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Reduced sales of DAB products and fewer working days affect Mekonomen Group's sales negatively in the first quarter 2018

Despite an underlying stable sales development in the core business, the company's sales in the first quarter 2018 were negatively affected by significantly reduced sales of DAB products (Digital Audio Broadcasting products)* and fewer working days, compared with the first quarter 2017. Sales for the first quarter 2018 are expected to land approximately SEK 40 M lower than the corresponding period last year.

Sales were affected by significantly lower sales of DAB products in Norway, as well as fewer working days, Easter effect, one working day fewer in Sweden and three working days fewer in Norway, compared with the same period previous year. Mekonomen Group's earnings are also affected negatively by the weak Swedish krona.

In connection with the declining sales trend of DAB products in Norway, the company also analyzes the need for any write-down of inventory value for the product category.

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