Commercial Companies – Exporters

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Company performance indicators for 2002				
	All	Exporters		Other
Indicators	companies	Total	Mainly export- oriented companies	companies
Number of companies	38,051	9,189	2,729	28,862
Number of employees	469,166	334,060	154,600	135,106
Differ. between net profit and net loss, SIT million	215,498	175,575	77,459	39,923
Revenues/expenses	1.03	1.03	1.03	1.02
Export revenues as a % of total revenues	26.0	33.7	74.6	0.0
Valued added/employee, thousand SIT	5,588	5,941	5,624	4,714
Return on assets, %	1.7	2.2	2.7	0.8
Return on capital, %	3.6	4.3	5.5	2.2
Debt-to-capital ratio	1.09	0.87	0.96	1.59
Long-term coverage of long-term assets and stocks	0.96	0.94	0.99	0.97

Source of data: Agency for Public Legal Records and Related Services – data from the balance sheets and profit and loss statements for 2002, calculations by the IMAD. Note: exporters – companies that earn net revenues from sales in foreign markets; mainly export-oriented companies – companies that earn over 50% of net revenues from sales in foreign markets; other companies – companies that earn net revenues solely in the domestic market.

In 2002, **companies' net revenues from sales in foreign markets** climbed by 13.4% over 2001, 3.3 index points more than net revenues from sales in the domestic market (exports of goods and services climbed by 11.2% in nominal terms measured in SIT).

Exporters, representing 24.1% of all companies, employed the most workers (71.2%) and contributed the most to total operations (77.2% of total revenues, 75.7% of total value added, and 61.9% of the total asset value at the end of the year). There were 29.7% of mainly **export-oriented companies** among exporters. They employed 46.3% of all workers working for exporters, earned 37.4% of revenues, generated 43.8% of value added and represented 36.2% of the total asset value of exporters.

Most exporters operated in the activity of wholesale and retail trade and certain repair services (37.2%), while most mainly export-oriented companies operated in manufacturing (34.7%). As far as **manufacturing** is concerned, both exporters and mainly export-oriented companies employed the highest number of workers and contributed the most to total operations, with the former generating 92.8% of the total difference between net profit and net loss and the latter 73.5%.

In 2002, companies' performance was better than in 2001 (also see SEM 6/2003:16) and all three categories of companies reported a positive difference between net profit and net loss.

Further, **exporters performed better** than other companies. The overall **operating efficiency** was 1.03 for exporters and 1.02 for other companies. Exporters generated 81.5% of the total positive difference between net profit and net loss (35.9% mainly export-oriented companies), which led to a higher **return on assets** (2.2% in exporters and 2.7% in mainly export-oriented companies) and a higher **return on capital** (4.3% in exporters and 5.5% in mainly export-oriented companies) than in other companies (return on assets was 0.8% and return on capital 2.2%). Similarly, **labour productivity** measured by value added per employee was higher in exporters than in other companies (SIT 5.9 million and SIT 4.7 million, respectively). The **debt-to-capital ratio** was less than one in exporters (0.87), but was more than one in other companies (1.59), suggesting that other companies were in greater debt. The **coefficient of long-term coverage of long-term assets and stocks** was below 1 in all categories of companies; it was highest in mainly export-oriented companies (0.99), while the coefficient of exporters (0.94) was lower than that of other companies (0.97).

