

First-Quarter 2026 Trading Update

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IDEX Biometrics ASA (Euronext Oslo Børs: IDEX) ended the first quarter of 2026 with a record order backlog of NOK 23.4 million, up from NOK 6.0 million at the end of 2025 and committed for delivery in 2026, as commercial activity stepped up through the quarter.

The decisive shift came shortly after the quarter-end. Anthropic's announcement of Claude Mythos and Project Glasswing on 7 April 2026 brought sharp industry focus to the exposure of software-only security to AI-driven vulnerability discovery, and materially changed the interest for hardware-rooted authentication. Commercial activity accelerated immediately and IDEX has in short time since signed seven customer pilots in the quarter and to date, with two pilots already live and the remainder scheduled to launch through the summer.

Business highlights Q1 2026 and to date

- **Seven new pilots signed**, including Telenor Cyberdefence and StormGeo. Two pilots are currently live, with the remainder scheduled to launch through the summer.
- **Significant new pipeline added in late April and May**, following Anthropic's Mythos announcement on 7 April. New pilots and partner agreements expected to be signed in the coming weeks.
- **FIDO2 certification obtained** in February 2026, enabling phishing-resistant authentication and removing a key deployment blocker for enterprise and public-sector customers.
- **Partnership and initial USD 1.75m PO from ID Centric**. A binding USD 1.75 million purchase order was received from ID Centric for biometric sensors, with deliveries scheduled across 2026. Under the agreement, IDEX is the exclusive sensor supplier for ID Centric's Asia-Pacific ID-card programme.
- **Sales-partner network broadened**. 8 resellers were added year to date, extending the Company's geographic reach and go-to-market coverage and supporting positioning for public-sector tenders in H2 2026.
- **Senior commercial hire**. Æli Manouchehri joined to strengthen senior commercial capacity, following the appointment of Thomas Ludvik Næss as Chief Revenue Officer in February 2026.
- **Supportive demand environment**. Enterprise and public-sector interest in hardware-rooted authentication increased following Anthropic's announcement of Claude Mythos and Project Glasswing on 7 April 2026, which drew industry attention to the exposure of software-only security to AI-driven vulnerability discovery.

CEO comment

“The first months of 2026 marked a clear commercial inflection for IDEX. We have signed seven new customer pilots, and ended the period with a record order backlog of NOK 23.4

million, all of it committed for delivery this year. After several years of product investments and the restructuring last year, the business is now converting its technology into orders.

With FIDO2 certification secured, the last significant deployment blocker for enterprise and public-sector customers has been removed. At the same time, the security environment has shifted: the emergence of AI tools capable of finding software vulnerabilities at scale has put renewed focus on hardware-rooted authentication, where the credential never touches a network. We are already seeing this translate into higher pilot activity.

After the quarter-end we strengthened the balance sheet, repaid all interest-bearing debt and broadened our shareholder base, leaving IDEX well positioned to execute its commercial plan. Our priority for the remainder of 2026 is straightforward: build pipeline, convert it into pilots, turn pilots into firm orders, and scale deliveries.”

— Anders Storbråten, CEO, IDEX Biometrics ASA

Financial review

The table below summarises the Company's key financial and operational figures for the quarter.

NOK million unless stated	Q1 2026	Q4 2025	Q1 2025
Order backlog (end of period)	23.4	6.0	n.a.
Total revenue	1.8	0.7	1.1
Gross margin	58%	-564%	17%
Operating expenses excl. SBC	19.1	19.3	33.8
Share-based compensation (SBC)	6.2	0.2	(1.9)
Adjusted EBITDA	(18.1)	(23.2)	(33.7)
Net financial items, gain / (loss)	(13.9)	(4.1)	(10.9)
Net result for the period	(38.5)	(28.2)	(44.2)
Operational cash flow	(9.7)	(18.3)	(30.1)
Cash and cash equivalents (end of period)	1.4	7.2	11.2
Full-time equivalents (end of period)	25	26	40

Adjusted EBITDA is defined as EBITDA excluding share-based compensation. Figures in parentheses are negative. Reported in NOK following the change of functional currency in the fourth quarter of 2025.

Pro forma cash position: NOK 49.6 million, reflecting the NOK 76 million net proceeds from the private placement and NOK 27.8 million of debt repayments completed after the quarter-end.

Order intake and backlog

Order intake in the quarter was NOK 19.2 million, taking the total order backlog to a record NOK 23.4 million as of Q1 2026, up from NOK 6.0 million in Q4 2025. The principal driver was a binding USD 1.75 million purchase order from ID Centric for biometric sensors, with deliveries scheduled across 2026 and the majority weighted to the second half. The full backlog is committed for delivery during 2026. Excluding ID Centric, the order intake was

NOK 2.1m, materially above recent quarters, though still at modest absolute levels, as the increase in activity following the recent market shift is currently concentrated in pilots.

Revenue

Total revenue for the first quarter of 2026 was NOK 1.8 million, compared with NOK 0.7 million in the fourth quarter of 2025 and NOK 1.1 million in the first quarter of 2025. The sequential increase reflects higher biometric sensor shipments to both existing and new customers.

Gross margin

Gross margin was 58% in the first quarter, up from 17% in the first quarter of 2025, supported by a favourable commercial sensor mix. Over time, the Company expects gross margin to strengthen as the sales mix shifts towards complete Access Control solutions, which carry higher margins than sensor sales alone. Margin in the coming quarters is expected to be influenced by partnership pricing on the initial ID Centric order, in which margins are thinner.

Operating expenses

Operating expenses excluding share-based compensation were NOK 19.1 million, broadly unchanged from NOK 19.3 million in the fourth quarter of 2025 and down approximately 44% from NOK 33.8 million in the first quarter of 2025, reflecting the cost restructuring carried out during 2025. No development costs were capitalized in the quarter. Share-based compensation expense was NOK 6.2 million, a non-cash item reflecting share-price appreciation during the quarter and a new long-term incentive plan; it is excluded to show the underlying operating cost base.

Adjusted EBITDA

Adjusted EBITDA was negative NOK 18.1 million, an improvement from negative NOK 23.2 million in the fourth quarter of 2025 and negative NOK 33.7 million in the first quarter of 2025. This is the smallest quarterly loss in several years. With the core cost base now established, the Company expects incremental revenue to contribute to earnings at a high margin as volumes scale.

Net financial items

Net financial items were a net loss of NOK 13.9 million, predominantly non-cash and related to fair-value adjustments on the Heights loan. Following the recent debt repayment after the quarter, Q2 financials will include a positive non-cash reversal of similar magnitude.

Cash flow and balance sheet

Cash and cash equivalents were NOK 1.4 million at 31 March 2026. During the quarter, operations were partly funded by a short-term shareholder loan from the CEO while the Company was in negotiations over a potential equity investment from ID Centric, which was subsequently not pursued. After the quarter-end, the Company completed a private placement raising approximately NOK 80 million in gross proceeds and repaid NOK 27.8 million of debt, comprising the Heights loan and the shareholder loan. Following these transactions, the Company has no interest-bearing debt and a pro forma cash position of NOK 49.6 million.

Outlook

Against the changed market backdrop, IDEX has seen a clear increase in commercial activity, with pipeline increasing week by week and already good conversion into pilot sign-ups since the start of the second quarter.

Excluding the one-off ID Centric purchase order booked in the first quarter, underlying order intake is tracking ahead of recent quarters, driven by existing customers so far. Quarterly revenue will continue to depend on the timing of shipment completion, and deliveries against the current backlog are weighted towards the second half of the year.

The Company expects a step-change in the second half of 2026 as pilots convert into firm orders and as public-sector tender processes conclude. Pilot-to-order conversion is expected to take two to four months for SMB and enterprise customers and longer in the public sector, where mandatory tender requirements can apply. Several Norwegian public-sector tenders for identity and access management solutions are expected during the second half, and IDEX is working actively with partners on these.

Operating costs are expected to increase in Q2 as the Company adds commercial capacity to support the ramp. The core cost base is however established, with incremental revenue expected to contribute to earnings at a high margin. The Company remains in late-stage discussions with additional resellers, integrators and OEMs, each of which would extend distribution reach.

CONSOLIDATED INTERIM FINANCIAL INFORMATION (UNAUDITED)

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF PROFIT AND LOSS

Amounts in NOK 000s	Quarters		Full year
	Q1 2026	Q1 2025	2025
Operating revenue			
Product revenue	1 765	854	2 325
Service and other revenue	(2)	256	264
Total revenue	1 763	1 111	2 588
Operating expenses			
Cost of materials, net of inventory change	744	919	6 223
Compensation and benefits	11 855	9 500	26 812
Research and development	2 935	5 669	14 942
Other operating expenses	10 468	16 772	58 734
Amortization, depreciation and impairment	352	1 474	4 848
Total operating expenses	26 354	34 334	111 560
Loss from operations	(24 591)	(33 223)	(108 972)
Other financial items, net	(13 922)	(10 939)	5 006
Profit (loss) before tax	(38 514)	(44 162)	(103 966)
Income tax benefit (expense)		(27)	419
Net profit (loss) for the period	(38 514)	(44 189)	(103 547)
Profit (loss) per share, basic and diluted	(0,60)	(0,05)	(2,65)

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

Amounts in NOK 000s	Quarters		Full year
	Q1 2026	Q1 2025	2025
Net profit (loss) for the period	(38 514)	(44 189)	(103 547)
Foreign currency translation adjustment	(750)	108	108
Total comprehensive income (loss) for the period, net of tax	(39 264)	(44 081)	(103 438)

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION

Amounts in NOK 000s	Note	March 31, 2026	March 31, 2025	December 31, 2025
Assets				
Non-current assets				
Goodwill		-	-	-
Intangible assets		4 537	5 753	4 780
Total intangible assets		4 537	5 753	4 780
Property, plant and equipment		764	1 040	423
Right-of-use assets		-	2 251	91
Non-current receivables		545	626	571
Total non-current assets		5 846	9 670	5 865
Current assets				
Prepaid expenses		3 462	6 260	2 935
Inventory		61 536	58 162	57 268
Accounts receivable, trade		(87)	1 064	517
Accounts receivable, other		3 289	10 180	3 183
Cash and cash equivalents		1 382	11 191	7 209
Total current assets		69 582	86 857	71 112
Total assets		75 428	96 527	76 977
Equity and liabilities				
Equity				
Share capital		65 012	136 582	62 601
Share premium		33 595	17 835	26 696
Share-based payment reserve		2 156	264 222	(3 001)
Foreign currency translation effects		(83)	(10 261)	(5 121)
Capital reduction reserves		-	3 458 074	(0)
Other equity (accumulated losses)		(106 653)	(3 865 030)	(64 118)
Total equity		(5 973)	1 422	17 057
Non-current liabilities				
Non-current non-interest-bearing loans		-	19 125	18 653
Other non-current financial liabilities		-	23 151	9 645
Non-current lease liabilities		-	20	0
Total non-current liabilities		-	42 296	28 298
Current liabilities				
Accounts payable		20 468	9 930	11 676
Current lease liabilities		-	3 309	844
Public duties payable		1 532	2 236	664
Interest-bearing loans		-	-	-
Other current financial liabilities		34 871	20 141	-
Other current liabilities		24 531	17 093	20 764
Total current liabilities		81 401	52 710	33 948
Total liabilities		81 401	95 006	62 246
Total equity and liabilities		75 428	96 427	79 303

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

	Quarters		Full year
	Q1 2026	Q1 2025	2025
Operating activities			
Profit (loss) before tax	(38 514)	(44 189)	(103 547)
<i>Adjustments to reconcile profit before tax to net cash flows:</i>			
Amortization, depreciation and impairment expense	352	1 474	4 848
Share-based compensation expense	6 156	(1 615)	(4 771)
(Gain) loss on modification of financial liabilities, net	16 028	37 297	27 445
Value change convertible loan and warrants	(8 758)	(30 756)	(40 195)
Other financial items	6 618	2 639	-
<i>Other operating cash flows:</i>			
(Increase) decrease in inventories	(4 268)	389	(1 341)
(Increase) decrease in accounts receivables	498	(739)	(212)
Increase (decrease) in accounts payable	8 791	53	2 167
(Increase) decrease in other working capital items	3 466	5418	26 359
Interest paid	(40)	(47)	-
Change in income taxes	-	(21)	272
Net cash flow used in operating activities	(9 671)	(30 099)	(88 973)
Investing activities			
(Purchases) sales of property, plant and equipment	-	-	(428)
Purchases of intangible assets	(466)	-	-
Change in non-current receivables	26	-	-
Interest received	6	66	204
Net cash flow used in investing activities	(434)	66	(224)
Financing activities			
Net proceeds from issuance of shares	4 312	(421)	76 722
Proceeds from borrowings	-	19 760	-
Repayments of borrowings	-	-	(3 162)
Payments on lease liabilities	-	(982)	-
Change in non-current payables	18	-	-
Net cash flow from financing activities	4 330	18 357	73 560
Net change in cash and cash equivalents	(5 775)	(11 677)	(15 637)
Effect of foreign exchange rate changes	(52)	42	20
Opening cash and cash equivalents balance	7 209	22 826	22 826
Cash and cash equivalents at period end	1 382	11 191	7 209

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About IDEX Biometrics

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