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Boliden's second quarter: Strong earnings and cash flow

Sales for the second quarter totaled SEK 17,891 m (13,391) and operating profit excluding revaluation of process inventory was SEK 2,616 m (1,634). Free cash flow totaled SEK 2,013 m (1,174).

“The need and demand for base metals in connection with climate transition are becoming increasingly clear. At the same time, improved prices for Boliden’s metals means that earnings from mining operations in particular are developing positively, especially at the three mines we recently expanded,” says Mikael Staffas, President and CEO.

Operating profit at Boliden Mines increased to SEK 2,192 m (779), a new record for a single quarter, mainly due to higher metal prices. Milled volume in Aitik recovered after production problems during the first quarter. However, lower grades had a negative effect on the production of copper and precious metals in concentrate. The Boliden Area’s milled volume was higher than in the previous quarter and the second quarter last year as a result of increased production and a changed ore mix. Production in Garpenberg was stable at a high level and the milled volume in Kevitsa increased slightly compared to last year. Milled volume in Tara was affected negatively by the shutdown of a conveyor belt for a short period.

Operating profit in Boliden Smelters excluding revaluation of process inventory decreased to SEK 789 m (914) as a result of lower treatment charges and higher costs related to planned maintenance shutdowns. A short planned maintenance shutdown was carried out in Rönskär, and copper and precious metal production was a little lower than both the previous quarter and last year. Yet another strong production quarter was noted in Harjavalta. Zinc production in Kokkola was a little lower than in the previous quarter and last year, while production in Odda was on par with the previous quarter. In Bergsöe, a more stable production led to increased volume.

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