## TagMaster

## Interim report January to March 2017

### Continued high growth for both sales and result

### First quarter

- Net sales increased during the first quarter by 70,8% to 42,1 MSEK (24,6)
- Result before depreciation (EBITDA) increased during the first quarter by 140% to 4,8
   MSEK (2,0), corresponding to a margin of 11,4% (8,3)
- Net result after tax was 3,1 MSEK (0,9)
- Result per share was 0,02 (0,01)
- Cash flow from the business for the period was 7,3 MSEK (-0,2)
- On March 22, 2017, the Board resolved to, subject to approval by the annual general meeting, conduct an issue of shares with preferential rights for existing shareholders, whereby the Company's share capital may increase with no more than SEK 1 678 243,91 and 33 564 878 shares of series B. Shareholders in TagMaster have the preferential right to subscribe for one (1) new share of Series B per five (5) existing shares, ie. subscriptions ration 1:5. The subscription price in the rights issue is SEK 1,10 per share. The right issue is secured to approximately 74 percent by existing shareholders, board and management and warranties.

#### **Subsequent events**

• TagMaster acquires CA Traffic Ltd in England with admission date April 27, 2017. The acquisition means that TagMaster takes over a business with a yearly turnover of approximately 50 MSEK and a positive result.

### **About TagMaster**

TagMaster is an application driven technology company that designs and markets advanced identification systems and solutions based on radio & vision technology (RFID & ANPR) for demanding environments. Business areas include Traffic Solutions and Rail Solutions sold under the brands TagMaster, CitySync and Balogh with innovative mobility solutions in order to increase efficiency, security, convenience and to decrease environmental impact within Smart Cities. TagMaster has dedicated agencies in the US and in China and exports mainly to Europe, The Middle East, Asia and North America via a global network of partners, systems integrators and distributors. TagMaster was founded in 1994 and has its headquarters in Stockholm. TagMaster is a public company and its shares are traded on First North stock exchange in Stockholm, Sweden. TagMasters certified advisor is Remium AB.

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## **Comments by the CEO**

Our sales during the first quarter has been satisfactory with good volumes for TagMaster as well as for Balogh while CitySync has had seasonably lower volumes.

During the quarter the turnaround work with Balogh has continued. The work is intended to lower both personnel costs and other costs, to reduce the number of products and to simplify the business processes. We estimate the work to be done during the first half of 2017, which is a bit later than previously communicated and the delay mainly depends on the work on reducing the product assortment and to start a more efficient product supply requires more efforts.

CitySync is in discussions about a number of parking projects with several large international customers and we expect deliveries to start in smaller scale during the second quarter. We see a strong trend among other in Scandinavia that ANPR becomes a key component in future parking systems where barriers and ticket machines disappear.

Our rail business has been good during the quarter and product deliveries have continued for the big rail project announced at the end of 2015 and for another smaller project. Deliveries will continue, somewhat slower, during 2017. We are approaching the end of a development project for a new Railtag, with a 20-year lifetime, which will be used in these two projects, but also for other future projects. We already see indications that our acquisition of Balogh will increase our total offering to the rail market and that our complementary product assortment is well received by our common customers. Balogh has during the quarter had an even flow of new projects for delivery during 2017 and 2018 and we expect volumes to stay during the remainder of 2017 mostly driven by our new, simplified and upgraded product assortment.

Our Traffic business has had an acceptable development during the quarter with a continued positive margin development. The US market has stared well and the Indian market has been strong in products for toll road solutions. We will continue to increase our market efforts among others by participating in more fairs during 2017 and by new recruitment in sales. We have during the quarter started launching our UHF products in the French market through the sales channels of Balogh and during 2017we will let our local sales forces sell our complete assortment, which means RFID and ANPR products. We see that we with three home markets (The Nordics, UK and France) are able to integrate and streamline our sales work and we have therefore during the quarter created an EMEA sales organization with responsibility for the whole region. We will also continue the work with developing more products in RFID and ANPR and several of these will be launched already during 2017.

Our quarterly result of 4,8 MSEK (2,0) and our cash flow from the running business of 7,3 (-0,2) is an acceptable result to be satisfied with, while we still have work to do and it is always worth mentioning that the variation could be significant since especially our rail business is volatile to its character.

Jonas Svensson

CEO

### Comments to the result and balance sheet

#### Turnover and result

During the quarter a sales increase was noted mainly due to the rail business in the parent company but also due to the acquired business. Net sales for the first quarter was 42,1 MSEK (24,6), an increase of 70,8%. The result (EBITDA) was 4,8 MSEK (2,0), an increase of 140%, and a margin of 1,4% (8,3).

The costs during the quarter were 20,5 MSEK (12,9), The overall increase is related to a bigger structure coming from the acquisition of Balogh in 2016. No activation of direct development costs has been made. Included in tax on profit of the year is a tax revenue of 2,6 MSEK based on R&D expenditures in Balogh SA.

#### Cash flow and financial position

As per March 31, 2017 available liquidity was 30,3 MSEK (22,3) of which the revolving credit is 12,0 MSEK (8,0). Solidity at the end of the period was 43,9% (62,1). Cash flow from operating activities for the period was 7,3 MSEK (-0,2).

Accounts receivable were 20,8 MSEK (16,2) and trade payables were 10,2 MSEK (6,3). The inventories were 19,8 MSEK (12,1), all as per March 31, 2017. The increase of the inventories and other assets is explained by Balogh assets now being included and high sales during the quarter.

#### **Employees, organization and personnel**

The number of employees in the TagMaster Group was at the end of the period 63 (40). The number of full time employees in Balogh has been decreased by 8 since the acquisition in August 2016 and amounts to 29 employees at the end of March.

## **Business during the quarter**

### **Traffic Solutions (Access/Parking)**

We continue our work with the partner program and with our efforts to identify and engage more partners in some of our most important markets. A corner stone in our strategy is to focus more on the geographical markets were we already have a presence and we have during the period continued to see that our focus on North America, together with our local partner, has been successful and that more customers see the advantages of our products and the services we are offering. During the later part of 2017 we will also launch more of our ANPR products in the fast growing US market. We have also started actively to integrate the sales work in our three home markets (The Nordics, UK, France) and we work actively to become a stronger player in the DACH countries. During the quarter we established our European organization under a common sales director and which will during the yréar recruit more sales resources in all our home markets. We continue actively to build our brand through participation in fairs in our focus markets. During the period, we participated in fairs in the US and we will exhibit in more than 10 fairs on our own and together with our partners also in more fairs.

CitySync has during the quarter had a seasonally lower volume. Our new assortment with CitySync 50, which is an ANPR camera partly addressing the same application areas as the Traffic products of TagMaster is looked upon with great interest both in England and in Scandinavia. We will continuously approach existing and new customers with our combined and stronger product offering where our joint competence in RFID and ANPR make us differentiate. Through this offering we will become a more attractive partner for the system integrators building the smart cities of the future. We will during the year work intensively with integration of our RFID and ANPR offerings and the sales force will work with our complete assortment in their respective regions to implement synergies more naturally.

#### **Rail Solutions**

We have during the quarter continued product deliveries for our big rail project and for another smaller project. We have during the period had a low level of serial deliveries to other Rail customers, but we expect that their portfolios of projects will increase some during 2017 which will give us new projects.

We expect also to get some more business in CBTC (Communication Based Train Control.) area during 2017 and with the acquisition of Balogh our total product offering becomes much stronger, among other through the Balogh strength in Tramway solutions and this will give us access to a new dimension of growth opportunities for our Rail business. Balogh has during the quarter had an even inflow of smaller projects, something which is expected to continue during 2017.

Our business model within Rail, where we have the opportunity to offer our Rail customers to take advantage of our know-how and application knowledge also in project format will be further strengthened when we enhance our development resources with our new Rail Competence Center in Toulouse (Balogh).

### **Future outlook**

The future outlook is unchanged and the company has good growth opportunities in Traffic Solutions as well as in Rail Solutions. Our market shares are still small in a big and growing market, which means that future growth mainly depends on the company's own ability. Our companies will, however, see periods ahead of us when the sales- and result development will stop momentarily because we invest in future growth, which means costs may come before the revenue. To meet the demand and to aspire for the position as market leading supplier of advanced RFID & ANPR solutions, TagMaster/CitySync/Balogh will continue to develop and launch new innovative products, develop and expand its partner networks and recruit further competent personnel. We now also see our basic business, advanced identification technology for vehicles to demanding customers in Rail and Traffic is viable and we have therefore started to look for products, partners and companies which in different ways could complement our offering to markets within especially Traffic solutions.

TagMaster will continue the work to find more opportunities to selective acquisitions in adjacent technology areas like sensors, detectors and other identification technology with the purpose to increase our offering and become a more attractive supplier of the type of information which is a prerequisite for building the smart cities of the future.

#### **Annual General meeting**

TagMasters Annual General meeting will be held on Thursday, April 27, 2017 at Middlepoint, Kronborgsgränd 1, Kista at 3.00 p.m.

#### **Reporting dates**

Tagmaster will report on the following dates during the 2017 and 2018 fiscal years:

Interim report, January – June: July 14
Interim report, January – September: October 27
Earnings release 2017: January 26

This as well as previous financial reports could be found at the company homepage <a href="https://www.tagmaster.com">www.tagmaster.com</a>

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## **Consolidated income statement**

	Q1		Full year
KSEK	2017	2016	2016
Net sales	42 059	24 620	113 892
Other operating income	-		544
Total Sales	42 059	24 620	114 436
Purchased goods	-16 048	-9 520	-43 935
Other external costs	-8 758	-4 209	-26 074
Personnel cost	-11 786	-8 702	-35 897
Other operating expenses	-660	-157	-4 723
Operating profit before depreciation (EBITDA)	4 807	2 032	3 807
Depreciation	-95	-73	-316
Goodwill amortization	-884	-523	-2 554
Operating profit after depreciation (EBIT)	3 828	1 436	937
Financial items	-226	-158	-432
Profit before tax	3 602	1 278	505
Tax	-517	-368	3 710
Net profit	3 085	910	4 215

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Other operating expenses are related to restructuring activities (CitySync 801 Ksek and Balogh 1 522 Ksek) and write down of project costs (CitySync) at the amount of 2 400 Ksek. In the first quarter of 2017, the item relates to exchange-rate losses on operating receivables and liabilities.

## **Key ratios**

	Q1		Full year
	2016	2015	2016
Net sales growth, %	70,8	28,0	44,2
EBITDA-margin, %	11,4	8,3	3,3
Equity ratio, %	43,9	62,1	43,3
Return on equity, %	6,5	2,1	9,4
Earnings per share before dilution, SEK	0,02	0,01	0,03
Earnings per share after dilution, SEK	0,02	0,01	0,03
Number of shares, average, thousand	167 824	167 824	167 824
Number of shares, end of the period, thousand	167 824	167 824	167 824
Market price on closing day, SEK	1,71	1,21	1,13
Number of employees at end of period	63	40	69

## **Consolidated balance sheet**

	31 Mars		
KSEK	2017	2016	2016-12-31
ASSETS			
Intangible assets	31 326	18 714	32 325
Tangible assets	993	532	948
Financial assets	5 207	4 194	6 917
Inventories	19 800	12 129	22 099
Trade receivables	20 749	16 227	22 165
Other receivables	14 511	3 720	11 166
Cash and cash equivalents	18 327	14 322	9 903
TOTAL ASSETS	110 913	69 838	105 523
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES			
Equity	48 645	43 359	45 707
Provisions	3 316	1 264	8 567
Long term liabilities to credit institutions	8 640	9 950	2 317
Other long term liabilities	12 601	-	11 910
Short term liabilities to credit institutions	500	-	-
Trade payables	10 200	6 323	10 594
Other current liabilities	27 011	8 942	26 428
TOTAL EQUTIY AND LIABILITIES	110 913	69 838	105 523

# **Changes in consolidated equity**

	31 March		
KSEK	2017	2016	2016-12-31
Opening balance	45 707	44 059	44 059
Warrant payment	-20	65	170
Transaction difference	-127	-1 675	-2 737
Net result	3 085	910	4 215
TOTAL EQUITY	48 645	43 359	45 707

# **Consolidates cash flow analysis**

	Q1		Full year
KSEK	2017	2016	2016
Cash flow from operating activities before change			
in working capital	5 237	1 636	10 390
Change in working capital	2 051	-1 821	-9 487
Cash flow from operating activities	7 288	-185	903
Cash flow from investing activities	1 237	-	-4 034
Cash flow from financing activities	-85	10 015	8 670
Cash flow	8 440	9 830	5 539
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	9 903	4 492	4 492
Effect of exchange differences	-16	0	-128
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	18 327	14 322	9 903

# Parent company income statement

	Q1		Full year
KSEK	2017	2016	2016
Net sales	26 157	18 081	79 837
Other operating income	-	-	495
Total Sales	26 157	18 081	80 332
Purchased goods	-9 574	-7 450	-31 363
Other external costs	-5 484	-3 263	-17 382
Personnel cost	-5 948	-5 263	-20 977
Other operating expenses	-652	-145	-
Operating profit before depreciation (EBITDA)	4 499	1 960	10 610
Financial items	-122	-316	-591
Profit before tax	4 377	1 644	10 019
Appropriations	-	-	867
Tax	-963	-368	1 098
Net result	3 414	1 276	11 984

# Parent company balance sheet

	31 March		
KSEK	2017	2016	2016-12-31
ASSETS			
Shares in subsidiaries	40 428	35 224	40 428
Long-term receivables from group companies	9 591	2 689	12 454
Deferred tax asset	4 329	3 826	5 291
Inventories	7 872	6 635	9 819
Trade receivables	11 460	9 762	12 390
Current receivables from group companies	4 685	-	867
Other receivables	3 384	2 855	3 074
Cash and cash equivalents	11 428	12 704	2 153
TOTAL ASSETS	93 177	73 695	86 476
EQUTIY AND LIABILITIES			
Equity	66 459	52 336	63 043
Provisions	2 093	1 043	2 093
Liabilities to credit institutions	8 500	9 950	8 500
Trade payables	5 342	4 394	5 040
Other current liabilities	10 783	5 972	7 800
TOTAL EQUITY AND LIABILITIES	93 177	73 695	86 476

### **Accounting principles**

Applied accounting and valuation principles are according to "Årsredovisningslagen" and according to expressed and general advice from the Accounting Committee. For interim reports BFNAR 2012:1 (K3) is applied, which influence comparable figures for postponed tax, depreciations and own capital. This is described more extensively in the Annual report 2016.

#### Operational and financial risks

The operational and financial risks of TagMaster as well as uncertainties are described in the annual report 2016 under the section Risks and risk management.

This report has not been reviewed by the company auditor.

The information is published on April 27 at 08.30 CET.

The board and the CEO assure that this report is giving a correct overview of the Company, its business, position and result as well as it is describing major risks and uncertainties, which the Company is seeing ahead.

Kista, April 27, 2017

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