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Statement by the Board of Directors, according to Chapter 18, Section 4 of the Swedish Companies Act, concerning the proposed dividend

According to Chapter 18, Section 4 of the Swedish Companies Act the company's Board of Directors is obliged to issue a reasoned statement as to whether the proposed dividends are justifiable. The statement shall be used as a basis for a resolution on dividends at the Annual General Meeting.

The Alfa Laval Group has during the period 2000 – 2010, according to the Board of Directors, reported considerable stability with regard to profits from operating activities and generation of cash flows from operations. The Group's financial position has continuously improved during the same period.

With regard to the outlook for the future, reference is made to the Managing Director's comments in the Annual Report for 2010.

To consider various interests in relation to the company, the Board of Directors are of the opinion that the following key indicators constitute a relevant basis for the evaluation of the proposal for dividends that has been submitted to the Annual General Meeting:

- Debt ratio
- Interest coverage ratio
- Net Debt to EBITDA
- Debt profile (unutilised facilities and remaining duration of commitments)
- Unrestricted equity in the parent company

The status of the Alfa Laval Group with regard to above mentioned key indicators is presented below, as per December 31, 2010 and after payment of the proposed dividend, everything else the same.

	December 31, 2010	December 31, 2010 After dividend
Debt ratio, times	-0.04	0.06
Interest coverage ratio, times	35.9	27,5
Net Debt to EBITDA, times	-0.11	0.14
Debt profile – unutilised facilities, SEK million	4,776	3,518
Debt profile – remaining duration of commitments in years	1-5	1-5
Unrestricted equity in the parent company, SEK million	8,964	7,706

As a matter of information, the equity of the Group has been influenced by market valuation of financial instruments according to Chapter 4 Section 14 a of the Swedish Annual Accounts Act, and after tax, increased with SEK 160,000,000.

It is the opinion of the Board of Directors that the Group's financial position is comparable to other Swedish engineering companies with comparable activities, risk

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profile and size. The Board of Directors also considers that the Group's ability to meet its obligations in the short as well as longer term, inclusive of the need for capital expenditures, will not be negatively influenced by the proposed dividend.

To summarize, the Board of Directors considers that the proposed dividend is justified taking into consideration the demands with respect to size of shareholders' equity which are imposed by the nature, scope and risks associated with the operations and the Company's and the Group's need to strengthen the balance sheet, liquidity and financial position in general.

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