Vissing Holding A/S Rævevej 1 7800 Skive

CVR no. 42 95 89 13

**Annual report 2017** 

Approved at the Company's annual general meeting on 5th of April 2018 **Chairman of the meeting** 

## Vissing Holding A/S

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## **Company details**

## Company

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CVR No.: 42 95 89 13 Municipality: Skive

#### **Board of Directors**

Hans-Henrik Horsted Eriksen, Chairman Niels Hermansen, Vice chairman Torben Voss

#### **Executive Board**

**Torben Voss** 

#### **Auditors**

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## Statement by the Board of Directors and the Executive Board

The Board of Directors and the Executive Board have today discussed and approved the annual report of Vissing Holding A/S for the financial year 1 January to 31 December 2017.

The annual report is prepared in accordance with the Danish Financial Statements Act.

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements and the parent company financial statements give a true and fair view of the Group's and the parent company's financial position at 31 December 2017 and of the results of the Group's and the parent company's operations and the consolidated cash flows for the financial year 1 January – 31 December 2017.

Further, in our opinion, the Management's review gives a fair presentation of the matters discussed in the Management's review.

We recommend the annual report to be approved at the annual general meeting.

Skive, 5th of April 2018

#### **Executive Board**

Torben Voss CEO

**Board of Directors** 

Hans-Henrik Horsted Eriksen

Chairman

NielsHermansen

Vice chairman

Torben Voss

## Independent auditor's report

## To the shareholder of Vissing Holding A/S

#### Opinion

We have audited the consolidated financial statements and the parent company financial statements of Vissing Holding A/S for the financial year 1 January – 31 December 2017, which comprise income statement, balance sheet, statement of changes in equity and notes, including accounting policies, for both the Group and the Parent Company, and a consolidated cash flow statement. The consolidated financial statements and the parent company financial statements are prepared in accordance with the Danish Financial Statements Act.

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements and the parent company financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Group and the Parent Company at 31 December 2017 and of the results of the Group's and the Parent Company's operations as well as the consolidated cash flows for the financial year 1 January – 31 December 2017 in accordance with the Danish Financial Statements Act.

### Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (ISAs) and additional requirements applicable in Denmark. Our responsibilities under those standards and requirements are further described in the "Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the consolidated financial statements and the parent company financial statements" (hereinafter collectively referred to as "the financial statements") section of our report. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

#### Independence

We are independent of the Group in accordance with the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants' Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (IESBA Code) and additional requirements applicable in Denmark, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these rules and requirements.

## Management's responsibilities for the financial statements

Management is responsible for the preparation of consolidated financial statements and parent company financial statements that give a true and fair view in accordance with the Danish Financial Statements Act, and for such internal control as Management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, Management is responsible for assessing the Group's and the Parent Company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements unless Management either intends to liquidate the Group or the Parent Company or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

## Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance as to whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs and additional requirements applicable in Denmark will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of the financial statements.

## Independent auditor's report

As part of an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs and additional requirements applicable in Denmark, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- ldentify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- ▶ Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Group's and the Parent Company's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by Management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of Management's use of the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Group's and the Parent Company's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Group and the Parent Company to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and contents of the financial statements, including the note disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that gives a true and fair view.
- Obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the financial information of the entities or business activities within the Group to express an opinion on the consolidated financial statements. We are responsible for the direction, supervision and performance of the group audit. We remain solely responsible for our audit opinion.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

#### Statement on the Management's review

Management is responsible for the Management's review.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the Management's review, and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the Management's review and, in doing so, consider whether the Management's review is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained during the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

Moreover, it is our responsibility to consider whether the Management's review provides the information required under the Danish Financial Statements Act.

## Independent auditor's report

Based on the work we have performed, we conclude that the Management's review is in accordance with the financial statements and has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Danish Financial Statements Act. We did not identify any material misstatement of the Management's review.

Odense, 5th of April 2018 ERNST & YOUNG Godkendt Revisionspartnerselskab CVR no. 30 70 02 28

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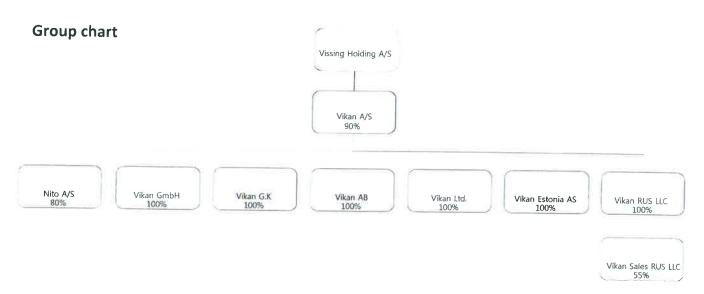
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Hereby, the Board of Directors and the Executive Board of Vissing Holding A/S have prepared the annual report and the Management's review for 2017.



The activities of the companies comprise production, sale and distribution.

Financial highlights for the Group	2017 DKK'000	2016 DKK'000	2015 DKK'000	2014 DKK'000	2013
Key figures	DKK 000	DKK 000	DKK 000	DKK 000	DKK,000
Revenue	370,417	356,493	347,100	327,944	310,640
Gross profit	168,221	160,261	151,849	137,671	130,063
Operating profit	61,713	54,839	46,712	39,967	36,551
EBITDA	74,630	67,460	59,180	51,393	47,311
Financial income and financial expenses	-4,011	-549	-4,350	-2,612	-3,256
Profit before tax	57,702	54,290	42,362	37,355	33,295
Profit for the year	38,613	36,629	28,680	24,899	22,957
Investments in property, plant and equip.	8,040	9,743	10,448	17,337	11,876
Inventories	67,072	63,602	60,091	64,492	59,422
Trade receivables	50,799	50,826	52,535	47,092	43,862
Equity	117,915	98,790	83,673	73,265	71,040
Net interest-bearing debt	13,372	26,399	54,074	54,222	52,149
Total assets	236,775	236,938	212,922	206,869	199,350
Cash flows from operating activities	51,441	55,333	43,416	25,656	48,549
Financial ratios	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
Gross margin (%)	45.4	45.0	42.5	42.0	41.9
Operating margin (%)	16.7	15.4	13.1	12.2	11.9
Return on capital employed (%)	30.9	27.3	23.4	19.7	19.4
Debt leverage	0.2	0.4	0.9	1.1	1.1
Return on equity (%)	35.6	40.2	36.6	39.2	28.6
Solvency ratio (%)	49.8	41.7	39.3	36.1	35.6

#### **Principal activities**

The principal activities of Vissing Holding A/S is taking place in the Vikan Group which are to develop, manufacture and market hygienic cleaning tools for professional use. Products and services are based on the needs of our customers and statutory requirements. Vikan markets a broad range of cleaning tools and solutions which are primarily intended for the following sectors:

- Food & beverage
- Kitchens & restaurants
- Healthcare
- Education & local authorities
- Retail & supermarkets
- Transport

Vikan offers a wide range of products and solutions which ensure both hygienic and effective cleaning which contribute to ensuring that our customer's growing hygienic standards are being met. For further information please visit the Vikan website at www.vikan.com

### Development in activities and financial position in the financial year

Consolidated revenue totalled DKK 370 million in the year under review against DKK 356 million in 2016. The Group continued to grow its core business areas under the Vikan brand umbrella with a stong focus on products and solutions to the food & beverage industry.

Sales growth supported an increase in the consolidated result after tax which totalled DKK 44 million in 2017 against DKK 41 million in 2016. The realised result in 2017 is considered satisfactory and in line with the Company's overall strategic plan.

The 2017 result is impacted by weaker USD and GBP currency rates, which is expected to continue into 2018.

The Group remains committed to its leading position as a provider of the most innovative hygiene cleaning tools. In 2017 the Group continued to introduce a number of new products and solutions adding to the most comprehensive and distinctive range of professional hygiene cleaning tools.

Total investments including intangible assets amounted to DKK 10 million. Significant investments were completed in new production equipment, IT solutions and development of new products. In addition, significant investments have taken place in terms of strengthening and developing further competences in the organisation.

The Group realised positive cash flows from operations totalling DKK 51 million.

#### Outlook 2018

The Group will continue the execution of its corporate strategy, which is expected to lead to further increase of market share and growth in sales. Investments are expected to be above the 2017 level, while the financial result is expected to be slightly below the 2017 level, primarily due to impact from weaker USD and GBP currency rates.

#### Cash resources and capital structure

At 31 December 2017, equity amounted to DKK 118 million. Solvency ratio totalled 49.8 % at the end of the financial year. Net interest-bearing debt was reduced to DKK 13 million. Consequently, the debt leverage (relation between net interest-bearing debt and EBITDA) totalled 0.2 at the end of 2017.

#### Particular risks

Risks related to operations, financing activities, foreign exchange, interest rates and trade credit conditions are considered usual for the industry and they may have a considerable impact on future earnings. The management is working proactively to manage and reduce the risk related to both operational and financial activities. This includes fluctuations in raw material prices and hedging of cash flow in foreign currencies.

#### Corporate social responsibility

The Group has currently not implemented an overall policy concerning corporate social responsibility, including human rights, climate and environment. However long-term sustainability and to uphold responsible business ethics has always been part of our philosophy and customer value proposition.

During 2017, the Group has taken several measures to improve the work environment, environmental impact and social responsibility.

Transactions with the Group's most important suppliers are made in accordance with guide lines regarding employee and environmental conditions and are compliant with applicable legislation. During 2017 the Company has been audited and approved by major international customers with strict requirement.

#### Intellectual capital and gender quotation on the Management Board

The Group constantly invests in training of its employees. A number of training and development programs have been completed throughout the organisation in 2017, including a group-wide training programme to improve productivity and employee motivation.

The Group operates from the principle that diversity among its employees, including gender balance, contributes positively to the work environment and strengthens the Company's performance and competitiveness. The Group thus has a clear policy regarding discrimination and intends at all times to employ and retain its employees based on qualifications and competences.

At the end of 2017, more than half of Vikan A/S' employees are women. The executive management team consists of 6 persons, 3 of these being women. The Board of Directors consists of four externally elected persons, one of which is a woman.

The Vikan Group has as an objective that the underrepresented gender accounts for at least 40% of the Company's executive management.

Vissing Holding A/S has an objective that the underrepresented gender accounts for at least 33 % of the company's board of directors. Hans- Henrik Horsted Eriksen has been elected to the board of directors in 2017 as he was the most appropriate candidate.

### Research and development

Continuous development of new products and technologies are taking place as an integrated part of the Company's ongoing operations in order to maintain its leading position as a provider of the most innovative hygiene cleaning tools. Research and development activities are based on both customer-specific projects as well as internally defined projects.

#### **Environment**

The Group is committed to operate in an environmental friendly manner. The Company continuously strives at improving its environmental impact, which among other things is achieved through the Company's environmental management system ISO 14001 and its focus on any potential for minimising the consumption of raw materials and other scarce resources.

The Group regularly optimises its energy consumption both in terms of production and administration in order to ensure low operating costs and to minimize the environmental impact.

The Groups production site in Skive is certified to the ISO standards ISO 9001:2015 for quality and ISO 14001:2015 for environment.

Reference is made to the Vikan A/S' website for more details on the Company's environmental policy.

The annual report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions applying to reporting class C large enterprises under the Danish Financial Statements Act.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the same accounting policies as last year.

Pursuant to section 86(4) of the Danish Financial Statements Act, no cash flow statement has been prepared as the Company's cash flows are recognised in the consolidated financial statements.

#### Consolidated financial statements

The consolidated financial statements comprise Vissing Holding A/S (parent company) and the enterprises (group enterprises) over which the parent company exercises control, see the group chart on page 6. Control is obtained in companies in which the parent company directly or indirectly holds more than 50% of the voting rights or which it, in some other way, controls. Enterprises in which the Group holds directly or indirectly between 20% and 50% of the voting rights and over which it exercises significant influence, but which it does not control, are considered associates.

#### Consolidation principles

The consolidated financial statements are based on the financial statements of Vissing Holding A/S and its subsidiaries. The consolidated financial statements are prepared by adding together financial statement items of similar nature. On consolidation, intra-group income and expenses, intra-group balances and dividends, and gains and losses on intra-group transactions are eliminated. The financial statements applied for consolidation purposes are prepared in accordance with the Group's accounting policies.

In the consolidated financial statements, the items of subsidiaries are recognised in full. The proportionate share of the non-controlling interests' results and net assets are recognised as separate items in the income statement and the balance sheet, respectively.

Investments in group enterprises are recognised after tax in one separate line item in the income statement.

Investments in subsidiaries are set off against the proportionate share of the subsidiaries' fair value of net assets at the acquisition date.

#### Non-controlling interests

On initial recognition, non-controlling interests are measured at fair value or at the proportionate share of the fair value of the acquired business' identifiable assets, liabilities and contingent liabilities. Measurement of non-controlling interests is chosen transaction by transaction Non-controlling interests are subsequently adjusted for the proportionate share of changes in the subsidiary's equity. Comprehensive income is allocated to non-controlling interests notwithstanding that the non-controlling interest thereby is negative.

Acquisition of non-controlling interests in a subsidiary and the sale of non-controlling interests in a subsidiary which do not imply any termination of control are recognised in the consolidated financial statements as an equity transaction, and the difference between the consideration and the carrying amount is allocated to the parent company's share of equity.

#### **Business combinations**

Enterprises acquired or formed during the year are recognised in the consolidated financial statements from the date of acquisition or formation. Enterprises disposed of are recognised in the consolidated income statement until the date of disposal.

Acquisitions of enterprises are accounted for using the purchase method, according to which the identifiable assets and liabilities acquired are measured at their fair values at the date of acquisition. Provision is made for costs related to adopted and announced plans to restructure the acquired enterprise in connection with the acquisition. The tax effect of the restatement of assets and liabilities is taken into account.

Any excess of the cost over the equity interest acquired and the fair value of assets and liabilities acquired (goodwill), is recognised as intangible assets and amortised on a systematic basis in the income statement based on an individual assessment of the useful life of the asset, not exceeding 20 years. Any excess of the fair values of the identifiable assets and liabilities acquired over the cost of the acquisition (negative goodwill), representing an anticipated adverse development in the acquired enterprises, is recognised separately in the balance sheet as deferred income and recognised in the income statement as the adverse development is realised.

### Foreign currency translation

On initial recognition, transactions denominated in foreign currencies are translated at the exchange rates at the transaction date. Receivables and payables and other monetary items denominated in foreign currencies which are not settled at the balance sheet date are translated at the exchange rate at the balance sheet date. Foreign exchange differences arising between the exchange rates at the transaction date and at the date of payment and the rate at the balance sheet date, respectively, are recognised in the income statement as financial income or financial expenses. Non-current assets purchased in foreign currencies are translated using historical rates.

On recognition of foreign subsidiaries and associates that are separate entities, the income statement is translated at the average exchange rate for the months which does not deviate significantly from the rate at the transaction date. Balance sheet items are translated to the exchange rates at the balance sheet date. Goodwill is deemed to relate to the independent foreign entity and translated at the balance sheet date. Currency translation differences arisen when translating foreign subsidiaries' equity at the beginning of the year using the closing rate and when translating income statements from average exchange rates using the closing rate are recognised directly in equity.

Exchange rate adjustments of intra-group balances with independent foreign subsidiaries which are considered part of the total investment in the subsidiary in question are recognised directly in equity.

#### **Derivative financial instruments**

Derivative financial instruments are initially recognised in the balance sheet at cost and subsequently at fair value. Derivative financial instruments are recognised as other receivables or other payables, respectively.

Changes in the fair value of derivative financial instruments designated as and qualifying for recognition as a hedge of the fair value of a recognised asset or liability are recognised in the income statement together with changes in the value of the hedged asset or liability.

Changes in the fair value of derivative financial instruments designated as and qualifying for recognition as a hedge of future transactions are recognised directly in equity. When the hedged transactions materialise, changes are recognised in the related items.

For derivative financial instruments that do not qualify for hedge accounting, changes in fair value are recognised in the income statement as financial income or financial expenses.

Changes in the fair value of derivative financial instruments used to hedge net investments in independent foreign subsidiaries or associates are recognised directly in equity.

#### Income statement

#### Revenue

Income from the sale of goods, comprising the sale of hygiene cleaning tools, is recognised as revenue when transfer of the most significant rewards and risks to the buyer has taken place and provided that the income can be reliably measured and payment is expected to be received. The date of the transfer of the most significant rewards and risks is based on standardised terms of delivery.

Revenue is measured at fair value of the agreed consideration ex. VAT and taxes charged on behalf of third parties.

To the extent that customers are offered a right of return in connection with the sale, revenue corresponding to the Company's experience with returns is recognised.

#### **Production costs**

Production costs comprise direct and indirect costs incurred in generating revenue for the year. Trading entities recognise their cost of sales, and production entities recognise cost of raw material, consumables and production staff as well as depreciation of production assets.

Production costs comprise costs regarding development projects that do not qualify for recognition in the balance sheet as well as amortisation of development projects recognised.

#### **Distribution costs**

Costs incurred in distributing goods sold and in conducting sales campaigns are recognised as distribution costs. Also, costs relating to sales and distribution staff, advertising as well as depreciation are recognised as distribution costs.

#### Administrative expenses

Administrative expenses comprise expenses incurred for management and administration of the Group, including expenses for the administrative staff and the management, office supplies as well as depreciation and amortisation.

### Other operating income and costs

Other operating income and costs comprise items secondary to the primary activities of the Group.

#### Financial income and financial expenses

Financial income and expenses comprise interest income and expense, interest element of financial lease payments, realised and unrealised gains and losses on securities, payables and transactions denominated in

foreign currencies, amortisation of financial liabilities, cash discounts, etc. as well as surcharges and refunds under the on-account tax scheme.

#### Corporation tax and deferred tax

Tax for the year comprises current tax for the year and changes in deferred tax. The tax expense relating to the profit/loss for the year is recognised in the income statement, and the tax expense relating to amounts directly recognised in equity is recognised directly in equity.

The current tax payable or receivable is recognised in the balance sheet, stated as tax calculated on this year's taxable income, adjusted for prepaid tax.

Deferred tax is recognised and measured applying the liability method on all temporary differences between the carrying amount and tax value of assets and liabilities. The tax value of assets is calculated based on the planned use of the asset.

Deferred tax assets, including the tax base of tax loss carryforwards, are recognised in the balance sheet at their estimated realisable value, either as a set-off against deferred tax liabilities or as net tax assets.

Deferred tax is measured according to the tax rules and at the tax rates applicable in the respective countries at the end of the reporting period when the deferred tax is expected to crystallise as current tax. Changes in deferred tax due to changes in the tax rate are recognised in the income statement.

Deferred tax regarding retaxation of losses previously deducted in foreign subsidiaries are recognised based on a specific assessment of the intention with the individual subsidiary.

Vissing Holding A/S is jointly taxed with all subsidiaries (international joint taxation). The current Danish corporation tax is allocated between the jointly taxed Danish companies in proportion to their taxable income (full absorption with refunds for tax losses).

#### **Balance** sheet

#### Goodwill and consolidated goodwill

Goodwill is amortised on a straight-line basis over its estimated useful life determined on the basis of Management's experience of the specific business areas. Goodwill is usually amortised over five years, but may be amortised over a maximum amortisation period of 20 years, longest for strategically acquired enterprises with strong market positions and long-term earnings profiles, provided that the long amortisation period is assessed to better reflect the Group's utilisation of the resources in question.

The net asset value of goodwill is assessed on an ongoing basis and is written down over the income statement if the carrying amount exceeds the expected future net income from the enterprise or activity to which goodwill is allocated.

#### **Development projects**

Development costs comprise salaries, amortisation and other costs directly or indirectly attributable to the Company's development activities.

Development projects that are clearly defined and identifiable, where the technical feasibility, sufficient resources and a potential future market or development opportunities in the Company are evidenced, and where the Company intends to produce, market or use the project, are recognised as intangible assets provided that the cost can be measured reliably and that there is sufficient assurance that future earnings can cover production costs, selling costs and administrative expenses and development costs. Other development costs are charged to the income statement as incurred.

Development costs that are recognised in the balance sheet are initially measured at cost and subsequently at cost less accumulated amortisation and impairment losses.

Following the completion of the development work, development costs are amortised on a straight line basis over the estimated useful life. The amortisation period is usually five years and does not exceed 20 years.

Gains and losses on the disposal of development projects are determined as the difference between the selling price less selling costs and the carrying amount at the date of disposal. Gains or losses are recognised in the income statement as other operating income or other operating costs, respectively.

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## **Accounting policies**

#### Property, plant and equipment

Land and buildings are measured at cost plus revaluation and as to buildings less accumulated depreciation and impairment losses. Revaluation is made based on regular, independent valuations of fair value.

Plant and machinery and fixtures and fittings, other plant and equipment are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and impairment losses.

Cost comprises the acquisition price, costs directly attributable to the acquisition, and preparation costs of the asset until the date when it is ready to be put into operation. The cost of self-constructed assets comprises direct and indirect costs of materials, components, subsuppliers, and

wages and salaries. The cost of assets held under finance leases is recognised at the lower of fair value of the assets and the present value of the future lease payments.

The basis of depreciation is cost less expected residual value at the end of the useful life. Depreciation is provided according to the straight-line method, based on the following expected useful lives:

Buildings 10-50 years.
Plant and machinery 5-8 years
Fixtures and fittings, other plant and equipment 3-6 years.

Depreciation is recognised in the income statement as production costs, distribution costs and administrative expenses, respectively.

Property, plant and equipment are written down to the recoverable amount if this is lower than the carrying amount.

Gains and losses on the disposal of property, plant and equipment are calculated as the difference between the selling price less selling costs and the carrying amount at the date of disposal. Gains or losses are recognised in the income statement together with depreciation and impairment losses or under other operating income if the selling price exceeds original cost.

#### Investments in subsidiaries and associates

Investments in subsidiaries and associates are recognised and measured according to the equity method. This means that investments in the balance sheet are measured at the proportionate share of the enterprises' net asset value minus or plus non-amortised positive or negative group goodwill, respectively and minus or plus unrealised intra-group profits and losses.

## Investments in subsidiaries and associates (continued)

In the income statement of the parent company, the share of the enterprises' profit/loss after elimination of unrealised intra-group profits and losses and minus or plus amortisation of group goodwill or negative group goodwill, respectively.

Subsidiaries and associates with negative net asset value are measured at DKK 0 (nil), and any amounts owed by such enterprises are written down by the parent company's share of the net asset value if the amount owed is deemed irrecoverable. If the negative net asset value exceeds the amounts owed, the remaining amount is recognised under provisions if the parent company has a legal or a constructive obligation to cover the liabilities of the enterprise in question.

Net revaluation of investments in subsidiaries and associates is transferred to the reserve for net revaluation to the extent that the carrying amount exceeds cost.

On acquisition of subsidiaries, the purchase method is applied, see Consolidated financial statements above.

#### **Inventories**

Inventories are measured at the lower of cost in accordance with the FIFO method and net realisable value.

Goods for resale and raw materials and consumables are measured at cost, comprising purchase price plus delivery costs. Goods and work in progress are measured at cost, comprising the cost of raw materials, consumables, direct wages and salaries and indirect production overheads.

Indirect production overheads comprise indirect materials and wages and salaries as well as maintenance and depreciation and impairment losses regarding production machinery, buildings and equipment as well as factory administration and management. Financing costs are not included in the cost.

The net realisable value of inventories is determined taking into consideration estimated sales price less costs of completion and costs necessary to make the sale.

#### Receivables

Receivables are measured at amortised cost, usually equalling nominal value, less write-downs for bad debts.

#### Prepayments

Prepayments comprise costs incurred concerning subsequent financial years. Prepayments are measured at cost.

#### **Dividends**

Dividends are recognised as a liability at the date when they are adopted at the annual general meeting. The proposed dividend payment for the financial year is disclosed as a separate item under equity.

#### Reserve for development costs

The reserve for development costs comprises recognised development costs. The reserve cannot be used to distribute dividends or cover losses. The reserve will be reduced or dissolved if the recognised development costs are no longer part of the Company's operations by a transfer directly to the distributable reserves under equity.

#### Other provisions

Other provisions comprise anticipated costs of non-recourse guarantee commitments, loss on work in progress, decided and published restructurings, etc.

Other provisions are recognised and measured as the best estimate of the expenses required to settle the liabilities at the balance sheet date. Provisions that are estimated to mature more than one year after the balance sheet date are discounted at the average bond yields.

On acquisition of enterprises, provisions for restructurings of the acquired enterprise are made provided that they have been adopted and announced not later than at the date of the acquisition.

#### Mortgage debt

Mortgage debt is measured at cost at the date of borrowing corresponding to the proceeds received less transaction costs paid. Subsequently, mortgage debt is measured at amortised cost corresponding to the capitalised value in accordance with the effective interest rate method.

#### Lease obligations

Leases for non-current assets that transfer substantially all the risks and rewards incident to ownership to the Company (finance leases) are initially recognised in the balance sheet at cost, corresponding to the lower of fair value and the net present value of future lease payments. In calculating the net present value of the future lease payments, the interest rate implicit in the lease or the incremental borrowing rate is used as the discount factor. Assets held under finance leases are subsequently depreciated as the Company's other non-current assets.

The capitalised residual lease obligation is recognised in the balance sheet as a liability, and the interest element of the lease payment is recognised in the income statement over the term of the lease.

All other leases are considered operating leases. Payments relating to operating leases and any other leases are recognised in the income statement over the term of the lease. The Company's total obligation relating to operating leases and other leases is disclosed in contingencies, etc.

#### Other financial liabilities

Other financial liabilities are recognised at amortised cost, which usually corresponds to nominal value.

#### **Prepayments**

Deferred income comprises payments received concerning income in subsequent years. Prepayments are measured at amortised cost, which usually corresponds to the nominal value.

#### Treasury shares

Acquisition and disposal costs for treasury shares as well as related dividends are recognised directly in equity as retained earnings.

#### Cash flow statement

The consolidated cash flow statement is presented in accordance with the indirect method and shows cash flows from operating, investing and financing activities and the Group's cash and cash equivalents at the beginning and end of the year.

The cash flow effect of acquisitions and disposals of enterprises is shown in cash flows from investing activities. Cash flows from acquisitions of enterprises are recognised in the cash flow statement from the date of acquisition. Cash flows from disposals of enterprises are recognised up until the date of disposal.

Cash flows from operating activities are calculated as operating profit/loss adjusted for non-cash operating items, changes in working capital and corporation tax paid.

Cash flows from investing activities comprise payments in connection with acquisitions and disposals of enterprises and activities and investments as well as the acquisition, development, improvement and disposal, etc. of intangible assets, property, plant and equipment, including assets held under finance lease.

Cash flows from financing activities comprise changes in the size or composition of the parent company's share capital and related costs as well as the raising of loans, the closing of finance leases, repayment of interest-bearing debt and payment of dividends.

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash and short-term securities with insignificant price risks less short-term bank loans.

## Financial highlights

The financial ratios are calculated as follows:

Gross margin	=	<u>Gross profit/loss x 100</u> Revenue
Operating margin	=	Operating profit/loss x 100 Revenue
Return on capital employed	=	Operating profit/loss x 100  Average number of operating assets
Debt leverage	=	Net interest-bearing debt EBITDA
Return on equity	=	Profit/loss for the year x 100 Average equity
Solvency ratio	<b>=</b>	Equity x 100 Total assets

Operating assets are calculated as the balance sheet total less liquid funds, interest-bearing assets (including shares) and investments in associates.

## Income statement for the period 1 January – 31 December

	Consc	Consolidated		company
_Not	2017 e DKK'000	2016 DKK'000	2017 DKK'000	2016 DKK'000
Revenue 1	370,417	356,493	0	0
Production costs 2.3	-202,196	-196,232	0	0
Gross profit	168,221	160,261	0	0
Distribution costs 2.3	-69,345	-69,009	0	0
Administrative expenses 2,3,	4 -37,163	-36,413	-322	-286
Operating profit	61,713	54,839	-322	-286
Profit of group enterprises after tax 5	0	0	39,334	37,094
Financial income 6	4,155	4,807	118	15
Financial expenses 7	-8,166	-5,356	-87	-61
Profit before tax	57,702	54,290	39,043	36,762
Tax on profit for the year 8	-13,652	-12,944	-431	-133
Profit before non-controlling interest	44,050	41,346	38,613	36,629
Non-controlling interests' share of				
subsidiary results	-5,437	-4,717	0	0
Profit for the year	38,613	36,629	38,613	36,629

## Assets at 31 December

		Consoli	dated	Parent c	ompany
	Note	2017 DKK'000	2016 DKK'000	2017 DKK'000	2016 DKK'000
Research and development		1,172	1,355	0	0
Patents and licences acquired		2,528	588	0	0
Group goodwill	2	1,914	2,018	0	0
Intangible assets	9	5,614	3,961	0	0
Land and buildings		40,718	41,828	0	0
Plant and machinery		22,115	22,839	0	0
Fixtures and fittings, other plant and equipment		7,189	9,436	0	0
Property, plant and equipment under construction	-	1,665	1,908		0
Property, plant and equipment	10 _	71,687	76,011	0	0
Investments in group enterprises	_	0	0	110,927	98,082
Investments	11 _	0	0	110,927	98,082
Non-current assets	-	77,301	79,972	110,927	98,082
Raw materials and consumables		26,861	23,318	0	0
Work in progress		739	680	0	0
Finished goods and goods for resale	:	39,472	39,604	0	0
Inventories	_	67,072	63,602	0	0
Trade receivables		50,799	50,826	0	0
Corporation tax		0	1,014	9,547	18,114
Other receivables		1,411	1,652	0	0
Prepayments	12	2,294	2,978		0
Receivables	_	54,504	56,470	9,547	18,114
Cash and securities	_	37,898	36,894	1,365	3,457
Current assets	_	159,474	156,966	10,912	21,571
Assets	_	236,775	236,938	121,839	119,653

## **Equity and liabilities at 31 December**

		Consoli	dated	Parent company		
	Note	2017 DKK'000	2016 DKK'000	2017 DKK'000	2016 DKK'000	
Share capital	13	31,000	31,000	31,000	31,000	
Reserve for net revaluation of investments		0	0	49,850	37,004	
Revaluation reserve		2,773	3,038	0	. 0	
Reserve for development costs		103	0	0	0	
Retained earnings		64,039	44,752	17,065	10,786	
Proposed dividends for the financial year	_	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	
Equity	_	117,915	98,790	117,915	98,790	
Non-controlling interests	14	14,837	12,963	0	0	
Deferred tax	15	8,942	8,592	0	0	
Provisions	_	8,942	8,592	0	0	
Mortgage debt		36,786	44,047	0	0	
Lease obligations		6,556	8,753	0	0	
Other payables		533	853	0	0	
Non-current liabilities other than provisions	16	43,875	53,653	0	0	
Current portion of non-current liabilities	16	6,380	8,678	0	0	
Bank loans and overdrafts		381	4,924	0	0	
Trade payables		14,377	20,226	0	0	
Payables to group enterprises		2,295	2,242	3,806	20,741	
Corporation tax		767	0	0	0	
Other payables		27,006	26,870	118	122	
Current liabilities other than provisions	·	51,206	62,940	3,924	20,863	
Liabilities other than provisions	-	95,081	116,593	3,924	20,863	
Equity and liabilities	_	236,775	236,938	121,839	119,653	

Events after the balance sheet date	17
Charges and contingent liabilities, etc.	18-19
Other notes	20-23

## Statement of changes in equity for 2017

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	Note	Share capital DKK'000	Revaluation reserve DKK'000	Reserve for development costs DKK'000	Retained earnings DKK'000	Proposed dividends DKK 000	Total DKK'000	lon-controlling interest DKK'000	Total equity DKK'000
Equity at 01.01.2017		31,000	3,038	0	44,752	30,000	00.700	42.052.00	
Reserve for development costs		0	3,030	103	44,732	20,000 0	98,790	12,963.00	111,753
Dividends paid		0	0	0	0	-20,000	103	0.00	103
Profit for the year		0	-265	0	18.775	20,000	-20,000	-3,600.00	-23,600
Foreign exchange adjustments regarding		·	203	0	10,773	20,000	38,510	5,437.00	43,947
foreign subsidiaries		0	0	0	-399	0	-399	-65.00	-464
Net adjustment of hedging instruments		0	0	0	911	0	911	102.00	1,013
Equity at 31.12.2017		31,000	2,773	103	64,039	20,000	117,915	14,837	132,752

### Parent company

			Net			
			revaluation			
	Note	Share capital DKK'000	of invest- ments DKK'000	Retained earnings DKK'000	Proposed dividends DKK'000	Total DKK'000
Equity at 01.01.2017		31,000	37,004	10,786	20,000	98,790
Dividends paid		0	0	0	-20,000	-20,000
Profit for the year	24	0	12,334	6,279	20,000	38,613
Foreign exchange adjustments regarding				,	,	,
foreign subsidiaries		0	-399	0	0	-399
Net adjustment of hedging instruments		0	911	0	0	911
Equity at 31.12.2017		31,000	49,850	17,065	20,000	117,915

Dividends of DKK 27 million, declared in subsidiary at 5th of April 2018, are deducted from net revaluation of investments.

# Cash flow statement for the period 1 January – 31 December

	Note	2017 DKK'000	2016 DKK'000
Operating profit		61,713	54,839
Depreciation, etc. with no cash flow effect		12,917	12,621
Other items with no cash flow effect		569	-1,681
Change in operating capital	25	-8,231	1,505
		66,968	67,284
Interest income received, etc.		4,155	4,807
Interest expenses incurred, etc.		-8,166	-5,356
Corporation tax paid		-11,516	-11,402
Cash flows from operating activities		51,441	55,333
Capital investment and activities, net		-9,471	-9,482
Cash flows from investing activities		-9,471	-9,482
Repayment of loans/raising of loans, net		-12,876	-2,172
Changes in balances, group enterprises		53	29
Dividends paid		-23,600	-23,100
Cash flows from financing activities		-36,423	-25,243
Changes in cash and cash equivalents and securities		5,547	20,608
Cash and cash equivalents and securities at 1 January		31,970	11,362
Cash and cash equivalents and securities at 31 December	26	37,517	31,970

Notes	Consoli	dated	Parent company		
	2017 DKK'000	2016 DKK'000	2017 DKK'000	2016 DKK'000	
1. Revenue	DIN 000	DIKK 000	- JKK 000	DKK 000	
Broken down on geographical markets:					
Denmark	44,261	42,571	0	C	
Other countries	326,156	313,922	0		
	370,417	356,493	0	0	
Revenue is not disclosed per business area, as such disclosure will be detrimental to the Company.	in the opinion of Managemer	nt and for competiti	ve reasons		
2. Staff costs					
Wages and salaries	86,860	82,280	262	240	
Pension contributions	6,044	5,548	0	0	
Other social security costs	3,768	4,086	0	0	
	96,672	91,914	262	240	
Thereof remuneration of the Executice Board	4,890	5,437	262	240	
and the Board of Directors					
Average number of employees	229	224	1	1	
According to section 98b of the Danish Financial Statements Addisclosed as one item.	ct, remuneration of the Execu	tive Board and the E	Board of Directors i	S	
3. Depreciation and amortisation					
Development projects completed	318	316	0	0	
Patents and licences acquired	331	549	0	0	
Goodwill	289	157	0	0	
Buildings	1,906	2,037	0	0	
Plant and machinery	6,908	6,891	0	0	
Fixtures and fittings, other plant and equipment	3,198	3,157	0	0	
Gain on the disposal of non-current assets	-33	-486	0	0	
	12,917	12,621	0	0	
Depreciation and amortisation are recognised as follows in the					
Production costs	9,400	9,118	0	0	
Distribution costs	1,766	1,919	0	0	
Administrative expenses	1,751	1,584	0	0	
	12,917	12,621		0	

Notes	Consoli	dated	Parent company		
	2017 DKK'000	2016 DKK'000	2017 DKK'000	2016 DKK'000	
4. Fees to auditors appointed at the annual gener	ral meeting				
Statutory audit of the financial statements	263	257	29	29	
Other assurance engagements	0	22	0	0	
Tax assistance	49	37	14	11	
Other assistance	205	85	14	3	
	517	401	56	43	
Fee to other auditors	285	418	0	0	
E Drofit of group outcompions of the torr	*				
5. Profit of group enterprises after tax	•				
Profit of group enterprises after tax	0	0	39,334	37,094	
	0	0	39,334	37,094	
6. Financial income					
Interest income from group enterprises	0	0	0	15	
Other financial income	4,155	4,807	118	0	
	4,155	4,807	118	15	
7. Financial expenses					
Interest expense, group enterprises	53	0	53	52	
Other financial expenses	8,113	5,356	34	9	
	8,166	5,356	87	61	
8. Tax on profit for the year					
Current tax	12 606	12,902	449	212	
Adjustment of deferred tax	13,606 350	-637	0	-212	
Tax on change in equity	-286	185	0	0	
Adjustments regarding previous years	-18	494	-18	345	
	13,652	12,944	431	133	

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		Goodwill DKK'000	and licences acquired DKK'000	Research and Development DKK'000
9. Intangible assets			DKK 000	DKK 000
Cost at 01.01.2017		18,869	7,800	1,969
Additions		185	2,271	1,303
Disposals		-16,479	0	0
Cost at 31.12.2017		2,575	10,071	2,102
Amortisation at 01.01.2017		-16,851	-7,212	-614
Amortisation		-289	-331	-316
Reversed amortisation in respect of disposals for the year		16,479	0	0
Amortisation at 31.12.2017		-661	-7,543	-930
Carrying amount at 31.12.2017		1,914	2,528	1,172
Carrying amount at 31.12.2016		2,018	588	1,355
		Consoli	dated	
	Land and buildings	Plant and machinery	Fixtures and fittings other plant and equipment	Property, plant and equip- ment under construc
10 Property plant and antinuant	DKK'000	DKK'000	DKK'000	DKK,000
10. Property, plant and equipment Cost at 01.01.2017				
Foreign exchange adjustment	72,526 3	128,418	37,624	1,908
Additions	795	6 6,534	-44 954	0
Disposals	0	-1,131	-10	8,182 -8,425
Cost at 31.12.2017	73,324	133,827	38,524	1,665
Revaluations at 01.01.2017	3,896	0	0	0
Amortisation	-339	0	0	0
Revaluations at 31.12.2017	3,557	0	0	0
Depreciation at 01.01.2017	-34,594	-105,579	-28,188	0
Foreign exchange adjustment	-2	-6	41	0
Depreciation Depreciation in respect of disposals for the year	-1,567 0	-6,936 809	-3,198 10	0
Depreciation at 31.12.2017	-36,163	-111,712	-31,335	
	-30,103	-111,712	-31,333	
Carrying amount at 31.12.2017	40,718	22,115	7,189	1,665
Carrying amount at 31.12.2016	41,828	22,839	9,436	1,908
The carrying amount at 31.12.2017 includes:				
Leased assets recognised	0	9,713		0

Notes		
		Investments
		in
		group
		enterprises
		DKK'000
11. Investments		/ <del></del>
Cost at 01.01.2017		34,080
		34,080
Net revaluation at 01.01.2017		64,002
Dividends paid		-27,000
Foreign exchange adjustment		-399
Share of profit/loss for the year, net		39,333
Other capital adjustments		911
Net revaluation at 31.12.2017		76,847
Carrying amount at 31.12.2017 (net)		110,927
Carrying amount at 31,12,2016 (net)		98,082
Investments in group enterprises comprise:		
	Registered office	Ownership interest
Vikan A/S	Denmark	90%
Vikan (UK) Ltd.	England	100%
Vikan AB	Sweden	100%
Vikan Estonia AS	Estonia	100%
Nito A/S	Denmark	80%
Vikan GmbH	Germany	100%
Vikan RUS LLC	Russia	100%
Vikan RUS Sales LLC	Russia	55%
Vikan Japan GK	Japan	100%
12. Prepayments		
Prepayments comprise prepaid costs concerning IT licences, subscriptions, etc. regarding subsequent financial years.		
	Parent	company
13. Share capital		
The share capital comprises 31,000 shares of DKK 1,000 each. The share capital has not been divided into classes		

Share capital at 1 January 2013

31,000 Share capital at 31 December 2017 31,000

#### Treasury shares:

Treasury shares total a nominal amount of DKK 312 thousand, corresponding to approx. 0.8% of the share capital.

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	2017 DKK'000	2016 DKK'000
14. Non-controlling interests	·	
Non-controlling interests at 1 January	12,963	11,515
Share of profit/loss for the year	5,437	4,717
Share of dividend paid in the year	-3,000	-2,500
Other adjustments	-563	-769
Non-controlling interests at 31 December	14,837	12,963

	Consolie	Consolidated		Parent company	
	2017 DKK'000	2016 DKK'000	<b>2017</b> DKK'000	2016 DKK'000	
15. Deferred tax					
Deferred tax at 1 January	-8,592	-9,229	0	0	
Adjustment for the year of deferred tax	-350	637	0	0	
Deferred tax at 31 December	-8,942	-8,592	0	0	

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16. Non-current liabilities	Maturity within 1 year DKK'000	Maturity after 1 year DKK'000	Total amortised liabilities DKK'000	Total nominal liabilities DKK'000
Mortgage debt Lease obligations Other payables	3,366 2,747 267	36,786 6,556 533	40,152 9,303 800	40,237 8,900 800
Non-current liabilities at 31.12.2017	6,380	43,875	50,255	49,937
Non-current liabilities at 31.12.2016	8,678	53,653	62,331	60,143
Falling due after more than five years: Mortgage debt		23, <b>7</b> 97		

#### 17. Events after the balance sheet date

No events have occurred after the balance sheet date affecting the evaluation of the annual report.

	Consolid	lated	Parent co	mpany
<b>18. Charges</b> Mortgage debt/bank debt is secured upon properties, pant and machinery.	2017 DKK'000	2016 DKK'000	2017 DKK'000	2016 DKK'000
Carrying amount of properties, plant and machunery provided as collateral	62,858	62,965	0	0
19. Contractual obligations and contingent liabilities				
Yearly operating leases regarding other operating equipment in Vikan A/S and subsidiaries	2,256	1,997	0	0
Total remaining payments on leases entered into	2,927	1,844	0	0
Yearly rent in Vikan A/S and subsidiaries	1,927	1,587	0	0

The Company is the administrative company of the Group's international joint taxation as the Group as of 2009 has opted for international joint taxation. According to the preliminary statement, a retaxation liability of up to approx. DKK 1.4 million is incumbent on the Company.

No provision has been made in the annual report for the liability as the retaxation balance is not expected to crystallise.

#### 20. Currency and interest rate risks and the use of derivative financial instruments

The Vikan Group has entered into interest swaps to hedge a fixed interest rate. Unrealised gain on interest swaps totalled a negative DKK 684 thousand in 2017 (2016: loss of DKK 916 thousand) and is recognised directly in equity adjusted for deferred tax. To minimize the currency exposure the Vikan Group has entered into financial instruments. Unrealised gain on financial intruments totalled a positive DKK 461 thousand in 2017 (2016: loss of DKK 605 thousand) and is recognised directly in equity adjusted for deferred tax.

#### 21. Related party disclosures

Related parties exercising control of Vissing Holding A/S: Vissing Fonden, Mølleå 1, DK-9000 Aalborg

Section 98c(7) of the Danish Financial Statements Act is applied regarding related party transactions.

#### 22. Shareholders

The following shareholders hold more than 5% of the Company's share capital: Vissing Fonden, Mølleå 1, DK-9000 Aalborg

#### 23. Group structure

Vissing Holding A/S and related subsidiaries are included in the annual report of Vissing Fonden.

Parent	Pa	are	nt
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	2017 DKK'000	2016 DKK'000
24. Proposed profit appropriation		
Proposed dividends for the financial year	20,000	20,000
Reserve for net revaluation of investments	12,334	10,094
Retained earnings	6,279	6,535
	38,613	36,629

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	DKK.000	DKK.000
25. Change in operating capital		
Change in inventories	-3,470	-3,511
Change in receivables	952	989
Change in trade payables, etc.	-5,713	4,027
	-8,231	1,505

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2017 DKK'000	2016 DKK'000	
37,898	36,894	
-381	-4,924	
37,517	31,970	

26. Cash and securities
Cash at hand and in bank
Bank loans and overdrafts