives, which fair values are based on listed market values and thus classified on level 1.

Financial assets consist largely of other non-current receivables and are valued at the amount which is expected to be received following an assessment of bad debts.

Derivative instruments are valued at fair value, calculated with established valuation models based on observable market data. At year-end, the derivatives were valued at SEK 221 (423) million as financial assets and SEK -205 (-634) million as financial liabilities. If full netting had been applied the derivatives had been booked at SEK 113 (156) million as financial assets and SEK -96 (-528) million as financial liabilities.

Accounts receivable are reported in the amount which is expected to be received following an individual assessment of bad debts. There is no concentration of credit risks since the Group has a large number of customers spread throughout the world.

Other current interest-bearing receivables consist of restricted cash with a term to maturity of less than 12 months. Fair value is estimated at the acquisition value.

Cash and cash equivalents consist of bank balances and bank deposits with short terms to maturity, and the fair value is estimated at acquisition value.

Non-current interest-bearing liabilities consist primarily of loans that are not subject to hedge accounting and are valued at amortized cost. Loans subject to hedge accounting are valued and reported at fair value. Fair value has been calculated based on the interest rate for outstanding terms to maturity as applicable at the end of the year.

Current interest-bearing liabilities are valued at amortized cost. Fair value has been calculated based on the rate of interest for outstanding terms to maturity as applicable at the end of the year.

Accounts payable are reported in the amount which is expected to be paid and are valued at acquisition value.

MANAGEMENT OF CAPITAL
The Company's capital management is aimed at ensuring that the operations can continue to be conducted and generate good return for the shareholders. Since the Group's operations are dependent on the business cycle, the target is that the net debt/equity ratio will not normally exceed 35%.

In order to maintain or adapt the capital structure, dividends may be adjusted, share buybacks or redemption may take place, or new issues or divestments of assets may take place in order to reduce liabilities. The dividend target has been revised to 30–50% of profit after tax (earlier 50% over a business cycle taking into consideration the net debt/equity ratio).

The net debt/equity ratio decreased during the year. At year-end, the net debt/equity ratio was 22 (34) percent.

29 Critical estimations and assessments

IMPORTANT ASSESSMENTS UPON APPLICATION OF THE ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLES

In the steel operations' industrial areas, there is a need for future land cleanup. In accordance with applicable rules, such cleanup will become relevant only when SSAB ceases to conduct operations in the area. At present, it is not possible to assess if and when operations will cease and, accordingly, no provision has been made for such land cleanup.

IMPORTANT SOURCES OF UNCERTAINTY IN ESTIMATIONS

Test of impairment of goodwill and other intangible assets with indefinite useful lives

At the end of the year, the annual impairment test was carried out of the goodwill and other intangible assets with indefinite useful lives. The test showed no impairment. The valuation was carried out at a time when the global economy remains characterized by uncertainty. Under these circumstances, it is of course extraordinarily difficult to make an assessment as regards future earning capacity and thereby an assessment of the fair value of assets with indefinite useful lives. The North American operations showed a slight improvement in earnings during the year, by the end of 2016 duties on import of steel products were introduced, which did not give effect in 2017. However, an increased optimism regarding the North American steel business climate could be seen. The calculation of the discount rate is built on the average long-term interest rates during the two-months period November–December. In total, this meant that the room for deterioration in the estimates concerning the cash-generating unit declined compared somewhat and amounted to SEK 1.7 (2.3) billion. For other cash-generating units, it is estimated that there is an adequate room for deterioration in the estimates without this leading to any impairment. For further information on the impairment test, see Note 6.

SSAB North America: A need to start writing down goodwill should arise if the estimated discount rate before tax, which was applied to the discounted cash flows, was more than 0.5 (0.5) percentage points higher than the assessment made in the calculation or if the long-term forecasted gross margins were to be 0.8 (1.0) percentage points lower than the assessment made in the forecast. The impairment test was conducted based on the average risk-free long-term rate in the USA for the period of November to December. At year-end the interest rate was almost 0.2 percentage points higher than the used average rate. Otherwise, the cash-flow valuation was based on the assumption of a return to a more normal market for heavy plate in the USA where, among other things, the relationship between steel prices and scrap prices would stabilize at a level where it has been over a longer period of time and import volumes would decline from their current historically high levels.

SSAB Special Steels: A need to start writing down goodwill should arise only if the estimated discount rate before tax, which was applied to the discounted cash flows, was more than 9.2 (7.0) percentage points higher than the assessment made in the calculation or if the long-term forecasted gross margins were to be 6.4 (5.2) percentage points lower than the assessment made in the forecast.

SSAB Europe: A need to start writing down goodwill should arise only if the estimated discount rate before tax, which was applied to the discounted cash flows, was more than 15.0 (4.3) percentage points higher than the assessment made in the calculation or if the long-term forecasted gross margins were to be 8.6 (3.2) percentage points lower than the assessment made in the forecast.

Tibnor: A need to start writing down goodwill should arise only if the estimated discount rate before tax, which was applied to the discounted cash flows, was more than 10.6 (3.1) percentage points higher than the assessment made in the calculation or if the long-term forecasted gross margins were to be 2.8 (1.0) percentage points lower than the assessment made in the forecast.

Ruukki Construction: A need to start writing down goodwill or other assets with indefinite useful lives should arise only if the estimated discount rate before tax, which was applied to the discounted cash flows, was more than 13.8 (21.3) percentage points higher than the assessment made in the calculation or if the long-term forecasted gross margins were to be 5.3 (7.0) percentage points lower than the assessment made in the forecast.

Alabama tax credit

SSAB's subsidiary in Alabama, USA has carried out a number of investments which are covered by an investment grant program. The program provides an entitlement to tax deductions on the calculated state tax for each year in respect of the profit which can be allocated to each specific investment. The program extends over 20 years and, in order to obtain the grant in any specific year, state tax must be payable and certain criteria must be fulfilled as regards number of employees and paid minimum wages. A calculation of the future state tax has been made based on results in previous years budget and assumptions regarding future profitability. The assessment led to a recording of a deferred tax asset of SEK 151 (219) million.

The received grant will increase or decrease if the taxable result in Alabama is higher or lower than estimated. In the event the company fails to satisfy the criteria as regards workforce size and minimum wages, no grant will be received at all.

29 Critical estimations and assessments cont.

Pension benefits

A large part of the Group's pension obligations with respect to white collar staff are benefit-based and insured on a collective basis with Alecta. Since it is not possible at present to obtain information from Alecta regarding the Group's share of the obligations and managed assets, the pension plan taken out with Alecta is reported as a contribution-based plan. The funding level reported by Alecta at the end of the year does not indicate the existence of a deficit; however, it is not possible to obtain any detailed information from Alecta regarding the amount of the pension liabilities.

The Group's benefit-based plans at the end of the year amounted to SEK 1,702 (1,679) million. The obligation is sensitive to, among other things, interest rate changes and pension increase growth assumptions. Sensitivity in the most critical parameters is described in Note 13.

Inventory

Inventories are affected by assumptions and estimates regarding product costing, application of the Lower of Cost or Market method and estimates of obsolescence. SSAB's inventories at year end amounted to SEK 16,035 (15,001) million, where of SEK 234 (190) million were valued at net realizable value.

Accounts receivable

Provision for bad debts is based on assessments of the customers' payment ability and, by their nature, are difficult to estimate. The item has been the subject of special assessment and, compared with the preceding year, the provision for bad debts was decreased by SEK 55 million to SEK 253 (308) million, thereby representing 3.1 (4.1) % of outstanding accounts receivable.

30 Definitions

CAPITAL EMPLOYED
Total assets less non-interest-bearing current and long-term liabilities.

CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS
Cash and bank balances, as well as short-term investments with a term to maturity of less than three months on the date of acquisition.

CASH FLOW FROM CURRENT OPERATIONS
Operational cash flow less financial items and paid tax.

EARNINGS PER SHARE
Profit for the year attributable to the parent company's shareholders divided by the average number of shares.

EBITDA
Operating profit before depreciation and amortization .

EBITDA MARGIN
Operating profit before depreciation and amortization as a percentage of total sales.

EQUITY
Total equity according to the consolidated balance sheet.

EQUITY PER SHARE
Equity, excluding minority interests, divided by number of shares at year-end.

EQUITY RATIO
Equity as a percentage of total assets.

ITEMS AFFECTING COMPARABILITY
Items in the income statement where the result of transactions of a non-recurring nature in the company's operations makes comparison difficult with the result of other periods are treated as items affecting comparability.

MAINTENANCE CAPITAL EXPENDITURES
Investments involving maintenance, rationalization, replacements or which relate to the environment and are made in order to maintain competitiveness.

NET DEBT
Interest-bearing liabilities less interest-bearing assets.

NET DEBT/EQUITY RATIO
Net debt as a percentage of equity.

OPERATING CASH FLOW
Funds generated from operations including change in working capital as well as cash flow for regular maintenance investments, but before financial items and paid tax.

OPERATING MARGIN
Operating profit/loss as a percentage of total sales.

P/E RATIO
Share price at year-end divided by earnings per share.

RETURN ON EQUITY AFTER TAX
Profit for the year after tax as a percentage of average equity per month during the year.

RETURN ON CAPITAL EMPLOYED BEFORE TAX
Operating profit increased by financial revenue as a percentage of average capital employed per month during the year.

SALES
Sales less deduction for value added tax, discounts and returns.

STRATEGIC CAPITAL EXPENDITURES
Investments that increase the cash flow through acquisitions of shares and operations, investments in plant expansion or new competitiveness-enhancing technology.

YIELD
Dividend as a percentage of the share price at year-end.

31 Considerations relating to proposed allocation of profit

At the 2018 Annual General Meeting, the shareholders will, among other things, vote on the dividend proposed by the Board of Directors.

At the end of the year, the retained earnings of the Group were SEK 19,107 (16,804) million and the parent company's unrestricted equity was SEK 52,407 (50,436) million. The equity included unrealized profits resulting from financial instruments being reported at market value in the amount of SEK 0 (0) million.

The net debt was SEK 11,574 (17,887) million, resulting the net debt/equity ratio decreasing with 12 percentage points, from 34 to 22 percent. Since the Group's operations are dependent on the business cycle, the target is that the net debt/equity ratio will not normally exceed 35%. The Group had a positive result after tax of SEK 2,311 million.

SSAB's goal to reduce the net debt by SEK 10 billion between the beginning of the first quarter of 2016 and the end of 2017 was exceeded by SEK 2.2 billion. From the end of the first quarter 2016, the net debt decreased by SEK 12.2 billion.

Considering this background, the Board proposes to the Annual General Meeting dividend to be paid by SEK 1.00 per share, corrensponding to SEK 1,030 million.

PROPOSED ALLOCATION OF PROFIT

The amount at the disposal of the Annual General Meeting of SSAB AB (publ), reg. no. 556016-3429 is as follows:

Retained earnings	50,451
Profit for the year	1,956
SEK millions	**52,407**

Of this, a share premium reserve comprises SEK 22,469 million and a fair value reserve comprises SEK 14 million.

The Board of Directors and the President recommend that the profit be allocated as follows:

Dividend to the shareholders SEK 1.00 per share	1,030
Carried forward to next year	51,377
SEK millions	**52,407**

According to the consolidated balance sheet, the Group's retained earnings amounted to SEK 19,107 (16,804) million.

The Board of Directors and the President hereby affirm that the consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with international accounting standards, IFRS, as adopted by the EU and provide a true and fair view of the Group's financial position and earnings. The Annual Report has been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and provides a fair and true view of the parent company's financial position and earnings. The report of the directors for the Group and the parent company provides a true and fair overview of the development of the operations, financial position and earnings of the Group and parent company and describes material risks and uncertainty factors facing the parent company and the companies included in the Group.

Stockholm, March 6, 2018

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Our auditor's report was submitted on March 12, 2018
PricewaterhouseCoopers AB

Magnus Svensson Henryson
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AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the general meeting of the shareholders of SSAB AB (publ), corporate identity number 556016-3429

Report on the annual accounts and consolidated accounts

OPINIONS

We have audited the annual accounts and consolidated accounts of SSAB AB (publ) for the year 2017. The annual accounts and consolidated accounts of the company are included on pages 148–233 *in this document.*

In our opinion, the annual accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Annual Accounts Act and present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of parent company as of 31 December 2017 and its financial performance and cash flow for the year then ended in accordance with the Annual Accounts Act. The consolidated accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Annual Accounts Act and present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the group as of 31 December 2017 and their financial performance and cash flow for the year then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS), as *adopted by the EU,* and the Annual Accounts Act. The statutory administration report is consistent with the other parts of the annual accounts and consolidated accounts.

We therefore recommend that the general meeting of *shareholders adopts the income statement and balance* sheet for the parent company and the group.

Our opinions in this report on the the annual accounts and consolidated accounts are consistent with the content of the additional report that has been submitted to the parent company's audit committee in accordance with the Audit Regulation (537/2014) Article 11.

BASIS FOR OPINIONS

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (ISA) and generally accepted auditing standards in Sweden. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities section. We are independent of the parent company and the group in accordance with *professional ethics for accountants in Sweden and have otherwise fulfilled our ethical responsibilities in* accordance with these requirements. This includes that, based on the best of my (our) knowledge and belief, no prohibited services referred to in the Audit Regulation (537/2014) Article 5.1 have been provided to the audited company or, where applicable, its parent company or its controlled companies within the EU.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinions.

OUR AUDIT APPROACH

Audit scope

We designed our audit by determining materiality and assessing the risks of material misstatement in the *consolidated financial statements. In particular,* we considered where management made subjective judgements: for example, in respect of significant accounting estimates that involved making assumptions and considering future events that are inherently uncertain. As in all of our audits, we also addressed the risk of management override of internal controls, including among other matters consideration of whether there was evidence of bias that represented a risk of material misstatement due to fraud.

We tailored the scope of our audit in order to perform sufficient work to enable us to provide an opinion on the consolidated financial statements as a whole, taking into account the structure of the Group, the accounting processes and controls, and the industry in which the group operates.

The scope of our group audit included the parent company, the treasury activities conducted in both the *parent company* and its subsidiaries, all production entities of the steel divisions located in Sweden, Finland and theU.S. and ten of the larger entities for steel distribution globally. In addition, all major entities within RuukkiConstruction and Tibnor were in scope for the group audit. Other entities were audited to the extent *required under local legislation.*

Materiality

The scope of our audit was influenced by our application of materiality. An audit is designed to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement. Misstatements may arise due to fraud or error. They are considered material if individually or in aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of the consolidated financial statements.

Based on our professional judgement, we determined certain quantitative thresholds for materiality, including the overall materiality for the financial statements as a whole. These, together with qualitative considerations, helped us to determine the scope of our audit and the nature, timing and extent of our audit procedures and to evaluate *the effect of misstatements, both individually and in aggregate* on the financial statements as a whole.

KEY AUDIT MATTERS

Key audit matters of the audit are those matters that, in our professional judgment, were of most significance in our audit of the annual accounts and consolidated accounts of the current period. These matters were addressed in the context of our audit of, and in forming our opinion thereon, the annual accounts and consolidated accounts as a whole, but we do not provide a separate opinion on these matters.

	Key audit matter	How our audit addressed the Key audit matter
VALUATION OF GOODWILL RELATED TO SSAB AMERICAS Information on goodwill is disclosed in note 6, note 29 and in the accounting principles in the annual report.	SSAB's goodwill is allocated to the five cash generating units of the group. The fundamental value of the goodwill items is based on forecasts of future events that are inherently uncertain. We have focused on the goodwill allocated to the U.S. business in our audit, because that item is the most significant. The headroom between calculated values-in-use and carrying amounts for the other cash generating units is large. The value of the business's assets is largely dependent on the business's ability to generate cash flows in the long term. The profitability of the American business is affected by many factors including; sales volumes, steel prices, prices on scrap and other raw materials and the efficiency of the mills. Profitability in the steel business as a whole has been low over the past several years and the possibility of reaching a satisfactory return has been negatively affected by overcapacity overseas which has led to increased imports.	We have verified that the forecasted cash flows included in the impairment test for the next year are based on the recurring budgets and forecasts prepared by management. We have reconciled that the assumptions used for the first years of the forecast are consistent with management's strategic plans and intentions. And we have evaluated the long term margin and growth rate that the company use to forecast cash flows beyond the first five year period. Our evaluation included a comparison of the assumptions used to historical performance of the company and to forecasts from external sources. Our tests of the discount rate used for calculation purposes, included and assessment of whether the discount rate reflects the specific and general risks related to the cash generating unit. We have been able to reconcile the data in the calculation to independent external sources and validated that the composition of the discount rate is consistent with established theory and working practices. We have also evaluated the company's sensitivity analysis of the valuation to changes in significant parameters that could lead to impairment.

	Key audit matter	How our audit addressed the Key audit matter
EXISTENCE AND VALUATION OF INVENTORY IN THE STEEL BUSINESS Information on inventory is disclosed in note 9, note 29 and in the accounting principles in the annual report.	The production units of the steel business have stocks of raw material, work in progress and finished goods. For the purpose of offering short and precise deliveries and to offer customised solutions, there are market stocks of finished goods at around a hundred locations globally. It is demanding to correctly measure cost when procurement-, production- and logistical processes are complex. Product costing requires a number of decisions by management that have an effect on the recorded values. Important areas include: choice of method for applying the principle of FIFO, establishing a normal production level and allocation of direct and indirect costs. The measurement of value also includes other areas of subjectivity, such as assessment of volume of iron ore and coal in piles kept outdoors, estimates of net realizable value when applying the principle of the lower of cost and market value and assessment of obsolescence.	Processes for the production of steel is the core of the business with established operational and monitoring controls. In many cases, it is the operational controls that are the basis for controls over financial reporting. We have tested the design and operating effectiveness of a sample of controls in the inventory process including controls for establishing product costing of work in progress and finished goods, transfers between locations, for deliveries in and deliveries out, and for monitoring that stock-takes are executed at all locations on a recurring basis and that any differences observed were investigated. We have performed tests over the prices of raw materials, verified items in the product costing of work in progress and finished goods and tested the cut off of deliveries in and out of inventory. We have informed ourselves of the monitoring controls over slow-moving stock and the assessments made concerning obsolescence. We have participated in or performed our own control stock-takes at around thirty locations during the year, including production units and market stocks for the purposes of obtaining comfort over both volume and to test obsolescence.

	Key audit matter	How our audit addressed the Key audit matter
VALUATION OF ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE Information on accounts receivable is disclosed in note 28, note 29 and in the accounting principles in the annual report.	SSAB sells steel to a large number of customers globally and accounts receivable is a significant item on the balance sheet. Payment terms are dependent on local practices. The value of the outstanding accounts receivable is dependent on the extent customers will pay for the goods they have purchased. Information on individual customers' ability to pay is limited and that gives rise to a degree of uncertainty that requires management judgement. SSAB assesses its accounts receivable individually. Based on available information, SSAB records a provision for risks in the stock of accounts receivable.	We have evaluated the design and operating effectiveness of some selected controls in the sales processes that give rise to accounts receivable and payments. Moreover, we have evaluated the design and operating effectiveness of certain internal controls for the valuation of accounts receivables, including reconciliation and assessment of credit risk in overdue but not paid accounts receivable. To a lesser degree, we have comfort from work performed in prior years. In such cases, we have obtained confirmation from the company that the process is unchanged and that the controls have been performed consistently. We have read management's analysis of the development of average days of credit and risks in the stock of accounts receivable. Our conclusion from our testing of controls is that we have obtained the amount of comfort as we looked for when planning the audit. In addition to the test of controls, we have contacted a sample of SSAB's customers to obtain independent confirmation of the existence of outstanding accounts receivables. In the cases where we did not receive any responses, we have performed tests to confirm that invoices have been paid after the balance sheet date, or tested the delivery of products against documentation. We have made our own assessment of credit risk parallel to the company's valuation regarding the small number of cases where agreements have been made that alter original terms of payment. Overall, the credit quality of SSAB's accounts receivable has been stable and the amount of credit losses have been low for several years.

OTHER INFORMATION THAN THE ANNUAL ACCOUNTS AND CONSOLIDATED ACCOUNTS
This document also contains other information than the annual accounts and consolidated accounts and is found in the sections Buisness Review, Corporate Governance Report and GRI report. The sustainability report is part of this other information. The Board of Directors and the Managing Director are responsible for this other information.

Our opinion on the annual accounts and consolidated accounts does not cover this other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion regarding this other information.

In connection with our audit of the annual accounts and consolidated accounts, our responsibility is to read the information identified above and consider whether the information is materially inconsistent with the annual accounts and consolidated accounts. In this procedure we also take into account our knowledge otherwise obtained in the audit and assess whether the information otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

If we, based on the work performed concerning this information, conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND THE MANAGING DIRECTOR
The Board of Directors and the Managing Director are responsible for the preparation of the annual accounts and consolidated accounts and that they give a fair presentation in accordance with the Annual Accounts Act and, concerning the consolidated accounts, in accordance with IFRS as adopted by the EU. The Board of Directors and the Managing Director are also responsible for such internal control as they determine is necessary to enable the preparation of annual accounts and consolidated accounts that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the annual accounts and consolidated accounts, The Board of Directors and the Managing Director are responsible for the assessment of the company's and the group's ability to continue as a going concern. They disclose, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting. The going concern basis of accounting is however not applied if the Board of Directors and the Managing Director intends to liquidate the company, to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

The Audit Committee shall, without prejudice to the Board of Director's responsibilities and tasks in general, among other things oversee the company's financial reporting process.

AUDITOR'S RESPONSIBILITY
Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the annual accounts and consolidated accounts as a whole are free from material misstatement, *whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's* report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs and generally accepted auditing standards in Sweden will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise *from fraud or error and are considered* material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these annual accounts and consolidated accounts.

A further description of our responsibility for the audit of the annual accounts and consolidated accounts is available on Revisorsinspektionen's website www.revisorsinspektionen.se/revisornsansvar. This description is part of the auditor's report.

Report on other legal and regulatory requirements

OPINIONS
In addition to our audit of the annual accounts and consolidated accounts, we have also audited the administration of the Board of Directors and the Managing Director of SSAB AB (publ) for the year 2017 and the proposed appropriations of the company's profit or loss.

We recommend to the general meeting of shareholders that the profit be appropriated accordance with the proposal in the statutory administration report and that the members of the Board of Directors and the Managing Director be discharged from liability for the financial year.

BASIS FOR OPINIONS
We conducted the audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards in Sweden. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities section. We are independent of the parent company and the group in accordance with professional ethics for accountants in Sweden and have otherwise fulfilled our ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinions.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND THE MANAGING DIRECTOR

The Board of Directors is responsible for the proposal for appropriations of the company's profit or loss. At the proposal of a dividend, this includes an assessment of whether the dividend is justifiable considering the requirements which the company's and the group's type of operations, size and risks place on the size of the parent company's and the group's equity, consolidation requirements, liquidity and position in general.

The Board of Directors is responsible for the company's organization and the administration of the company's affairs. This includes among other things continuous assessment of the company's and the group's financial situation and ensuring that the company's organization is designed so that the accounting, management of assets and the company's financial affairs otherwise are controlled in a reassuring manner. The Managing Director shall manage the ongoing administration according to the Board of Directors' guidelines and instructions and among other matters take measures that are necessary to fulfill the company's accounting in accordance with law and handle the management of assets in a reassuring manner.

AUDITOR'S RESPONSIBILITY

Our objective concerning the audit of the administration, and thereby our opinion about discharge from liability, is to obtain audit evidence to assess with a reasonable degree of assurance whether any member of the Board of Directors or the Managing Director in any material respect:

- has undertaken any action or been guilty of any omission which can give rise to liability to the company, or
- in any other way has acted in contravention of the Companies Act, the Annual Accounts Act or the Articles of Association.

Our objective concerning the audit of the proposed appropriations of the company's profit or loss, and thereby our opinion about this, is to assess with reasonable degree of assurance whether the proposal is in accordance with the Companies Act.

Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards in Sweden will always detect actions or omissions that can give rise to liability to the company, or that the proposed appropriations of the company's profit or loss are not in accordance with the Companies Act.

A further description of our responsibility for the audit of the administration is available on Revisorsinspektionen's website: www.revisorsinspektionen.se/revisornsansvar. This description is part of the auditor's report.

PricewaterhouseCoopers AB, 113 97 Stockholm, was appointed auditor of SSAB AB (publ) by the general meeting of the shareholders on the 31 March 2017 and has been the company's auditor since before 1994. The EU regulation (537/2014) prevents PricewaterhouseCoopers AB from being relelected as auditor after 17 June 2020.

Stockholm March 12, 2018
PricewaterhouseCoopers AB

Magnus Svensson Henryson
Authorized Public Accountant

SHARES AND SHAREHOLDERS

SSAB is listed on the Nasdaq Stockholm and Nasdaq Helsinki exchange.

SHARE PERFORMANCE AND TRADING
The 2017 closing prices on the Nasdaq Stockholm Exchange were:
SSAB class A share: SEK 44.90
SSAB class B share: SEK 36.61
Total year-end market capitalization: SEK 40.2 billion

Share performance during 2017:
SSAB class A share: +29.8 %
SSAB class B share: + 27.2%
OMX Stockholm 30 index: +3.9%

The highest price was:
SSAB class A share: SEK 45.21, on December 28
SSAB class B share: SEK 36.77, on December 28
The lowest price was:
SSAB class A share: SEK 33.32, on January 17
SSAB class B share: SEK 27.09, on January 19

During the year, SSAB's shares were traded on the Nasdaq Stockholm Exchange *for a total of SEK 85.9 billion.* Shares were traded on all exchange days and averaged approximately SEK 342.34 million per day. The volume of A shares traded during the year corresponded to 436% of the average number of outstanding shares. The volume of B shares traded corresponded to 153% of the average number of outstanding shares. *Trading in the share in* Helsinki (A and B share) averaged 0.77 million shares per day during 2017.

The SSAB-share is also traded on multilateral trading facilities (MTF), on *market places such as Chi-X and BATS.* Of the total volume of traded shares, 81% of the class A shares and 90% of the class B shares were traded on Nasdaq Nordic (Stockholm and Helsinki).

SHARE CAPITAL
On December 31, 2017, there were in total 1,029,835,326 shares in SSAB, of which 304,183,270 class A shares, *corresponding to 304,183,270 votes,* and 725,652,056 class B shares, corresponding to 72,565,205.6 votes. 376,748,475.6 votes in total. Each class A share carries one vote and each class B share carries one-tenth of one vote. SSAB's share capital is SEK 9,062 million. The quotient value per share is SEK 8.80.

OWNERSHIP STRUCTURE
At year-end 2017, SSAB had 100,141 shareholders.

SSAB's three largest owners in terms of voting rights at year-end 2017 were:
- Industrivärden 18.2%
- Solidium 11.0 %
- LKAB 3.6 %

The ten largest identified owners together owned approximately 42.7% of the voting capital and 41.7% of the share capital at the end of December 2017. Owners outside Sweden and Finland accounted for 29.2% of voting rights and 23.0% of the total number of shares.

DIVIDEND POLICY AND DIVIDENDS
Dividend target is 30–50% of profit after tax.

The Board of Directors has resolved to propose to the Annual General Meeting to be held on April 10, 2018 that a dividend of SEK 1.00 per share will be paid.

INVESTOR RELATIONS
During 2017, a large number of meetings were held with owners, investors and analysts, both in Sweden and *outside, mostly in Europe and the United States.* Presentations and investor meetings are regularly held in connection with the publication of interim reports and annual results.

TICKER CODES
Nasdaq Stockholm: SSABA and SSABB
Nasdaq Helsinki: SSABAH and SSABBH (class A and class B shares respectively)

Share breakdown

Shareholding	Number of shareholders	% of all shareholders
1-500	43,705	43.6
501–1,000	17,087	17.1
1,001–5,000	30,259	30.2
5,001–10,000	4,931	4.9
10,001–15,000	1,417	1.4
15,001–20,000	800	0.8
20,001–	1,942	1.9
Total	**100,141**	**100**

Source: Euroclear

The number of shares and the share capital have changed since 1989 as follows:

Year		Change in number of shares	Number of shares	Change in share capital, SEK millions	Share capital, SEK millions
1989	Conversion	15,000,000	26,500,000	150	2,650
1994	Conversion	5,500,000	32,000,000	550	3,200
1995	Split 4:1	96,000,000	128,000,000	0	3,200
1998	Redemption	-15,891,199	112,108,801	-397	2,803
2001	Reduction	-11,210,880	100,897,921	-281	2,522
2005	Redemption	-9,968,861	90,929,060	-249	2,273
2006	Redemption	-4,546,453	86,382,607	-114	2,159
2006	Bonus issue	0	86,382,607	121	2,280
2006	Split 3:1	172,765,214	259,147,821	0	2,280
2007	New issue 1:4	64,786,954	323,934,775	571	2,851
2014	New issue	225,310,735	549,245,510	1,982	4,833
2016	Rights issue 8:7	480,589,816	1,029,835,326	4,229	9,062

Owners as of December 31, 2017

	% of votes	% of share capital
Industrivärden	18.2%	11.4%
Solidium	11.0%	17.1%
LKAB	3.6%	2.3%
Handelsbanken Funds	1.9%	3.4%
Swedbank Robur Funds	1.9%	3.4%
Nordea Investment Funds	1.8%	1.2%
Catella Funds	1.5%	0.7%
Invesco Funds	1.4%	1.3%
Folksam	0.8%	0.8%
Varma Mutual Pension Funds	0.7%	0.2%
Other shareholders	57.4%	58.3%
Total	**100.0%**	**100.0%**
Whereof foreign-registered shareholders*	29.2%	23.0%

* Includes shareholders outside Sweden and Finland
Source: Euroclear

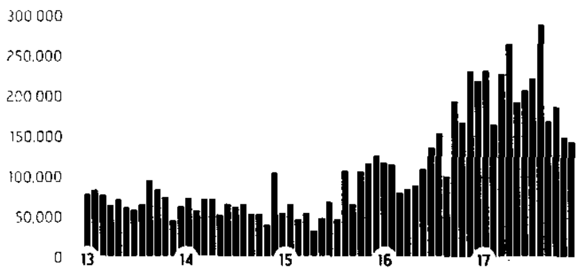
Share-related key figures

		2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
Share price, at year end, class A share[3]	SEK	44.90	34.58	17.06	34.42	37.19
Earnings per share (EPS)[3]	SEK	2.23	1.04	-0.66	-2.39	-2.36
Cash flow before dividend and financing per share[3]	SEK	4.93	2.19	2.99	0.16	2.26
Equity per share[3]	SEK	51.69	51.36	80.82	79.78	83.74
Dividend per share[3]	SEK	1.00[1]	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Average number of shares	million	1,029.8	794.8	549.2	419.6	323.9
Number of shares at year-end	million	1,029.8	1,029.8	549.2	549.2	323.9
Market capitalization at year-end	SEK million	40,224	31,410	11,534	23,731	15,321
Valuation						
Direct yield, %[2]		2.23[1]	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
P/E ratio[2]		20.13	33.25	neg.	neg.	neg.
Price/equity, %[2]		87	67	21	43	44

[1] In accordance with the Board's proposal
[2] Based on closing price for the class A share
[3] Adjusted based on the bonus issue element in the rights issue in 2016

Number of traded shares

Thousands



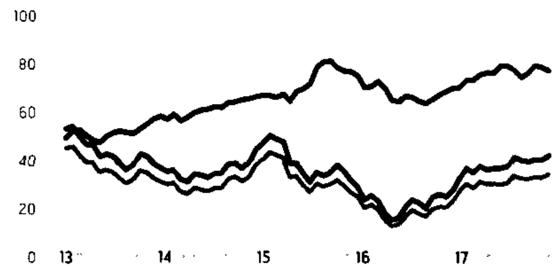
Number of traded shares (Nasdaq Stockholm and Helsinki)

Source: Nasdaq

SSAB's shares have been listed in Nasdaq Helsinki since August 1, 2014

Share performance

SEK



Source: Nasdaq

SSAB A — SSAB B — OMX Stockholm 30 Index

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, NOMINATION COMMITTEE, CALENDAR

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

SSAB's Annual General Meeting will be held in Stockholm on Tuesday April 10, 2018, starting at 1 pm. To be eligible to attend the Annual General Meeting, shareholders must be included in the printout of the share register made by Euroclear Sweden AB on Wednesday, April 4, 2018 and must give notice of their intention to attend the *meeting by no later than Wednesday, April 4, 2018, preferably before 12 noon.*

Notice

Notice to attend the Annual General Meeting may be given via the Company's website at www.ssab.com, or by telephone at +46 8 45 45 760. Notice must include the shareholder's name, personal identification number (or company registration number), address and telephone number.

Nominee-registered shares

Shareholders whose shares are registered in the name of a nominee must temporarily re-register their shares in their own names to be entitled to attend at the Annual General Meeting. Temporary re-registration (voting registration) should be effected in due time before Wednesday, April 4, 2018.

Proxies

Original powers of attorney and, with respect to a legal entity, certificates of registration, must be submitted in due time before the Annual General Meeting to: SSAB AB, Årsstämman, c/o Euroclear Sweden AB, Box 191, SE-101 23 Stockholm, Sweden.

DIVIDENDS

The Board of Directors and the President & CEO propose that the Annual General Meeting resolve that a dividend of SEK 1.00 per share will be paid for 2017.

NOMINATION COMMITTEE

- AB Industrivärden, Lars Pettersson, Chairman
- Solidium Oy, Annareetta Lumme-Timonen
- Luossavaara-Kiirunavaara AB (LKAB), Jan Moström
- Swedbank Robur Funds, Åsa Nisell
- Handelsbanken Funds, Magnus Strömer
- Bengt Kjell, Chairman of the Board

The Nomination Committee presents, among other things, proposals to the Annual General Meeting concerning the election of the Board of Directors, fees for the Board of Directors, and the election of auditors.

CALENDAR FOR FINANCIAL INFORMATION

SSAB will provide the following information with respect to the 2018 financial year:

- *Report for the first quarter, April 20, 2018*
- Half-year report, July 20, 2018
- Report for the third quarter, October 26, 2018

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