

## **PRESS RELEASE – 27 February 2017**

### **Solør Bioenergy Group continues its operational improvements during the fourth quarter 2016 compared to the same period last year**

- The fourth quarter of 2016 was characterized by colder weather in comparison to the same period during the previous year.
- Net sales increased by 12 percent and amounted to SEK 300 M (267). For segment district heating Net sales increased by 9 percent compared with last year, amounting to SEK 241 M (222).
- Consolidated gross contribution amounted to SEK 276 M (305).
- EBITDA was at SEK 182 M compared to SEK 213 M last year. EBITDA was impacted positively by unrealized gain on derivative financial instrument by SEK 80 M (57). Last year's EBITDA was also impacted positively by one-off gain on disposal of SBH Acquisition 3 AB amounting to SEK 93 M. Adjusted for the above EBITDA amounted to SEK 102 M (63), an increase by 62 percent.
- Profit after tax amounted to SEK 132 M compared to SEK 93 M last year.

### **Solør Bioenergy Group's energy deliveries and revenues show a stable upward trend**

- Net sales increased by 6 percent compared with last year and amounted to SEK 930 M (880). The increase is mainly attributable to increased customer prices and higher energy deliveries. For segment district heating net sales increased by 6 percent compared with last year, amounting to SEK 744 M compared to SEK 704 M last year.
- The increase is mainly attributable to higher customer prices and the colder weather and higher energy deliveries.
- Gross contribution amounted to SEK 667 M compared to SEK 683 M. Consolidated gross contribution was impacted positively by unrealized gain on derivative financial instrument by SEK 88 M (57). Last year's consolidated gross contribution was also impacted positively by one-off gain on disposal of SBH Acquisition 3 AB amounting to SEK 93 M. Adjusted for the above consolidated gross contribution amounted to SEK 579 M (533), an increase by 9 percent. The increase is a consequence of increased customer prices and operational improvements including lower raw material costs.
- EBITDA amounted to SEK 295 M compared to SEK 308 M last year.
- Profit after tax amounted to SEK -43 M compared to SEK 40 M last year. Profit/loss after tax was negatively impacted by net foreign currency exchange losses amounting to SEK -63 M (20), mainly related to the NOK denominated bond loans.
- Total equity amounts to SEK 967 M compared to SEK 973 M last year, which gives an equity ratio of 25.2 percent.

*Solør Bioenergy Group comprises bioenergy companies which are providing essential energy services in Sweden, Norway and Poland. The Group produces wood-based bioenergy for the public and private sector including private households, municipalities, industrial customers and local/regional governments. As a leading bioenergy company, the Group is operating in the entire value chain from procurement, production and distribution to sale of energy in form of district heating, industrial steam, electricity and various biomass products.*

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