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Year-end report May 1 2019 – April 30 2020 for the Be-Ge Group

## Fiscal year 2019-20 – a challenging year

The year-end report for the Be-Ge Group for the financial year ending April 30, 2020 shows a result that is lower compared to last year.

- The turnover for the group increased with MSEK 56 and amounted to MSEK 1 194 (l.y. MSEK 1 138). This means that the Be-Ge Group has had a turnover exceeding SEK one billion for three years in a row.
- Earnings before taxes amounted to MSEK 54 (l.y. MSEK 71).
- The group employed 528 persons, whereof 159 employees in our companies outside Sweden.

During the first 5 months of the fiscal year, the Group's different operations developed according to expectations and in line with last year. In the autumn there was a decline in demand, especially from the automotive segment, but the decline started from a very high level of demand. From mid-March 2020 the Corona pandemic had a negative impact on the Group's operations, due to the downturn in the global business cycle.

For the Seating Division, that manufactures and markets driver seats, passenger seats, surveillance and office chairs and accessories for these products, both turnover and results are lower compared to FY 2018-19. The division has experienced a decline in demand from both the important OEM-customers and other customers. This has had a negative effect on the operation for the fiscal year. In Oskarshamn Be-Ge Seating AB has invested in the real estate that was acquired last year and has also installed new production equipment. This will give the company the ability to further develop its operations.

The Component Division manufactures components for trucks, commercial vehicles and for the mechanical industry and offers industrial sewing and assembly services of subcontracted components. During the fiscal year the divisions customers within the automotive segment have reduced and even closed their production. As a result of this, both turnover and results for the division is lower compared to last year.

The Group's Vehicle Division has been less affected by the Corona pandemic compared to the other two divisions. The demand for both

vehicles and services has been stable. Both the division's turnover and results are therefore higher compared to FY 2018-19. Especially the sales and services of cars have been successful during the year and Be-Ge Personbilar AB is the market leader within its sales district.

Be-Ge Företagen ABs CEO Håkan Hjalmarsson:

*"The fiscal year 2019-20 has really been a challenging year, where the Corona pandemic has affected all countries in some degree and where the downturn in the world economy can be compared the recession in the beginning of the 1930's. When these conditions are taken into consideration, the result for the year is very satisfying. The Be-Ge Group is well consolidated, the liquid assets are stable and the owners have a long-term view for the Group's development. This in combination with our competent and loyal employees, the Be-Ge Group is well positioned to meet the opportunities that will occur when the businesses are starting to grow again."*

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**About the Be-Ge Group**

The Be-Ge Group is a family-owned group that has operations within three branches, Be-Ge Vehicle Division, Be-Ge Component Division and Be-Ge Seating Division. The Groups turnover amounts to MSEK 1 200 and employs 528 people in 7 countries.