

# ***Jacob Holm & Sønner Holding A/S***

Interim Report  
Q2 2017 and H1 2017

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# Management's Review

## Summary

Jacob Holm & Sønner Holding A/S and its subsidiaries ("Jacob Holm", the "Company" or the "Group") concluded its second quarter of the financial year 2017 with revenues of DKK 588 million and an EBITDA of DKK 46 million.

Increasing raw material prices were a key driver for the slightly higher topline, but among other factors also caused an increase in net working capital and put pressure on operating margins due to the contractual lag in passing through on sales prices for selected programs. However, this was compensated by a favorable product mix and a solid operational performance in Q2 2017 leading to an increase in EBITDA margin vs. the previous quarter.

## **Forward-looking statements**

*This report may be deemed to include forward-looking statements, such as statements that relate to the performance of Jacob Holm. Forward-looking statements are typically identified by words or phrases, such as "about", "believe", "expect", "plan", "goal", "target", "strategy" and similar expressions or future or conditional verbs such as "may", "will", "should", "would", and "could". Forward-looking statements are Jacob Holm's current estimates or expectations of future events or future results. Actual results could differ materially from those indicated by these statements because the realization of those results is subject to many risks and uncertainties. All forward-looking statements included in this press release are based on information available at the time of the release, and the Company assumes no obligation to update any forward-looking statements.*

## Interim Report for Q2 2017 (Apr 1 – Jun 30, 2017)

Jacob Holm reports for Q2 2017:

- Revenues of DKK 588 million (-2.8% year-on-year)
- EBITDA of DKK 46 million (+3.3% year-on-year)
- Net loss of DKK 32 million (N/A)
- Net debt of DKK 914 million, compared with DKK 808 million at the end of Q1 2017

Key figures	Quarter ended June 30,		YTD ended June 30,	
	2017	2016	2017	2016
DKK 1,000	unaudited	unaudited	unaudited	unaudited
Revenue	588,263	604,920	1,169,853	1,202,682
EBITDA	45,846	44,382	77,072	98,724
Net profit	-32,151	16,003	-40,665	13,980
Cash flow from operating activities	-75,351	72,474	-48,770	121,461
Cash flow from investing activities	-7,629	-22,027	-25,181	-29,352
Cash flow from financing activities	-623,143	-21,479	94,845	-39,272
Net interest bearing debt			914,472	887,848
Total assets			1,755,453	1,764,316

This Interim Report for Q2 2017 has not been audited or reviewed.

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# Financial Review

## Revenue

Revenue in Q2 2017 increased by DKK 6 million or 1% to DKK 588 million compared with DKK 582 million in Q1 2017. The competitive situation in North America and Europe continued to be tight due to the unfavourable supply demand balance in selected end markets.

## Operating expenses

Cost of goods sold in Q2 2017 totalled DKK 501 million representing 85% of revenue compared with DKK 511 million or 88% in Q1 2017. The lower cost of goods sold were among others a result of improved operational performance compared to the previous quarter.

Other operating expenses amounted to DKK 41 million or 7% of revenue in Q2 2017 compared with DKK 39 million or 7% in Q1 2017.

Depreciation charges of DKK 32 million in Q2 2017 were in line with the previous quarter.

## EBITDA

The Group delivered an EBITDA of DKK 46 million in Q2 2017 compared to DKK 31 million in Q1 2017, representing an increase in EBITDA margin of +3.4%.

## Financial income and expenses

The Group's financial income and expenses related to borrowing costs for the bonds and other financing arrangements were DKK 41 million in Q2 2017 compared to DKK 11 million in Q1 2017. The increase in Q2 2017 was mainly related to the refinancing of the Bond.

## Taxes

The Group reported a tax credit of DKK 14 million in Q2 2017, compared with a tax expense of DKK 5 million in Q1 2017.

## Net profit

The net loss was DKK 32 million in Q2 2017 compared with a net loss of DKK 8 million in Q1 2017.

## Equity

Equity decreased to DKK 394 million in Q2 2017 based on the negative result for the period, changes in exchange rates and a DKK 25 million dividend to the Parent company.

## Net debt

The net debt at the end of Q2 2017 was DKK 914 million compared with DKK 808 million at the end of Q1 2017. The increase in net debt was driven by several factors, among others the call premium on the SEK bond, the Bond refinancing costs, an increase in net working capital as well as the dividend distribution to the Parent company.

## **Management's Statement on the Interim Report**

The Executive and Supervisory Boards have today considered and adopted the Interim Report of Jacob Holm & Sønner Holding A/S for the financial period April 1 – June 30, 2017.

The Interim Report is prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) as adopted by the EU as well as additional Danish disclosure requirements included in the executive order on IFRS issued by the Danish Commerce and Companies Agency. We consider the accounting policies applied appropriate and the accounting estimates reasonable.

To the best of our knowledge, the Consolidated Financial Statements give a true and fair view of the financial position as at June 30, 2017 and of the results of its operations and cash flows for the period of the Group taken as a whole.

To the best of our knowledge, we confirm that the Consolidated Financial Statements include a true and fair account of the development in the operations and financial circumstances of the Group as a whole, of the results for the financial period and of the financial position of the Group as a whole as well as a description of the most significant risks and elements of uncertainty facing the Group. Besides what has been disclosed in the Interim Report, no changes in the Group's most significant risks and uncertainties have occurred relative to what was disclosed in the consolidated financial statements for 2016.

Jyderup, August 24, 2017

### **Executive Board**

Martin Mikkelsen  
Chief Executive Officer

### **Supervisory Board**

Nils Thomas Weineke  
(Chairman)

Christian Peter Søberg Jarnov

Martin Mikkelsen

## **General information**

### **1 Reporting entity**

Jacob Holm & Sønner Holding A/S (the "Company") is a company domiciled in Denmark. These condensed unaudited consolidated interim financial statements as at and for the six months ended June 30, 2017 comprise the Company and its subsidiaries (together the "Group"). The Group is primarily involved in manufacturing nonwoven fabrics for a wide range of applications in the consumer wipes, industrial wipes, hygiene, beauty care and health care segments. The Company's functional currency is Danish kroner.

### **2 Basis of preparation**

#### **(a) Statement of compliance**

These interim financial statements have been prepared in accordance with IAS 34 Interim Financial Reporting as adopted by the EU as well as additional Danish disclosure requirements. They do not include all the information required for a complete set of IFRS financial statements. Any events and transactions that are significant to an understanding of the changes in the Group's financial position and performance since the last annual consolidated financial statements as at and for the financial year ended December 31, 2016 are disclosed in the section "Financial Review". These interim financial statements were authorized for issue by the Company's Board of Directors on August 24, 2017.

#### **(b) Judgments and estimates**

In preparing these interim financial statements, Management makes judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of accounting policies and the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, income and expenses. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The significant judgements made by Management in applying the Group's accounting policies and the key sources of estimation uncertainty were the same as those applied to the consolidated financial statements as at and for the financial year ended December 31, 2016.

### **3 Significant accounting policies**

The accounting policies applied in these interim financial statements are the same as those applied in the Group's consolidated financial statements as at and for the financial year ended December 31, 2016.

### **4 Segment information**

The internal reporting framework used for reporting on revenue and expenses to the Executive Management and the Board of Directors has been set up to reflect and report on the global functional responsibility setup at the Company.

### **5 Subsequent events**

No events have occurred after the balance sheet date that will have material effect on the Group's financial standing.

## Consolidated income statement

Consolidated income statement	Quarter ended Jun 30,		YTD ended Jun 30,	
	2017	2016	2017	2016
DKK 1,000	unaudited	unaudited	unaudited	unaudited
<b>Revenue</b>	<b>588,263</b>	<b>604,920</b>	<b>1,169,853</b>	<b>1,202,682</b>
Cost of goods sold	501,371	514,859	1,012,661	1,010,706
<b>Gross profit</b>	<b>86,892</b>	<b>90,061</b>	<b>157,193</b>	<b>191,975</b>
Sales and marketing expenses	12,065	11,004	21,753	20,469
Administrative expenses	29,144	34,837	58,693	73,107
Other operating income and expenses	163	163	325	325
<b>EBITDA</b>	<b>45,846</b>	<b>44,382</b>	<b>77,072</b>	<b>98,724</b>
Other operating income and expenses	-77	0	34	0
Depreciation	32,137	30,547	64,780	62,943
<b>EBIT</b>	<b>13,632</b>	<b>13,835</b>	<b>12,325</b>	<b>35,780</b>
Special items, net	12	0	-574	0
Financial income and expenses, net	-40,828	-12,527	-52,119	-25,338
Exchange rate deviation	-19,140	19,549	-23,671	8,425
<b>Profit before tax</b>	<b>-46,325</b>	<b>20,857</b>	<b>-64,038</b>	<b>18,867</b>
Tax on profit for the period	-14,174	4,854	-23,373	4,887
<b>Net profit for the period</b>	<b>-32,151</b>	<b>16,003</b>	<b>-40,665</b>	<b>13,980</b>



## Consolidated statement of comprehensive income

Consolidated statement of comprehensive income	Quarter ended Jun 30,		YTD ended Jun 30,	
	2017	2016	2017	2016
DKK 1,000	unaudited	unaudited	unaudited	unaudited
<b>Net profit for the period</b>	<b>-32,151</b>	<b>16,003</b>	<b>-40,665</b>	<b>13,980</b>
<b>Other comprehensive income</b>				
Items that may be subsequently reclassified to income statement				
Exchange adjustment, foreign companies	-30,830	-8,441	-33,901	-8,363
<b>Total comprehensive income for the period</b>	<b>-62,981</b>	<b>7,562</b>	<b>-74,566</b>	<b>5,618</b>

## Consolidated balance sheet

Consolidated balance sheet	Jun 30, 2017	Dec 31, 2016
DKK 1,000	unaudited	audited
<b>Assets</b>		
<b>Intangible fixed assets</b>	<b>129,806</b>	<b>138,532</b>
Land & Buildings	242,872	265,178
Plant and machinery	636,113	722,044
Other fixtures and fittings, tools and equipment	15,621	15,342
Property, plant and equipment under construction	28,232	20,805
<b>Property, plant and equipment</b>	<b>922,838</b>	<b>1,023,370</b>
Other receivables	3,443	2,030
Deferred tax asset	24,776	13,902
<b>Financial fixed assets</b>	<b>28,219</b>	<b>15,932</b>
<b>Non-current assets</b>	<b>1,080,863</b>	<b>1,177,833</b>
<b>Inventories</b>	<b>179,199</b>	<b>177,102</b>
Trade receivables	327,801	309,713
Receivables due from group companies	860	0
Corporate tax	2,201	267
Bonds at fair value through profit and loss	8,243	9,515
Other receivables and prepayments	43,325	41,489
<b>Receivables</b>	<b>382,431</b>	<b>360,984</b>
Cash at bank and in hand	112,961	83,397
<b>Current assets</b>	<b>674,591</b>	<b>621,483</b>
<b>Assets</b>	<b>1,755,453</b>	<b>1,799,316</b>

## Consolidated balance sheet

Consolidated balance sheet	Jun 30, 2017	Dec 31, 2016
DKK 1,000	unaudited	audited
<b>Equity and liabilities</b>		
<b>Equity</b>	<b>393,960</b>	<b>493,527</b>
Interest bearing liabilities	915,060	794,791
Provisions for deferred tax	26,180	46,277
Provisions for other staff obligations	6,514	6,512
Provisions other	6,520	7,050
<b>Non-current liabilities</b>	<b>954,274</b>	<b>854,630</b>
Credit institutions	120,616	114,941
Trade payables	176,499	188,785
Payables, plant and machinery	1,105	6,875
Payables due to group companies	0	7,362
Corporate tax	23,166	18,921
Other payables	85,834	114,277
<b>Current liabilities</b>	<b>407,219</b>	<b>451,160</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>	<b>1,361,493</b>	<b>1,305,790</b>
<b>Equity and liabilities</b>	<b>1,755,453</b>	<b>1,799,316</b>

## Consolidated statement of changes in equity

Consolidated statement of changes in equity	Share capital unaudited	Exchange adj. unaudited	Retained earnings unaudited	Total unaudited
DKK 1,000				
<b>Equity at January 1, 2017</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>87,182</b>	<b>405,345</b>	<b>493,527</b>
Comprehensive income for the period	0	-33,901	-40,665	-74,566
Dividends	0	0	-25,000	-25,000
<b>Equity at June 30, 2017</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>53,280</b>	<b>339,680</b>	<b>393,960</b>
<b>Equity at January 1, 2016</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>76,686</b>	<b>375,632</b>	<b>453,319</b>
Comprehensive income for the period	0	10,495	49,713	60,208
Dividends	0	0	-20,000	-20,000
<b>Equity at December 31, 2016</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>87,182</b>	<b>405,345</b>	<b>493,527</b>

## Consolidated statement of cash flows

Consolidated statement of cash flows DKK 1,000	Quarter ended Jun 30,		YTD ended Jun 30,	
	2017 unaudited	2016 unaudited	2017 unaudited	2016 unaudited
Ordinary result before tax	-46,325	20,857	-64,038	18,867
Non-cash adjustments	55,039	14,845	91,301	55,308
Corporation tax paid	-3,447	-3,622	-4,295	-3,327
Change in inventories	-9,750	28,263	-6,644	47,395
Change in receivables	-39,256	4,618	-33,473	-24,662
Change in suppliers etc.	-31,613	7,512	-31,620	27,879
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>	<b>-75,351</b>	<b>72,474</b>	<b>-48,770</b>	<b>121,461</b>
Property, plant and equipment and intangible fixed assets	-8,720	-15,909	-19,498	-24,375
Purchase of financial fixed assets	-54	-80	-1,425	-90
Change in bonds at fair value through profit and loss	1,828	172	1,273	2,916
Change in payables, plant and machinery	-682	-6,210	-5,532	-7,803
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>	<b>-7,629</b>	<b>-22,027</b>	<b>-25,181</b>	<b>-29,352</b>
Change in non-current liabilities	-592,468	-17,164	128,068	-34,596
Change in accounts with related and group companies	-5,675	15,685	-8,223	15,324
Paid out dividend	-25,000	-20,000	-25,000	-20,000
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>	<b>-623,143</b>	<b>-21,479</b>	<b>94,845</b>	<b>-39,272</b>
<b>Change in cash and cash equivalents</b>	<b>-706,122</b>	<b>28,967</b>	<b>20,894</b>	<b>52,838</b>
Cash and cash equivalents, net at beginning of the period	696,057	-104,843	-31,544	-131,013
Exchange adjustment of cash at bank and in hand, net at beginning of the period	2,411	-1,355	2,995	944
<b>Cash and cash equivalents, net at the end of the period</b>	<b>-7,655</b>	<b>-77,231</b>	<b>-7,655</b>	<b>-77,231</b>

# Notes to the Interim Report

## 1 Intangible fixed assets

Intangible fixed assets	Customer lists, know-how, patents, licences			Intangible fixed assets under construction
	Goodwill unaudited	unaudited	Software unaudited	
DKK 1,000				
Cost at January 1	93,491	16,488	69,144	0
Exchange adjustment at half-year rate	-1,615	-319	-1,872	0
Additions from business combination	0	0	0	0
Additions for the year	0	0	36	0
Transfer between items	0	0	0	0
Disposals for the year	0	0	0	0
Cost at June 30	91,876	16,169	67,308	0
Amortisation at January 1	0	5,575	35,016	0
Exchange adjustment at year-end rate	0	-120	-1,310	0
Amortisation for the year	0	1,215	5,171	0
Disposals for the year	0	0	0	0
Amortisation at June 30	0	6,670	38,877	0
<b>Carrying amount at June 30</b>	<b>91,876</b>	<b>9,499</b>	<b>28,431</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Amortised over</b>		<b>10 years</b>	<b>3-5 years</b>	

## 2 Property, plant and equipment

Property, plant and equipment	Land and buildings unaudited	Plant and machinery unaudited	Other fixtures and fittings, tools and equipment	
			unaudited	PPE under construction unaudited
DKK 1,000				
Cost at January 1	395,506	1,370,920	53,828	20,805
Exchange adjustment at half-year rate	-19,554	-71,258	-2,159	-1,036
Additions for the year	52	1,373	251	17,467
Transfer between items	0	5,396	3,608	-9,004
Disposals for the year	0	-241	-417	0
Cost at June 30	376,004	1,306,190	55,111	28,232
Amortisation at January 1	130,328	648,876	38,486	0
Exchange adjustment at year-end rate	-4,965	-26,532	-1,417	0
Depreciation for the year	7,769	47,903	2,720	0
Disposals for the year	0	-170	-299	0
Depreciation at June 30	133,132	670,077	39,490	0
<b>Carrying amount at June 30</b>	<b>242,872</b>	<b>636,113</b>	<b>15,621</b>	<b>28,232</b>
<b>Amortised over</b>	<b>30-50 years</b>	<b>5-15 years</b>	<b>3-10 years</b>	

### 3 Interest bearing liabilities

Interest bearing liabilities is made up of the issued Bond and financing granted by credit institutions.

As at June 30, 2017 the split and maturity is as follows:

<b>Interest bearing liabilities</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>Total</b>
DKK 1,000	unaudited	unaudited	unaudited	unaudited	unaudited
Bond	0	0	0	744,000	744,000
Credit institutions	52,112	39,024	91,429	0	182,565
Financing costs	-1,556	-2,807	-2,490	-4,652	-11,505
	<b>50,556</b>	<b>36,217</b>	<b>88,939</b>	<b>739,348</b>	<b>915,060</b>

#### (a) Bond

On March 31, 2017, the parent company issued a series of new bonds in the amount of EUR 100 million. The net proceeds of the new bonds were used to refinance the bonds issued in 2014 and for general corporate purposes. The redemption of the 2014 bonds including the call premium as well as the release of the remaining proceeds from the escrow to the Group occurred on April 25, 2017. Between the settlement of the EUR bonds on March 31, 2017 and the redemption of the SEK bonds, the net proceeds were deposited on an escrow account and presented in Cash at bank and in hand on the balance sheet. The interest coupon on the par value of the new bonds payable and including, the issue date is three months EURIBOR plus a margin of 3.75% (subject to adjustment in case of incurrence events).

The Bond matures in full on March 31, 2022. The Company may redeem the bond issue in whole or in part at any time. The redemption price is:

Today to September 2019	102% of par value plus remaining interest payments until September 2019 discounted at 50 basis point over the comparable government bonds of the Federal Republic of Germany.
September 2019 to March 2020	102% of par value
March 2020 to September 2020	101.50% of par value
September 2020 to March 2021	101.25% of par value
March 2021 to September 2021	100.75% of par value
From September 2021	100% of par value

The bonds are subject to a net debt / EBITDA ratio covenant testing in case of an Incurrence Event.

#### (b) Credit institutions

Credit institutions primarily includes term loans granted to the Plant in Asheville, United States. These term loans are USD denominated and with variable interest.

The covenants comprise measurements on specific financial ratios, including solvency, EBITDA in relation to fixed charges (interest, instalments, income tax, dividend and capital expenditure) and the cover of revolving credit by working capital.

#### 4 Segment information

The Group's global functional responsibility is divided into four segments:

- (1) The Jacob Holm Industries segment produces and sells non-woven roll-goods.
- (2) The Sontara segment produces and sells non-woven in converted and roll-goods form.
- (3) The TWIG segment sells non-woven by-products and provides internal converting services.
- (4) The Headquarter segment consists of the Danish holding and management companies Jacob Holm & Søner Holding A/S and Jacob Holm & Søner A/S.

Segment information	YTD ended Jun 30,	
	2017	2016
DKK 1,000	unaudited	unaudited
<b>Revenue</b>		
Jacob Holm Industries	504,184	556,001
Sontara	660,285	639,961
TWIG	32,384	17,681
Headquarter	1,119	1,518
Eliminations	-28,119	-12,479
<b>Group</b>	<b>1,169,853</b>	<b>1,202,682</b>
<b>EBITDA</b>		
Jacob Holm Industries	6,593	47,692
Sontara	66,504	48,206
TWIG	5,275	4,097
Headquarter	-1,301	-1,271
Eliminations	0	0
<b>Group</b>	<b>77,072</b>	<b>98,724</b>

#### 5 Transactions with related parties

Besides intercompany transactions that have been eliminated in the Consolidated Income Statement, related party transactions comprise purchases and sales of management services from and to the related company Jacob Holm & Sons AG. Further, royalty fee charges are being made by Jacob Holm & Sons AG.

Purchases of management services amounts to DKK 17 million for the year-to-date whereas sales of management services amounted to DKK 3 million for the year-to-date.

Charges of royalty fees for the year-to-date amounts to DKK 20 million.

Further, the Consolidated Income Statement includes a financial expense of DKK 2 MM from guarantee fee charges related to the Parent Company's guarantee regarding the bonds. The Parent Company is guaranteeing the nominal value of the bonds.

The Group has charged management services in the amount of DKK 0.3 million to Dønnerup A/S for the year-to-date. Dønnerup A/S has charged rental expenses in the amount of DKK 0.3 million for the year-to-date.