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LM ERICSSON TELEPHONE COMPANY

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

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(Address of principal executive offices)

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Announcement of LM Ericsson Telephone Company, January 16, 2018 regarding Non-cash charge from concluded impairment and revaluated U.S. tax assets .

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

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Date: **January 16, 2018**

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Non-cash charge from concluded impairment and revaluated U.S. tax assets

Impairment testing, announced in conjunction with restated numbers according to new segment structure December 8, 2017, is finalized resulting in SEK 14.2 b. write-down

Revaluation of U.S. deferred tax assets due to change in U.S. corporate income tax rate, resulting in a non-cash tax charge of SEK 1.0 b.

No impact on cash flow, but impairments will have negative impact on reported Operating Income mainly in segments Digital Services and Other, while tax asset revaluation will impact income tax expenses, in Q4 2017

All numbers are unaudited, final numbers will be published in the Q4 2017 report

Ericsson's (NASDAQ: ERIC) impairment testing that was announced in conjunction with the restated financials according to new segment structure on December 8, 2017, is completed. This followed the focused business strategy announced in March 2017 and further detailed at the Capital Markets Day, November 8, 2017.

The result of the impairment testing is a write-down of SEK 14.2 b. distributed as follows:

Segment Digital Services: impairment of SEK 6.7 b. of goodwill and SEK 0.4 b. of intangible assets

Segment Other: impairment of SEK 6.0 b. of goodwill, SEK 0.3 b. of intangible assets, and SEK 0.4 b. of fixed assets

Segment Managed Services: impairment of SEK 0.3 b. of deferred costs related to termination of certain transformation activities

Segment Networks: impairment of SEK 0.2 b. of capitalized development expenses related to technologies that are no longer planned to be used

The majority of goodwill originates from investments made 10 years ago or more, and has limited relevance for Ericsson's business going forward. All impairments are non-cash accounting adjustments. The adjustments have no influence on Ericsson's commitment to executing its strategies and to investing in technology to support customers success.

U.S. tax asset revaluation

The lowering of the U.S. corporate income tax rate from 35% to 21% (effective 1 January 2018) requires a revaluation of U.S. deferred tax assets. The current estimated impact will be a non-cash charge to the Group income statement of approximately SEK 1.0 b. that will impact income tax expenses.

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The impairments and the tax asset revaluation will impact reported net income in Q4 2017, but have no impact on Ericsson's cash flow and cash position in Q4 2017. Ericsson's gross and net cash position remain strong. An impairment is not an indication of the performance of the business in the quarter.

Ericsson's fourth quarter and full year 2017 earnings report is scheduled for January 31, 2018.

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