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**the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

**April 17, 2009**

# **LM ERICSSON TELEPHONE COMPANY**

**(Translation of registrant's name into English)**

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Announcement of LM Ericsson Telephone Company, dated April 17, 2009 regarding Sony Ericsson reports first quarter results.

**PRESS RELEASE****Sony Ericsson reports first quarter results**

April 17, 2009

**Q1 highlights:**

**Income before taxes was a loss of Euro 358 million (excl. restructuring charges)**

**Cost saving program progressing as planned and additional savings of Euro 400 million announced**

**Launch of Entertainment Unlimited consumer proposition and new generation of products well received by operator partners**

The consolidated financial summary for Sony Ericsson Mobile Communications AB (Sony Ericsson) for the first quarter ended March 31, 2009 is as follows:

	Q1 2008	Q4 2008	Q1 2009
<b>Number of units shipped (million)</b>	22.3	24.2	14.5
<b>Sales (Euro m.)</b>	2,702	2,914	1,736
<b>Gross margin (%)</b>	29%	15%	8%
<b>Operating income (Euro m.)</b>	184	-262	-369
<b>Operating margin (%)</b>	7%	-9%	-21%
Restructuring charges (Euro m.)		129	12
Operating income excl. restructuring charges (Euro m.)		-133	-357
Operating margin excl. restructuring charges (%)		-5%	-21%
<b>Income before taxes (IBT) (Euro m.)</b>	193	-261	-370
IBT excl. restructuring charges (Euro m.)		-133	-358
<b>Net income (Euro m.)</b>	133	-187	-293
<b>Average selling price (Euro)</b>	121	121	120

Units shipped in the quarter were 14.5 million, a decrease of 35% compared to the same period of last year and in line with our March 20, 2009 interim announcement of approximately 14 million units. Sales for the quarter were Euro 1,736 million, a decrease of 36% from a year ago. Sales decreased primarily as a result of continued weak consumer confidence and de-stocking in the retail and distribution channels.

Gross margin declined both year-on-year and sequentially, reflecting a change in the product mix, material write-offs, and exchange rate volatility.

Income before taxes for the quarter excluding restructuring charges was a loss of Euro 358 million, within the range announced on March 20, 2009 (loss of Euro 340 - 390 million).

As expected, the first quarter of this year has been extremely challenging for Sony Ericsson due to continued weak global demand. We are aligning our business to the new market reality with the aim of bringing the company back to profitability as quickly as possible, said Dick Komiyama, President, Sony Ericsson. The management intends to pursue an additional cost saving program targeting a further annual operating expense reduction of Euro 400 million, to be completed by mid-2010.

The company's initial cost saving program targeting annual operating expense reductions of Euro 300 million by the end of the first half of 2009, including a workforce reduction of 2,000 headcount, has now been completed. A total of Euro 187 million restructuring charges have been recorded compared to the initial estimated costs of Euro 300 million.

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In January 2009 an additional cost saving program was initiated to target annual operating expense reductions of Euro 180 million by the end of 2009. The cost of this program will be covered by the initial Euro 300 million restructuring costs announced in July 2008.

The additional cost saving program announced today will include a further reduction in the global workforce of approximately 2,000 people. It is estimated that new restructuring charges of Euro 200 million will be needed to complete this program.

As of March 31, 2009, Sony Ericsson retained a strong net cash position of Euro 1.1 billion.

Market share in the first quarter decreased and is now estimated to be around 6%, down two percentage points sequentially.

Sony Ericsson forecasts that the global handset market for 2009 will contract at least 10% from around 1,190 million units in 2008.

At Mobile World Congress in February 2009, Sony Ericsson announced a new consumer proposition, called Entertainment Unlimited (EU), to build on Sony Ericsson's leadership in music, imaging, gaming, content services, and applications to deliver unlimited opportunities for consumers. The company also announced the first Entertainment Unlimited phone with the concept name *Idou* to be launched in the second half of 2009. The next EU announcement will take place on 28 May.

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A live webcast of the conference call will be available on April 17, 2009 at 08:00 UK time, 09:00 Central European time (CET), 03:00 US Eastern time (EST) and 16:00 Japan time (JST). See:

[www.ericsson.com/ericsson/investors](http://www.ericsson.com/ericsson/investors) or join directly at:

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*Sony Ericsson is a top, global industry player with sales of around 97 million phones in 2008. Diversity is one of the core strengths of the company, with operations in over 80 countries including manufacturing in China and R&D sites in China, Europe, India, Japan and North America. Sony Ericsson was established as a 50:50 joint venture by Sony and Ericsson in October 2001, with global corporate functions located in London. For more information about Sony Ericsson please visit [www.sonyericsson.com](http://www.sonyericsson.com)*

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## Sony Ericsson

## CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT

EUR million	2009	Jan-Mar 2008	Change
Net sales	1,736	2,702	-36%
Cost of sales	-1,591	-1,914	-17%
<b>Gross profit</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>788</b>	<b>-82%</b>
Gross margin %	8.4%	29.2%	-21%
Research and development expenses	-303	-339	-11%
Selling and administrative expenses	-225	-270	-17%
<b>Operating expenses</b>	<b>-528</b>	<b>-610</b>	<b>-13%</b>
Other operating income, net	13	6	111%
<b>Operating income</b>	<b>-369</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>-300%</b>
Operating margin %	-21.3%	6.8%	-28%
Financial income	9	24	-62%
Financial expenses	-10	-15	-35%
<b>Income after financial items</b>	<b>-370</b>	<b>193</b>	<b>-291%</b>
Taxes	84	-57	-247%
Minority interest	-6	-3	89%
<b>Net income</b>	<b>-293</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>-320%</b>
Number of units shipped (million)	14.5	22.3	-35%
ASP (EUR)	120	121	-1%

EUR Million	Jan-Mar 2009	Jan-Mar 2008
<b>Restructuring charges</b>		
Cost of sales	7	0
Research and development expenses	2	0
Sales and administrative expenses	3	0
Other operating income, net	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>0</b>

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## CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT - ISOLATED QUARTERS

EUR million	2009		2008		
	Q1	Q4	Q3	Q2	Q1
Net sales	1,736	2,914	2,808	2,820	2,702
Cost of sales	-1,591	-2,476	-2,192	-2,168	-1,914
<b>Gross profit</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>438</b>	<b>616</b>	<b>653</b>	<b>788</b>
Gross margin %	8.4%	15.0%	21.9%	23.1%	29.2%
Research and development expenses	-303	-359	-337	-344	-339
Selling and administrative expenses	-225	-366	-303	-310	-270
<b>Operating expenses</b>	<b>-528</b>	<b>-725</b>	<b>-640</b>	<b>-653</b>	<b>-610</b>
Other operating income, net	13	24	-8	-2	6
<b>Operating income</b>	<b>-369</b>	<b>-262</b>	<b>-33</b>	<b>-2</b>	<b>184</b>
Operating margin %	-21.3%	-9.0%	-1.2%	-0.1%	6.8%
Financial income	9	28	25	25	24
Financial expenses	-10	-27	-15	-14	-15
<b>Income after financial items</b>	<b>-370</b>	<b>-261</b>	<b>-23</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>193</b>
Taxes	84	81	6	0	-57
Minority interest	-6	-7	-8	-3	-3
<b>Net income</b>	<b>-293</b>	<b>-187</b>	<b>-25</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>133</b>
Number of units shipped (million)	14.5	24.2	25.7	24.4	22.3
ASP (EUR)	120	121	109	116	121

EUR Million	2009		2008	
	Q1	Q4	Q3	Q2
<b>Restructuring charges</b>				
Cost of sales	7	67	0	8
Research and development expenses	2	35	26	2
Sales and administrative expenses	3	24	3	1
Other operating income, net	0	3	6	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>11</b>

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## CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET

EUR million	Mar 31 2009	Dec 31 2008	Mar 31 2008
<b>ASSETS</b>			
<b>Total fixed and financial assets</b>	<b>658</b>	<b>590</b>	<b>594</b>
<b>Current assets</b>			
Inventories	477	531	484
Accounts receivables	1,193	1,629	1,710
Other assets	463	585	369
Other short-term cash investments	574	707	1,106
Cash and bank	542	418	605
<b>Total current assets</b>	<b>3,249</b>	<b>3,870</b>	<b>4,274</b>
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>3,908</b>	<b>4,460</b>	<b>4,868</b>
<b>SHAREHOLDERS EQUITY AND LIABILITIES</b>			
Shareholders equity	930	1,217	1,665
Minority interest	65	57	69
<b>Total equity</b>	<b>995</b>	<b>1,274</b>	<b>1,734</b>
<b>Total long-term liabilities</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>25</b>
Accounts payable	965	990	1,228
Other current liabilities	1,918	2,166	1,880
<b>Total current liabilities</b>	<b>2,882</b>	<b>3,156</b>	<b>3,108</b>
<b>Total shareholders equity and liabilities</b>	<b>3,908</b>	<b>4,460</b>	<b>4,868</b>
Net cash*	1,116	1,072	1,703

\* Net cash is defined as cash and bank plus short-term cash investments less interest bearing liabilities.



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## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

EUR million	Jan-Mar	
	2009	2008
<b>OPERATIONS</b>		
Net income	-293	133
Adjustments to reconcile net income to cash	29	31
	<b>-263</b>	<b>164</b>
Changes in operating net assets	321	-101
<b>Cash flow from operating activities</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>64</b>
<b>INVESTMENTS</b>		
Investing activities	-19	-22
<b>Cash flow from investing activities</b>	<b>-19</b>	<b>-22</b>
<b>FINANCING</b>		
Financing activities	-53	-462
<b>Cash flow from financing activities</b>	<b>-53</b>	<b>-462</b>
<b>Net change in cash</b>	<b>-14</b>	<b>-421</b>
<b>Cash, beginning of period</b>	<b>1,125</b>	<b>2,155</b>
<b>Translation difference in Cash</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>-24</b>
<b>Cash, end of period</b>	<b>1,116</b>	<b>1,711</b>

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## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS - ISOLATED QUARTERS

EUR million	2009 Jan-Mar	Oct-Dec	2008 Jul-Sep	Apr-Jun	Jan-Mar
<b>OPERATIONS</b>					
Net income	-293	-187	-25	6	133
Adjustments to reconcile net income to cash	29	37	39	40	31
	<b>-263</b>	<b>-150</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>164</b>
Changes in operating net assets	321	-168	88	-142	-101
<b>Cash flow from operating activities</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>-318</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>-96</b>	<b>64</b>
<b>INVESTMENTS</b>					
Investing activities	-19	41	-55	-29	-22
<b>Cash flow from investing activities</b>	<b>-19</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>-55</b>	<b>-29</b>	<b>-22</b>
<b>FINANCING</b>					
Financing activities	-53	-46	-238	-8	-462
<b>Cash flow from financing activities</b>	<b>-53</b>	<b>-46</b>	<b>-238</b>	<b>-8</b>	<b>-462</b>
<b>Net change in cash</b>	<b>-14</b>	<b>-323</b>	<b>-191</b>	<b>-133</b>	<b>-421</b>
<b>Cash, beginning of period</b>	<b>1,125</b>	<b>1,473</b>	<b>1,591</b>	<b>1,711</b>	<b>2,155</b>
<b>Translation difference in Cash</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>-25</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>-24</b>
<b>Cash, end of period</b>	<b>1,116</b>	<b>1,125</b>	<b>1,473</b>	<b>1,591</b>	<b>1,711</b>

## Sony Ericsson

## NET SALES BY MARKET AREA BY QUARTER

## EUR million

Isolated quarters	2009	2008			
	Q1	Q4	Q3	Q2	Q1
Europe, Middle East & Africa *	977	1,642	1,427	1,386	1,494
Americas	200	636	703	740	486
Asia	559	636	678	694	722
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,736</b>	<b>2,914</b>	<b>2,808</b>	<b>2,820</b>	<b>2,702</b>

* of which Western Europe	721	1,117	947	900	979
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Sequential change (%)	2009	2008			
	Q1	Q4	Q3	Q2	Q1
Europe, Middle East & Africa *	-40%	15%	3%	-7%	-34%
Americas	-69%	-10%	-5%	52%	-24%
Asia	-12%	-6%	-2%	-4%	-18%
<b>Total</b>	<b>-40%</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>-28%</b>

* of which Western Europe	-35%	18%	5%	-8%	-38%
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Year over year change (%)	2009	2008			
	Q1	Q4	Q3	Q2	Q1
Europe, Middle East & Africa *	-35%	-27%	-17%	-20%	-7%
Americas	-59%	0%	23%	48%	33%
Asia	-23%	-28%	-17%	-21%	-25%
<b>Total</b>	<b>-36%</b>	<b>-23%</b>	<b>-10%</b>	<b>-9%</b>	<b>-8%</b>

* of which Western Europe	-26%	-29%	-14%	-18%	-9%
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Year to date	2009	2008			
	0903	0812	0809	0806	0803
Europe, Middle East & Africa *	977	5,947	4,306	2,879	1,494
Americas	200	2,566	1,930	1,226	486
Asia	559	2,731	2,094	1,416	722
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,736</b>	<b>11,244</b>	<b>8,330</b>	<b>5,522</b>	<b>2,702</b>

* of which Western Europe	721	3,943	2,826	1,879	979
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YTD year over year change (%)	2009	2008			
	0903	0812	0809	0806	0803
Europe, Middle East & Africa *	-35%	-18%	-15%	-13%	-7%
Americas	-59%	24%	34%	42%	33%
Asia	-23%	-23%	-21%	-23%	-25%

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<b>Total</b>	<b>-36%</b>	<b>-13%</b>	<b>-9%</b>	<b>-9%</b>	<b>-8%</b>
* of which Western Europe	-26%	-19%	-14%	-14%	-9%

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

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