



## Industrial Stocks

### First Quarter 2000

The bar chart displays quarterly net sales in million SEK. The y-axis ranges from -50 to 250 million SEK. The x-axis shows the quarters from Q1 1998 to Q1 2000. The sales are generally positive, with a notable peak in Q3 1998 and a sharp decline in Q4 1998.

| Quarter | Net Sales (million SEK) |
|---------|-------------------------|
| Q1 1998 | 195                     |
| Q2 1998 | 130                     |
| Q3 1998 | 230                     |
| Q4 1998 | -10                     |
| Q1 1999 | 195                     |
| Q2 1999 | 120                     |
| Q3 1999 | 35                      |
| Q4 1999 | 110                     |
| Q1 2000 | 185                     |

|                                   | Q4 1999 | Q1 2000 | Q1 2000        |
|-----------------------------------|---------|---------|----------------|
|                                   | £m      | £m      | m <sup>1</sup> |
| <b>Materials and Fuel</b>         | + 31.0  | + 55.5  | + 70.5         |
| <b>Finished Goods</b>             | + 21.8  | - 10.4  | - 13.2         |
| <b>Work-in-progress</b>           | + 15.2  | +124.1  | + 157.6        |
| <b>Goods purchased for resale</b> | + 25.0  | - 0.7   | - 0.9          |
| <b>Total Stocks</b>               | + 93.0  | +168.6  | + 214.1        |

Total stocks held by industry increased by £168.6m in the first quarter of 2000, following an increase of £93.0m in the fourth quarter of 1999.

The major changes in stocks in the first quarter were in work-in-progress (+£124.1m) and materials and fuel (+£55.5m). *See Tables 2 - 5.*

The breakdown of the components of stocks for the different industrial sectors shows:

An increase of £20.2m in stocks of materials and fuel held in the communication equipment sector in the first quarter of 2000 followed a decrease of £5.5m in the previous quarter. *See Table 2.*

A decrease of £41.8m in stocks of finished goods held in the food products and beverages sector in the first quarter followed an increase of £27.4m in the previous quarter. *See Table 3.*

Stocks of work-in-progress goods held in the chemical products sector, which had increased by £38.6m in the fourth quarter, increased by £84.4m in the first quarter of 2000. *See Table 4.*

<sup>1</sup>Converted at the EU official exchange rate conversion factor, fixed at 0.787564, effective from 1 January 1999.

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**Table 1 Total Stocks held in Industry (£million)**

| NACE Code    | Description                                       | 1997<br>Closing<br>CIP Level | Change in 1998 |              |              |              |              | 1998<br>Closing<br>Level | Change in 1999 |              |             |                 |              | 1999<br>Closing<br>Level | Change<br>in 2000<br>Q1 |
|--------------|---|------------------------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------------------|----------------|--------------|-------------|-----------------|--------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|
|              |   |                              | Q1             | Q2           | Q3           | Q4           | Year         |                          | Q1             | Q2           | Q3          | Q4 <sup>1</sup> | Year         |                          |                         |
| 10-14        | Mining and quarrying                              | 63.2                         | -5.3           | -0.5         | 11.5         | -2.1         | 3.5          | 66.7                     | 1.8            | 6.5          | 9.3         | -0.2            | 17.4         | 84.1                     | 1.2                     |
|              | Manufacturing:                                    |                              |                |              |              |              |              |                          |                |              |             |                 |              |                          |                         |
| 15           | Food products and beverages                       | 795.9                        | 19.3           | -7.2         | 62.2         | -32.6        | 41.7         | 837.6                    | -41.3          | 25.0         | 39.8        | 28.4            | 52.0         | 889.6                    | -52.1                   |
| 16           | Tobacco products                                  | 57.0                         | -15.8          | 2.8          | 4.3          | 7.0          | -1.8         | 55.3                     | -11.6          | 7.2          | 5.0         | 18.2            | 18.8         | 74.1                     | 5.3                     |
| 17           | Textiles  | 76.9                         | 3.7            | 2.8          | -1.7         | -3.3         | 1.4          | 78.3                     | -1.4           | 5.3          | -2.6        | -1.6            | -0.2         | 78.1                     | 4.0                     |
| 18           | Wearing apparel                                   | 91.7                         | 8.6            | 7.8          | -5.5         | -0.6         | 10.4         | 102.0                    | -1.5           | 2.3          | -5.3        | 0.1             | -4.5         | 97.6                     | -1.9                    |
| 19           | Leather products                                  | 11.1                         | 1.3            | 0.8          | 0.3          | -1.0         | 1.4          | 12.4                     | 0.1            | 0.8          | -0.5        | -0.8            | -0.4         | 12.1                     | 0.1                     |
| 20           | Wood and wood products                            | 58.2                         | 1.9            | 1.7          | -1.4         | 3.7          | 5.8          | 64.0                     | -1.7           | -2.7         | 0.4         | 3.4             | -0.6         | 63.4                     | 1.5                     |
| 21           | Paper and paper products                          | 58.0                         | 1.6            | 1.6          | -1.6         | 0.3          | 2.0          | 60.0                     | -0.3           | -0.8         | 0.6         | 3.0             | 2.5          | 62.5                     | 0.6                     |
| 22           | Publishing and printing                           | 108.9                        | 3.0            | 3.3          | 3.3          | -0.3         | 9.3          | 118.2                    | 2.5            | 2.6          | 0.7         | 1.2             | 7.0          | 125.2                    | 2.5                     |
| 24           | Chemical products <sup>2</sup>                    | 885.7                        | 51.9           | 42.0         | 26.9         | 50.9         | 171.8        | 1,057.4                  | 66.1           | 30.0         | -18.1       | 55.7            | 133.7        | 1,191.1                  | 87.2                    |
| 25           | Rubber and plastic products                       | 80.3                         | 5.7            | -0.3         | -0.6         | -1.2         | 3.7          | 84.0                     | 1.1            | 2.0          | 0.4         | 6.5             | 10.0         | 94.0                     | 6.5                     |
| 26           | Other non-metallic mineral products               | 103.6                        | 4.8            | 6.4          | -6.0         | -2.4         | 2.8          | 106.5                    | 10.5           | 4.2          | -3.9        | -4.4            | 6.3          | 112.8                    | 12.1                    |
| 27           | Basic metals                                      | 42.2                         | 1.1            | 0.4          | -3.6         | 0.2          | -1.9         | 40.3                     | 4.7            | -1.2         | 1.0         | -0.3            | 4.2          | 44.5                     | -0.8                    |
| 28           | Fabricated metals (excl. machinery)               | 111.9                        | -0.7           | 2.0          | 2.0          | 1.8          | 5.1          | 117.0                    | -0.1           | -2.4         | 5.1         | -6.9            | -4.2         | 112.7                    | 7.3                     |
| 29           | Machinery not elsewhere classified                | 147.5                        | 6.3            | 3.7          | 3.6          | -2.6         | 11.0         | 158.4                    | -1.4           | -3.5         | 6.4         | -1.3            | 0.2          | 158.7                    | 14.1                    |
| 30           | Office machinery and computers <sup>2</sup>       | 339.2                        | 1.8            | 7.8          | 13.5         | -2.3         | 20.8         | 359.9                    | 81.6           | -27.0        | 11.2        | 10.8            | 76.6         | 436.6                    | 11.7                    |
| 31           | Other electrical equipment                        | 150.1                        | 15.4           | 7.6          | 1.7          | -8.6         | 16.0         | 166.1                    | 1.0            | 3.1          | 30.0        | -7.8            | 26.3         | 192.4                    | 22.1                    |
| 32           | Communication equipment <sup>2</sup>              | 185.5                        | 14.2           | -14.1        | 40.9         | -8.1         | 32.8         | 218.3                    | 1.7            | 4.0          | -12.9       | 4.9             | -2.4         | 215.9                    | 31.2                    |
| 33           | Medical and optical instruments                   | 289.6                        | 34.2           | -0.9         | 7.5          | 10.9         | 51.7         | 341.3                    | 22.7           | -9.4         | -27.1       | -0.5            | -14.2        | 327.1                    | 7.3                     |
| 34           | Motor vehicles                                    | 44.9                         | -3.4           | -0.1         | 0.8          | 4.4          | 1.7          | 46.6                     | 1.1            | -0.4         | 2.8         | -0.3            | 3.2          | 49.8                     | -0.6                    |
| 35           | Other transport equipment                         | 52.8                         | 5.7            | 1.9          | -5.8         | 6.2          | 8.0          | 60.8                     | 3.7            | 4.0          | 0.4         | 3.0             | 11.1         | 71.9                     | 6.7                     |
| 36-37,23     | Other manufacturing                               | 163.5                        | 1.2            | 8.6          | 15.0         | 5.4          | 30.2         | 193.7                    | -8.1           | -0.1         | 0.7         | -4.7            | -12.2        | 181.6                    | -0.1                    |
| 40           | Electricity and gas supply                        | 260.0                        | 19.8           | 34.1         | 48.2         | -37.8        | 64.4         | 324.4                    | 45.0           | 51.8         | -20.5       | -13.6           | 62.7         | 387.1                    | 2.7                     |
| <b>10-40</b> | <b>All industries<sup>2</sup></b>                 | <b>4,177.5</b>               | <b>176.2</b>   | <b>112.1</b> | <b>215.3</b> | <b>-11.9</b> | <b>491.7</b> | <b>4,669.2</b>           | <b>176.3</b>   | <b>101.3</b> | <b>22.9</b> | <b>93.0</b>     | <b>393.5</b> | <b>5,062.8</b>           | <b>168.6</b>            |
| <b>10-37</b> | <b>Transportable goods industries<sup>2</sup></b> | <b>3,917.5</b>               | <b>156.4</b>   | <b>78.0</b>  | <b>167.1</b> | <b>25.8</b>  | <b>427.4</b> | <b>4,344.8</b>           | <b>131.3</b>   | <b>49.5</b>  | <b>43.3</b> | <b>106.6</b>    | <b>330.8</b> | <b>4,675.6</b>           | <b>165.9</b>            |
| <b>15-37</b> | <b>Manufacturing industries<sup>2</sup></b>       | <b>3,854.3</b>               | <b>161.7</b>   | <b>78.5</b>  | <b>155.7</b> | <b>27.9</b>  | <b>423.8</b> | <b>4,278.1</b>           | <b>129.5</b>   | <b>43.0</b>  | <b>34.1</b> | <b>106.8</b>    | <b>313.4</b> | <b>4,591.5</b>           | <b>164.7</b>            |

<sup>1</sup> Revised

<sup>2</sup> Figures revised in line with 1998 Census of Industrial Production

**Table 2 Stocks of Materials and Fuel held in Industry (£million)**

| NACE Code    | Description                                       | 1997<br>Closing<br>CIP Level | Change in 1998 |             |             |             |              | 1998<br>Closing<br>Level | Change in 1999 |             |             |                 |              | 1999<br>Closing<br>Level | Change<br>in 2000<br>Q1 |
|--------------|---|------------------------------|----------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|--------------------------|----------------|-------------|-------------|-----------------|--------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|
|              |   |                              | Q1             | Q2          | Q3          | Q4          | Year         |                          | Q1             | Q2          | Q3          | Q4 <sup>1</sup> | Year         |                          |                         |
| 10-14        | Mining and quarrying                              | 17.6                         | -0.3           | 1.4         | 0.5         | -1.2        | 0.4          | 18.0                     | 0.1            | 1.8         | 0.2         | -0.6            | 1.5          | 19.5                     | -0.4                    |
|              | Manufacturing:                                    |                              |                |             |             |             |              |                          |                |             |             |                 |              |                          |                         |
| 15           | Food products and beverages                       | 302.5                        | -0.2           | -5.2        | 32.7        | -13.1       | 14.1         | 316.7                    | -18.5          | 0.7         | 29.9        | -4.8            | 7.3          | 324.0                    | -10.3                   |
| 16           | Tobacco products                                  | 16.2                         | -3.4           | 1.0         | 0.5         | 2.1         | 0.2          | 16.4                     | -0.3           | 1.6         | -0.6        | 2.2             | 3.0          | 19.4                     | 2.3                     |
| 17           | Textiles  | 30.9                         | 1.1            | -1.3        | 0.1         | -0.5        | -0.6         | 30.3                     | 0.3            | 0.6         | -0.3        | -0.5            | 0.0          | 30.3                     | 0.7                     |
| 18           | Wearing apparel                                   | 26.5                         | 0.2            | 2.8         | -0.3        | -1.5        | 1.3          | 27.9                     | 0.3            | -3.7        | -0.6        | 0.9             | -3.1         | 24.7                     | -0.2                    |
| 19           | Leather products                                  | 4.8                          | 0.1            | 0.0         | 0.0         | -0.3        | -0.2         | 4.6                      | -0.1           | 0.2         | -0.3        | 0.1             | 0.0          | 4.6                      | -0.3                    |
| 20           | Wood and wood products                            | 33.3                         | -0.5           | 0.7         | -0.7        | 3.7         | 3.2          | 36.5                     | -2.2           | -1.3        | 0.4         | 1.1             | -2.1         | 34.4                     | 0.5                     |
| 21           | Paper and paper products                          | 24.2                         | 2.0            | 0.4         | -1.3        | -0.8        | 0.2          | 24.4                     | 0.1            | -0.2        | 0.3         | 2.4             | 2.5          | 27.0                     | 1.3                     |
| 22           | Publishing and printing                           | 47.4                         | 0.8            | 3.6         | 1.5         | 2.4         | 8.3          | 55.7                     | -1.9           | 0.8         | -1.9        | -2.0            | -5.0         | 50.7                     | 2.3                     |
| 24           | Chemical products                                 | 325.5                        | 28.8           | 4.3         | 2.9         | 25.9        | 62.0         | 387.4                    | 37.4           | 11.2        | -9.9        | 12.5            | 51.1         | 438.5                    | 6.2                     |
| 25           | Rubber and plastic products                       | 40.5                         | 2.0            | -0.1        | -0.1        | -2.2        | -0.4         | 40.1                     | 1.2            | 2.5         | 1.2         | 1.5             | 6.3          | 46.5                     | 2.3                     |
| 26           | Other non-metallic mineral products               | 40.1                         | 0.0            | 1.7         | 1.1         | -1.4        | 1.4          | 41.5                     | 2.1            | -0.7        | 1.7         | 1.3             | 4.4          | 45.9                     | 1.3                     |
| 27           | Basic metals                                      | 25.1                         | 2.3            | -1.1        | -0.9        | -0.9        | -0.5         | 24.6                     | 4.5            | 0.2         | -0.1        | -0.2            | 4.5          | 29.1                     | -1.1                    |
| 28           | Fabricated metals (excl. machinery)               | 60.4                         | -3.6           | 0.6         | 1.5         | 1.9         | 0.3          | 60.7                     | -4.8           | 0.3         | 1.3         | 0.7             | -2.5         | 58.2                     | 2.5                     |
| 29           | Machinery not elsewhere classified                | 80.4                         | 3.5            | 0.2         | 4.0         | -1.2        | 6.6          | 87.0                     | -0.2           | -0.4        | 1.7         | -1.4            | -0.3         | 86.7                     | 8.2                     |
| 30           | Office machinery and computers <sup>2</sup>       | 207.4                        | 13.9           | -5.5        | 25.9        | -9.4        | 25.0         | 232.4                    | 40.3           | -15.5       | 10.9        | 1.2             | 36.9         | 269.3                    | 8.9                     |
| 31           | Other electrical equipment                        | 68.3                         | 7.8            | 0.1         | 5.4         | -5.6        | 7.7          | 76.0                     | 0.5            | 0.3         | 29.0        | -11.6           | 18.2         | 94.2                     | 12.4                    |
| 32           | Communication equipment <sup>2</sup>              | 103.7                        | 0.1            | -0.5        | 9.2         | -4.9        | 3.8          | 107.6                    | -3.8           | 5.7         | -8.5        | 1.1             | -5.5         | 102.0                    | 20.2                    |
| 33           | Medical and optical instruments                   | 135.8                        | 23.9           | -6.7        | 0.4         | 2.3         | 19.9         | 155.7                    | 21.6           | 3.5         | 5.5         | 3.4             | 34.0         | 189.7                    | 1.5                     |
| 34           | Motor vehicles                                    | 26.4                         | -3.4           | 0.1         | 0.2         | 4.3         | 1.2          | 27.6                     | 0.5            | 0.1         | 2.2         | -0.9            | 1.9          | 29.5                     | -0.6                    |
| 35           | Other transport equipment                         | 34.7                         | 4.0            | 1.6         | -4.4        | 6.0         | 7.2          | 41.8                     | 1.8            | 1.8         | -0.5        | 6.6             | 9.7          | 51.5                     | 5.1                     |
| 36-37,23     | Other manufacturing                               | 66.9                         | 0.0            | -1.1        | -0.4        | -5.7        | -7.2         | 59.7                     | 3.1            | -2.3        | 1.2         | -1.9            | 0.1          | 59.8                     | 0.3                     |
| 40           | Electricity and gas supply                        | 118.3                        | 0.5            | 2.3         | -3.4        | -1.0        | -1.6         | 116.7                    | -3.0           | 4.2         | -6.8        | 20.1            | 14.5         | 131.2                    | -7.6                    |
| <b>10-40</b> | <b>All industries<sup>2</sup></b>                 | <b>1,837.0</b>               | <b>79.5</b>    | <b>-0.6</b> | <b>74.5</b> | <b>-1.2</b> | <b>152.1</b> | <b>1,989.1</b>           | <b>79.1</b>    | <b>11.3</b> | <b>56.1</b> | <b>31.0</b>     | <b>177.4</b> | <b>2,166.5</b>           | <b>55.5</b>             |
| <b>10-37</b> | <b>Transportable goods industries<sup>2</sup></b> | <b>1,718.7</b>               | <b>79.0</b>    | <b>-2.9</b> | <b>77.8</b> | <b>-0.2</b> | <b>153.7</b> | <b>1,872.4</b>           | <b>82.1</b>    | <b>7.1</b>  | <b>62.9</b> | <b>10.9</b>     | <b>163.0</b> | <b>2,035.4</b>           | <b>63.1</b>             |
| <b>15-37</b> | <b>Manufacturing industries<sup>2</sup></b>       | <b>1,701.1</b>               | <b>79.3</b>    | <b>-4.3</b> | <b>77.3</b> | <b>1.0</b>  | <b>153.4</b> | <b>1,854.4</b>           | <b>82.0</b>    | <b>5.3</b>  | <b>62.7</b> | <b>11.5</b>     | <b>161.5</b> | <b>2,015.9</b>           | <b>63.5</b>             |

<sup>1</sup> Revised

<sup>2</sup> Figures revised in line with 1998 Census of Industrial Production

**Table 3 Stocks of Finished Goods held in Industry (£million)**

| NACE Code    | Description                                       | 1997<br>Closing<br>CIP Level | Change in 1998 |             |             |             |              | 1998<br>Closing<br>Level | Change in 1999 |             |             |                 |             | 1999<br>Closing<br>Level | Change<br>in 2000 |
|--------------|---|------------------------------|----------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|--------------------------|----------------|-------------|-------------|-----------------|-------------|--------------------------|-------------------|
|              |   |                              | Q1             | Q2          | Q3          | Q4          | Year         |                          | Q1             | Q2          | Q3          | Q4 <sup>1</sup> | Year        |                          |                   |
| 10-14        | Mining and quarrying                              | 40.5                         | -4.6           | 0.4         | 10.2        | -0.2        | 5.9          | 46.3                     | 0.8            | 5.0         | 9.9         | -0.2            | 15.4        | 61.7                     | 0.9               |
|              | Manufacturing:                                    |                              |                |             |             |             |              |                          |                |             |             |                 |             |                          |                   |
| 15           | Food products and beverages                       | 324.7                        | 7.1            | 9.9         | 18.6        | -15.2       | 20.4         | 345.1                    | -24.3          | 18.6        | 14.2        | 18.9            | 27.4        | 372.5                    | -41.8             |
| 16           | Tobacco products                                  | 27.2                         | -9.1           | 3.3         | 1.4         | 4.3         | -0.2         | 27.0                     | -9.4           | 7.2         | 4.8         | 6.5             | 9.1         | 36.1                     | 6.4               |
| 17           | Textiles  | 27.5                         | 2.5            | 3.2         | -1.0        | -1.6        | 3.0          | 30.5                     | -1.4           | 3.7         | -1.5        | -1.1            | -0.3        | 30.1                     | 1.3               |
| 18           | Wearing apparel                                   | 40.6                         | 3.5            | 3.4         | -3.6        | 0.9         | 4.1          | 44.7                     | -0.6           | -0.5        | -3.8        | 0.5             | -4.4        | 40.4                     | -1.7              |
| 19           | Leather products                                  | 4.8                          | 0.9            | 0.5         | -0.2        | -0.2        | 0.9          | 5.7                      | 0.1            | 0.6         | -0.2        | -0.5            | 0.0         | 5.7                      | 0.6               |
| 20           | Wood and wood products                            | 19.5                         | -1.0           | 0.9         | -1.2        | -0.4        | -1.6         | 17.9                     | 0.7            | -0.9        | -0.5        | 2.1             | 1.4         | 19.2                     | 0.1               |
| 21           | Paper and paper products                          | 13.6                         | -0.2           | 0.7         | -0.1        | 1.5         | 2.0          | 15.6                     | -0.2           | -0.8        | -0.5        | 1.1             | -0.3        | 15.2                     | -0.4              |
| 22           | Publishing and printing                           | 49.3                         | 1.8            | 0.1         | 1.7         | -1.7        | 1.8          | 51.1                     | 2.5            | 0.1         | 1.9         | 0.8             | 5.2         | 56.3                     | -1.1              |
| 24           | Chemical products <sup>2</sup>                    | 234.9                        | 18.6           | 4.3         | 14.8        | 34.6        | 72.3         | 307.2                    | -19.9          | 20.2        | 59.3        | -15.0           | 44.6        | 351.8                    | -5.8              |
| 25           | Rubber and plastic products                       | 27.5                         | 2.2            | 0.3         | 0.0         | 0.9         | 3.4          | 30.9                     | 0.1            | -0.4        | -0.8        | 5.0             | 3.9         | 34.8                     | 3.7               |
| 26           | Other non-metallic mineral products               | 39.7                         | 3.4            | 4.2         | -5.3        | -2.3        | 0.0          | 39.7                     | 5.6            | 1.2         | -4.9        | -0.8            | 1.2         | 40.8                     | 5.2               |
| 27           | Basic metals                                      | 8.1                          | -1.3           | 1.3         | -2.1        | 0.6         | -1.4         | 6.8                      | 0.3            | -0.3        | 0.0         | 0.7             | 0.7         | 7.5                      | 0.2               |
| 28           | Fabricated metals (excl. machinery)               | 22.5                         | -0.5           | -0.7        | 0.9         | 2.0         | 1.8          | 24.3                     | -0.4           | -1.0        | -1.1        | -0.2            | -2.7        | 21.6                     | 0.8               |
| 29           | Machinery not elsewhere classified                | 25.0                         | -3.2           | 5.6         | -1.4        | 5.6         | 6.6          | 31.6                     | -2.9           | -1.7        | 1.4         | 1.0             | -2.3        | 29.3                     | 5.1               |
| 30           | Office machinery and computers <sup>2</sup>       | 68.2                         | -15.2          | -2.1        | -3.0        | 8.9         | -11.3        | 56.9                     | 7.8            | -1.3        | -2.5        | 6.9             | 10.8        | 67.7                     | 1.1               |
| 31           | Other electrical equipment                        | 29.5                         | 6.6            | 1.1         | -2.1        | -2.7        | 2.9          | 32.4                     | -0.8           | 0.8         | 1.8         | 0.3             | 2.2         | 34.5                     | 6.9               |
| 32           | Communication equipment <sup>2</sup>              | 36.5                         | 12.7           | 0.7         | -2.9        | -0.3        | 10.2         | 46.7                     | 12.5           | -1.2        | -7.7        | -1.3            | 2.3         | 49.0                     | 6.9               |
| 33           | Medical and optical instruments                   | 67.0                         | 7.0            | 3.1         | 3.6         | 8.1         | 21.8         | 88.8                     | -0.6           | -2.2        | -6.0        | -1.0            | -9.8        | 79.0                     | 1.9               |
| 34           | Motor vehicles                                    | 9.7                          | -0.2           | 0.0         | 0.1         | 0.3         | 0.2          | 10.0                     | 0.5            | -0.4        | 0.3         | -0.3            | 0.1         | 10.0                     | -0.3              |
| 35           | Other transport equipment                         | 2.7                          | 1.5            | 0.1         | -0.1        | 1.3         | 2.7          | 5.4                      | 0.9            | 1.2         | -1.0        | -3.3            | -2.1        | 3.2                      | 0.0               |
| 36-37,23     | Other manufacturing                               | 57.3                         | -1.3           | 8.5         | 13.4        | 12.2        | 32.8         | 90.1                     | -15.7          | 1.0         | -1.6        | 1.5             | -14.8       | 75.3                     | -0.2              |
| 40           | Electricity and gas supply                        | 0.9                          | -0.2           | -0.4        | 0.2         | 0.4         | 0.1          | 1.0                      | -0.4           | -0.1        | 0.7         | 0.2             | 0.3         | 1.2                      | -0.1              |
| <b>10-40</b> | <b>All industries<sup>2</sup></b>                 | <b>1,177.0</b>               | <b>31.1</b>    | <b>48.4</b> | <b>41.8</b> | <b>57.1</b> | <b>178.5</b> | <b>1,355.5</b>           | <b>-44.8</b>   | <b>48.4</b> | <b>62.1</b> | <b>21.8</b>     | <b>87.6</b> | <b>1,443.1</b>           | <b>-10.4</b>      |
| <b>10-37</b> | <b>Transportable goods industries<sup>2</sup></b> | <b>1,176.1</b>               | <b>31.3</b>    | <b>48.8</b> | <b>41.6</b> | <b>56.7</b> | <b>178.4</b> | <b>1,354.5</b>           | <b>-44.3</b>   | <b>48.6</b> | <b>61.4</b> | <b>21.6</b>     | <b>87.3</b> | <b>1,441.8</b>           | <b>-10.2</b>      |
| <b>15-37</b> | <b>Manufacturing industries<sup>2</sup></b>       | <b>1,135.6</b>               | <b>35.9</b>    | <b>48.4</b> | <b>31.4</b> | <b>56.9</b> | <b>172.6</b> | <b>1,308.2</b>           | <b>-45.1</b>   | <b>43.6</b> | <b>51.6</b> | <b>21.8</b>     | <b>71.9</b> | <b>1,380.1</b>           | <b>-11.1</b>      |

<sup>1</sup> Revised

<sup>2</sup> Figures revised in line with 1998 Census of Industrial Production

**Table 4 Stocks of Work-in-Progress Goods held in Industry (£million)**

| NACE Code    | Description                                       | 1997<br>Closing<br>CIP Level | Change in 1998 |             |             |              |              | 1998<br>Closing<br>Level | Change in 1999 |             |              |                 |              | 1999<br>Closing<br>Level | Change<br>in 2000 |
|--------------|---|------------------------------|----------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------------------|----------------|-------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------|--------------------------|-------------------|
|              |   |                              | Q1             | Q2          | Q3          | Q4           | Year         |                          | Q1             | Q2          | Q3           | Q4 <sup>1</sup> | Year         |                          |                   |
| 10-14        | Mining and quarrying                              | 5.0                          | -0.4           | -2.3        | 0.8         | -0.7         | -2.7         | 2.3                      | 0.8            | -0.7        | -0.6         | 0.6             | 0.2          | 2.5                      | 0.6               |
|              | Manufacturing:                                    |                              |                |             |             |              |              |                          |                |             |              |                 |              |                          |                   |
| 15           | Food products and beverages                       | 89.7                         | 5.1            | -1.6        | 5.7         | -0.4         | 8.8          | 98.5                     | 1.4            | 0.1         | -2.9         | 5.5             | 4.1          | 102.6                    | 3.3               |
| 16           | Tobacco products                                  | 3.9                          | 0.1            | -0.9        | -0.1        | 0.0          | -0.9         | 3.0                      | 0.9            | -0.6        | 1.1          | 0.8             | 2.1          | 5.1                      | -0.9              |
| 17           | Textiles  | 12.7                         | 0.6            | 1.0         | -0.9        | -1.1         | -0.4         | 12.3                     | 0.6            | 0.0         | 0.0          | -0.2            | 0.4          | 12.7                     | 1.1               |
| 18           | Wearing apparel                                   | 8.5                          | 0.6            | 0.7         | -0.5        | 0.2          | 0.9          | 9.4                      | -1.2           | 4.0         | -1.7         | 0.1             | 1.1          | 10.5                     | 1.8               |
| 19           | Leather products                                  | 1.2                          | 0.3            | 0.3         | 0.2         | -0.4         | 0.4          | 1.5                      | 0.1            | 0.0         | 0.1          | -0.3            | -0.1         | 1.4                      | 0.1               |
| 20           | Wood and wood products                            | 3.9                          | 0.4            | -0.1        | -0.1        | 0.5          | 0.6          | 4.5                      | -0.9           | 0.1         | 0.1          | 0.2             | -0.4         | 4.1                      | 0.7               |
| 21           | Paper and paper products                          | 4.4                          | 0.0            | 0.4         | 0.0         | -0.4         | 0.0          | 4.4                      | -0.2           | 0.3         | 0.8          | -0.6            | 0.3          | 4.7                      | -0.1              |
| 22           | Publishing and printing                           | 10.2                         | 0.4            | -0.3        | 0.4         | -1.0         | -0.4         | 9.8                      | 1.7            | 0.4         | 1.2          | 2.2             | 5.5          | 15.3                     | 0.4               |
| 24           | Chemical products <sup>2</sup>                    | 301.1                        | 1.8            | 32.5        | 11.8        | -8.6         | 37.5         | 338.6                    | 48.9           | -1.7        | -67.1        | 58.5            | 38.6         | 377.2                    | 84.4              |
| 25           | Rubber and plastic products                       | 9.8                          | 1.2            | -0.6        | -0.1        | -0.2         | 0.3          | 10.1                     | 0.3            | 0.0         | 0.2          | -0.3            | 0.3          | 10.4                     | 0.2               |
| 26           | Other non-metallic mineral products               | 19.8                         | 0.9            | -0.5        | -0.8        | 1.2          | 0.8          | 20.6                     | 1.9            | 1.8         | -1.6         | -3.3            | -1.2         | 19.4                     | 3.0               |
| 27           | Basic metals                                      | 8.4                          | 0.0            | 0.1         | -0.6        | 0.4          | -0.1         | 8.3                      | -0.2           | -1.0        | 1.1          | -0.8            | -0.9         | 7.4                      | 0.1               |
| 28           | Fabricated metals (excl. machinery)               | 26.0                         | 2.8            | 2.0         | -0.3        | -1.8         | 2.6          | 28.6                     | 5.1            | -1.8        | 4.8          | -7.7            | 0.4          | 29.0                     | 3.7               |
| 29           | Machinery not elsewhere classified                | 33.8                         | 5.7            | -2.3        | 1.1         | -1.9         | 2.7          | 36.4                     | 1.6            | -1.5        | 1.0          | -0.5            | 0.6          | 37.0                     | 0.8               |
| 30           | Office machinery and computers <sup>2</sup>       | 60.2                         | 2.1            | 16.4        | -9.2        | -2.0         | 7.4          | 67.5                     | 33.7           | -10.0       | 3.1          | 1.1             | 27.9         | 95.5                     | 2.0               |
| 31           | Other electrical equipment                        | 48.1                         | -3.8           | 1.5         | -1.0        | -0.5         | -3.8         | 44.2                     | 1.4            | 2.6         | -0.8         | 3.1             | 6.3          | 50.6                     | 2.8               |
| 32           | Communication equipment <sup>2</sup>              | 44.7                         | 1.1            | -14.8       | 35.0        | -4.0         | 17.3         | 62.0                     | -6.4           | -0.7        | 0.2          | -1.1            | -7.9         | 54.1                     | 4.1               |
| 33           | Medical and optical instruments                   | 34.0                         | 6.7            | 3.2         | 2.6         | 2.4          | 14.9         | 48.9                     | -1.8           | 2.1         | 1.2          | -2.7            | -1.1         | 47.8                     | 3.2               |
| 34           | Motor vehicles                                    | 7.1                          | 0.2            | -0.2        | 0.5         | -0.3         | 0.2          | 7.3                      | 0.2            | -0.1        | 0.2          | 0.3             | 0.6          | 7.9                      | 0.4               |
| 35           | Other transport equipment                         | 15.0                         | 0.3            | 0.2         | -1.2        | -1.1         | -1.8         | 13.1                     | 0.9            | 0.1         | 1.7          | -0.7            | 2.0          | 15.1                     | 1.7               |
| 36-37,23     | Other manufacturing                               | 34.2                         | 1.8            | 1.2         | 1.9         | -1.2         | 3.6          | 37.8                     | 4.3            | 1.0         | 0.8          | -4.7            | 1.4          | 39.1                     | 0.6               |
| 40           | Electricity and gas supply                        | 139.2                        | 19.7           | 32.1        | 51.3        | -37.6        | 65.6         | 204.8                    | 47.3           | 46.1        | -14.4        | -34.2           | 44.8         | 249.6                    | 10.1              |
| <b>10-40</b> | <b>All industries<sup>2</sup></b>                 | <b>920.7</b>                 | <b>47.4</b>    | <b>67.9</b> | <b>96.5</b> | <b>-58.6</b> | <b>153.2</b> | <b>1,074.0</b>           | <b>140.4</b>   | <b>40.5</b> | <b>-71.2</b> | <b>15.2</b>     | <b>124.9</b> | <b>1,198.8</b>           | <b>124.1</b>      |
| <b>10-37</b> | <b>Transportable goods industries<sup>2</sup></b> | <b>781.5</b>                 | <b>27.7</b>    | <b>35.8</b> | <b>45.1</b> | <b>-21.0</b> | <b>87.6</b>  | <b>869.1</b>             | <b>93.1</b>    | <b>-5.6</b> | <b>-56.9</b> | <b>49.4</b>     | <b>80.1</b>  | <b>949.2</b>             | <b>114.1</b>      |
| <b>15-37</b> | <b>Manufacturing industries<sup>2</sup></b>       | <b>776.5</b>                 | <b>28.2</b>    | <b>38.1</b> | <b>44.4</b> | <b>-20.3</b> | <b>90.3</b>  | <b>866.9</b>             | <b>92.3</b>    | <b>-4.9</b> | <b>-56.3</b> | <b>48.8</b>     | <b>79.9</b>  | <b>946.8</b>             | <b>113.5</b>      |

<sup>1</sup> Revised

<sup>2</sup> Figures revised in line with 1998 Census of Industrial Production

**Table 5 Stocks of Goods Purchased for Resale held in Industry (£million)**

| NACE Code    | Description                           | 1997<br>Closing<br>CIP Level | Change in 1998 |             |            |             |            | 1998<br>Closing<br>Level | Change in 1999 |             |              |                 |            | 1999<br>Closing<br>Level | Change<br>in 2000 |
|--------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------|-------------|------------|-------------|------------|--------------------------|----------------|-------------|--------------|-----------------|------------|--------------------------|-------------------|
|              |                                       |                              | Q1             | Q2          | Q3         | Q4          | Year       |                          | Q1             | Q2          | Q3           | Q4 <sup>1</sup> | Year       |                          |                   |
| 10-14        | Mining and quarrying                  | 0.1                          | 0.0            | 0.0         | 0.0        | 0.1         | 0.0        | 0.1                      | 0.1            | 0.4         | -0.2         | 0.0             | 0.3        | 0.4                      | 0.0               |
|              | Manufacturing:                        |                              |                |             |            |             |            |                          |                |             |              |                 |            |                          |                   |
| 15           | Food products and beverages           | 79.0                         | 7.3            | -10.2       | 5.2        | -3.9        | -1.6       | 77.3                     | 0.2            | 5.7         | -1.5         | 8.8             | 13.2       | 90.5                     | -3.3              |
| 16           | Tobacco products                      | 9.7                          | -3.3           | -0.7        | 2.6        | 0.6         | -0.9       | 8.8                      | -2.8           | -1.1        | -0.2         | 8.8             | 4.7        | 13.4                     | -2.5              |
| 17           | Textiles                              | 5.8                          | -0.5           | -0.1        | 0.1        | -0.1        | -0.6       | 5.2                      | -0.9           | 1.1         | -0.8         | 0.3             | -0.2       | 4.9                      | 0.8               |
| 18           | Wearing apparel                       | 16.0                         | 4.3            | 0.9         | -1.1       | -0.1        | 4.0        | 20.0                     | -0.1           | 2.5         | 0.9          | -1.4            | 1.9        | 21.9                     | -1.8              |
| 19           | Leather products                      | 0.4                          | 0.1            | 0.0         | 0.3        | -0.1        | 0.3        | 0.7                      | 0.0            | 0.0         | -0.2         | -0.1            | -0.2       | 0.4                      | -0.2              |
| 20           | Wood and wood products                | 1.5                          | 3.0            | 0.2         | 0.5        | -0.1        | 3.6        | 5.1                      | 0.7            | -0.6        | 0.4          | 0.1             | 0.6        | 5.7                      | 0.2               |
| 21           | Paper and paper products              | 15.8                         | -0.2           | 0.2         | -0.2       | 0.0         | -0.2       | 15.6                     | 0.0            | 0.0         | 0.0          | 0.0             | 0.0        | 15.6                     | -0.2              |
| 22           | Publishing and printing               | 2.0                          | 0.0            | -0.1        | -0.3       | 0.1         | -0.3       | 1.7                      | 0.3            | 1.2         | -0.6         | 0.3             | 1.2        | 2.8                      | 0.9               |
| 24           | Chemical products                     | 24.2                         | 2.7            | 0.9         | -2.6       | -1.0        | 0.0        | 24.2                     | -0.3           | 0.3         | -0.4         | -0.3            | -0.7       | 23.6                     | 2.4               |
| 25           | Rubber and plastic products           | 2.6                          | 0.3            | 0.1         | -0.4       | 0.4         | 0.4        | 2.9                      | -0.5           | -0.2        | -0.2         | 0.3             | -0.5       | 2.4                      | 0.3               |
| 26           | Other non-metallic mineral products   | 4.1                          | 0.6            | 0.9         | -1.0       | 0.1         | 0.6        | 4.7                      | 0.9            | 2.0         | 0.8          | -1.6            | 2.0        | 6.7                      | 2.7               |
| 27           | Basic metals                          | 0.5                          | 0.0            | 0.0         | 0.0        | 0.0         | 0.1        | 0.6                      | 0.0            | -0.1        | 0.0          | 0.0             | 0.0        | 0.6                      | 0.0               |
| 28           | Fabricated metals (excl. machinery)   | 2.9                          | 0.5            | 0.2         | -0.1       | -0.2        | 0.4        | 3.3                      | 0.1            | 0.1         | 0.1          | 0.3             | 0.6        | 3.9                      | 0.2               |
| 29           | Machinery not elsewhere classified    | 8.3                          | 0.2            | 0.2         | -0.1       | -5.1        | -4.8       | 3.5                      | 0.1            | 0.2         | 2.3          | -0.4            | 2.2        | 5.6                      | 0.0               |
| 30           | Office machinery and computers        | 3.4                          | 1.0            | -1.1        | -0.2       | 0.2         | -0.2       | 3.2                      | -0.2           | -0.1        | -0.3         | 1.6             | 1.0        | 4.1                      | -0.4              |
| 31           | Other electrical equipment            | 4.3                          | 4.8            | 4.9         | -0.6       | 0.1         | 9.2        | 13.5                     | -0.1           | -0.6        | 0.0          | 0.3             | -0.4       | 13.1                     | 0.0               |
| 32           | Communication equipment               | 0.6                          | 0.2            | 0.5         | -0.5       | 1.2         | 1.4        | 2.0                      | -0.6           | 0.2         | 3.1          | 6.2             | 8.8        | 10.8                     | 0.0               |
| 33           | Medical and optical instruments       | 52.8                         | -3.5           | -0.5        | 0.9        | -1.9        | -4.9       | 47.9                     | 3.4            | -12.8       | -27.8        | -0.1            | -37.3      | 10.6                     | 0.7               |
| 34           | Motor vehicles                        | 1.7                          | 0.0            | 0.1         | 0.0        | 0.0         | 0.1        | 1.8                      | 0.0            | 0.0         | 0.0          | 0.6             | 0.6        | 2.4                      | -0.1              |
| 35           | Other transport equipment             | 0.5                          | 0.0            | 0.0         | -0.1       | 0.0         | -0.1       | 0.5                      | 0.1            | 1.0         | 0.1          | 0.4             | 1.6        | 2.1                      | -0.1              |
| 36-37,23     | Other manufacturing                   | 5.1                          | 0.8            | 0.1         | 0.1        | 0.1         | 1.1        | 6.2                      | 0.2            | 0.3         | 0.3          | 0.4             | 1.2        | 7.4                      | -0.7              |
| 40           | Electricity and gas supply            | 1.6                          | -0.2           | 0.1         | 0.0        | 0.4         | 0.3        | 1.9                      | 1.2            | 1.6         | 0.1          | 0.3             | 3.2        | 5.1                      | 0.4               |
| <b>10-40</b> | <b>All industries</b>                 | <b>242.8</b>                 | <b>18.2</b>    | <b>-3.5</b> | <b>2.5</b> | <b>-9.2</b> | <b>7.9</b> | <b>250.7</b>             | <b>1.7</b>     | <b>1.1</b>  | <b>-24.1</b> | <b>25.0</b>     | <b>3.6</b> | <b>254.3</b>             | <b>-0.7</b>       |
| <b>10-37</b> | <b>Transportable goods industries</b> | <b>241.2</b>                 | <b>18.4</b>    | <b>-3.7</b> | <b>2.5</b> | <b>-9.6</b> | <b>7.6</b> | <b>248.8</b>             | <b>0.5</b>     | <b>-0.5</b> | <b>-24.2</b> | <b>24.6</b>     | <b>0.4</b> | <b>249.2</b>             | <b>-1.1</b>       |
| <b>15-37</b> | <b>Manufacturing industries</b>       | <b>241.1</b>                 | <b>18.3</b>    | <b>-3.7</b> | <b>2.5</b> | <b>-9.7</b> | <b>7.5</b> | <b>248.6</b>             | <b>0.4</b>     | <b>-1.0</b> | <b>-24.0</b> | <b>24.6</b>     | <b>0.1</b> | <b>248.8</b>             | <b>-1.1</b>       |

<sup>1</sup> Revised

## Background Notes

- Introduction** This Release details quarterly changes in stocks of goods held in the Mining, Manufacturing, and Energy sectors. The series are derived from a quarterly accounts inquiry to industrial enterprises with 20 or more persons engaged. This inquiry was initiated to meet national and EU requirements for quarterly economic variables, and is conducted under the Statistics (Business Accounts) Order, 1996, made under the Statistics Act, 1993.
- The survey results provided are grossed to represent levels of stocks for all industrial enterprises with 3 or more persons engaged, and are shown at current values (seasonally unadjusted).
- The series are short-term indicators of trends, and are subject to revision when the annual Census of Industrial Production (CIP) results become available.
- Scope** The inquiry covers all enterprises with 20 or more persons engaged in the Mining, Manufacturing, and Energy sectors. The sample, approximately 1,900 enterprises, accounts for over 95% of stocks held by enterprises with 3 or more persons engaged (as measured by the 1997 CIP).
- The activity classification used in this Statistical Release is the NACE Rev. 1 classification.
- Methodology** Estimates are made for non-response. For each non-responding enterprise, stock level data are imputed from returns for that enterprise in previous quarters or in the 1997 CIP. Where no historical data are available, estimates are made as follows: the sample is classified into relatively homogeneous cells defined by NACE division and employment size, and the cell ratio stocks per person (calculated from the aggregated respondent values in the non-respondent's cell) is applied to the employment for the non-respondent.
- To derive estimates inclusive of those enterprises having 3 to 19 persons engaged, the sample results are grossed, by NACE division, using grossing ratios from the 1997 CIP.
- Definitions** Stocks are valued (excluding VAT) on the accounting basis used by the enterprise. The stocks covered relate to goods actually held by the enterprise on its premises. Stock changes are calculated by subtracting the value of stocks at the beginning of the quarter from the value at the end of the quarter.
- An enterprise is defined as the smallest combination of legal units that is an organisational unit producing goods or services, which benefits from a certain degree of autonomy in decision making, especially for the allocation of its current resources (e.g. company, partnership, individual proprietorship, etc.). An enterprise may be a sole legal unit.
- Other** The figures provided in this Release are short-term indicators only. They are based on quarterly information supplied by enterprises, many of whom do not maintain sub-annual accounting systems. The annual Census of Industrial Production, which utilises financial accounts data, should be considered as the definitive reference for stocks information.
- Related series, on quarterly acquisitions and disposals of Capital Assets in Industry, are published in a separate Statistical Release.