

# Press release

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# Thule Group (publ) – Year-end report, fourth quarter, October-December 2017

#### **Fourth Quarter**

- **Net sales**<sup>1</sup> for the quarter amounted to SEK 1,006m (983), corresponding to an increase of 2.3 percent. Adjusted for exchange rate fluctuations, sales rose 6.5 percent.
- Operating income<sup>1</sup> amounted to SEK 65m (55). Underlying EBIT was SEK 65m (59), corresponding to an increase of 11.4 percent and a margin of 6.5 percent (6.0). After adjustment for exchange rate fluctuations, underlying EBIT rose 15.5 percent and the margin improved 0.5 percentage points.
- Net income¹ was negative SEK 40m (income: 30).
- Cash flow from operating activities<sup>2</sup> totaled SEK 209m (91).
- Earnings per share before dilution<sup>1</sup> amounted to a negative SEK 0.39 (positive: 0.30).

## Full-year

- **Net sales**<sup>1</sup> for the full-year amounted to SEK 5,872m (5,304). Adjusted for exchange rate fluctuations, sales rose 9.5 percent.
- Operating income¹ totaled SEK 1,067m (922). Underlying EBIT amounted to SEK 1,069m (935), corresponding to an increase of 14.3 percent and a margin of 18.2 percent. After adjustment for exchange rate fluctuations, underlying EBIT rose 13.3 percent and the margin improved 0.6 percentage points.
- Net income<sup>1</sup> was SEK 690m (653).
- Cash flow from operating activities<sup>2</sup> totaled SEK 972m (878).
- Earnings per share before dilution<sup>1</sup> amounted to SEK 6.77 (6.46).
- The Board of Directors proposes an ordinary dividend of SEK 6.0 per share, corresponding to SEK 612m based on the number of shares outstanding at February 13, 2018.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The figures pertain to continuing operations, excluding the Specialty segment, which was divested in June 2017 and constitutes discontinued operations.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Based on total operations, meaning both continuing operations and the operation divested in June 2017.

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	Oct-Dec 2017	Oct-Dec 2016	%	Jan-Dec 2017	Jan-Dec 2016	%
Net sales, SEKm	1 006	983	+2,3	5 872	5 304	+10.7
Underlying EBIT, SEKm	65	59	+11.4	1 069	935	+14.3
Operating income (EBIT), SEKm	65	55	+17.5	1 067	922	+15.7
Net income from continued operations, SEKm	-40	30	-232.6	690	653	+5.6
Earnings per share, SEK	-0.39	0.30	-230.2	6.77	6.46	+4.7
Cash flow from operating activities, SEKm	209	91	+129.9	972	878	+10.7

The full report is available at www.thulegroup.com

#### Conference call

A combined press- and analyst call with Magnus Welander, CEO and President, and Lennart Mauritzson, CFO, is scheduled for today, February 13, 2018, at 10:00 a.m. (CET). The conference will be held in English.

Information about the conference call is available at www.thulegroup.com

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