

Q3 2022 Interim financial report

North Investment Group AB (publ.)



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FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Group revenue of SEK 245.6m (SEK 203.1m).
- Gross profit margin 40.1% (38.6%).
- EBITDA of SEK 39.8m (SEK 29.8m).
- Net operating cash flow SEK 9.7m (SEK 24.7m).
- Increased energy-prices and inflation managed by improving raw material prices.
- Solid growth within 3rd Party Logistics.
- Order intake was SEK 172.2m (SEK 148.2m), and order backlog of SEK 139.6m (SEK 138.4m).

Key consolidated figures

Key consolidated figures			SO	NO GROUP
	Q3 2022	Q3 2021	Jan-Sept 2022	Jan-Sept 2021
(SEKm, unless stated)	Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited
Revenue	245,6	203,1	721,2	605,3
Gross profit	97,4	76,3	281,0	229,1
EBITDA	39,8	29,8	83,8	63,4
EBIT	22,8	18,2	36,4	29,1
Non-recurring items	-	-	7,6	-
Adjusted EBITDA	39,8	29,8	91,5	63,4
Net Profit	7,9	4,7	4,5	(7,1)
Cash flow from operations	9,7	24,7	12,2	24,0
No of outstanding shares	759 201	759 201	759 201	759 201,0
Net earnings per share (SEK)	10,44	6,18	5,93	(9,32)
Gross profit margin (%)	40,1	38,6	39,7	38,7
EBITDA margin (%)	16,4	15,1	11,8	10,7

CEO STATEMENT

The positive development in sales continues for 3rd quarter. Total operating revenue is 21% higher compared to Q3 2021. Our order intake in 3rd quarter is more than 16% higher than previous year. For the first nine months of 2022 we have an organic growth of more than 17% compared to same period 2021. Part of this relates to price increases, but we also have growth in terms of volumes in several parts of our business. So far, we are not experiencing any material setbacks in the markets we operate. We have during 3rd quarter involved most of the sales departments cross borders to participate in a project for finding growth opportunities the next 2 years. We see that we can increase revenue both through new or modified products and not least learn from each other's success.

In 3rd quarter we have higher share of our revenue in the category School furniture compared to other quarters. 26% of our revenue comes from this category and mostly in Sweden. The revenue was higher than both 2020 and 2021, but we still have higher ambitions in this category where we have two of our strongest brands, Tranås Skolmöbler and Form o Miljö.

Some of the raw material prices have decreased from June and further in 3rd quarter. Prices on steel have been reduced, while wood still are at a high price level. There also has been considerable reductions in container freights. However, have energy prices, wages and inflation in general continued to increase and is to a large degree compensating for the above-mentioned reductions. We are putting on a lot of internal resources in purchasing to get quotations from different suppliers and move productions to areas and producers with favorable prices and quality. This is our strength as a full-scale trading house that owns our brands but have productions outsourced.

The cost program Robust 22 was finalized in Q2 this year with an effect of approximately SEK 30 mill. Our strict cost management continuous and we are paying close attention to the market in order to quickly adapt to changing conditions.

Our success within Third party Logistics (3PL) continues. This is a growing market in both Norway and Sweden, and we see that our competence, systems, and routines make us very interesting for potential customers. This business area started in 2020 from zero, and for 2022 we expect a turnover above SEK 40 mill. Depending on volumes we have close to 30 FTE involved in this business today. Our focus in this business area forward is to continue to build customer base and locate attractive facilities in the right geography.



Tore Knut Skedsmo, CEO, Tranås, 11th of November 2022

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Q3 2022

Income statement

The Group reported total operating revenue of SEK 245.6m (SEK 203.1m) and EBITDA of SEK 39.8m (SEK 29.8m) in Q3 2022.

Order intake was SEK 172.2m (SEK 148.2m), corresponding to an increase of 16.2 % compared to Q3 2021. EBIT for the Group was SEK 22.8m (SEK 18.2m) and net profit SEK 7.9m (SEK 4.7m).

Gross margin for the Group in Q3 2022 was 40.1% (38.6%). Gross margin tends to fluctuate somewhat from quarters to quarters depending on the development within each product category.

Segments

The Group is divided into two segments, Sono Norway (Norway) and Sono Sweden (Sweden).

Norway delivered SEK 103.8m in revenue (SEK 84.3m) and SEK 13.3m in EBITDA (SEK 16.3m) during the quarter. Sweden reported revenue of SEK 139.0m (SEK 113.2m) and EBITDA of SEK 26.8m (SEK 13.8m).

January - Sept 2022

Income statement

The Group reported total operating revenue of SEK 721.2m (SEK 605.3m) and EBITDA of SEK 83.8m (SEK 63.4m) at the end of September 2022. Nonrecurring items (Related to the cost reduction program "Robust 22") of SEK 7.6m (SEK 0.0m), with adjusted EBITDA of SEK 91.5m.

Order intake was SEK 697.5m (SEK 611.9m), corresponding to an increase of 14.0 % compared to end of September 2021. EBIT for the Group was SEK 36.4m (SEK 29.1m) and net profit SEK 4.5m (SEK -7.1m).

Gross margin for the Group at the end of Q3 2022 was 39.7% (38.7%). Gross margin tends to fluctuate somewhat from quarters to quarters depending on the development within each product category.

Segments

The Group is divided into two segments, Sono Norway (Norway) and Sono Sweden (Sweden).

Norway delivered SEK 345.9m in revenue (SEK 283.2m) and SEK 32.8m in EBITDA (SEK 39.4m) year to date September. Sweden reported revenue of SEK 362.3m (SEK 308.1m) and EBITDA of SEK 51.8m (SEK 24.5m).

Cash flow

The Group's net cash flow from operations was positive with SEK 12.2m (SEK 24.0m). The Cash and cash equivalents as of 30th of September 2022 amounts to SEK 5.7m (SEK 33.8m). The group has undrawn credit line of SEK 30.0m (SEK 30.0m) as of 30th September 2022, e.g., total available funds of SEK 35.7m. The liquidity situation of the Group is adequate to meet our ambitions going forward.

Balance sheet

As of 30th of September 2022, the Group had assets of SEK 831.1m, mainly related to goodwill, right of use assets, inventory, and accounts receivables. The increase in right of use assets and lease liabilities is related to our new warehouse we rent in Tranås.

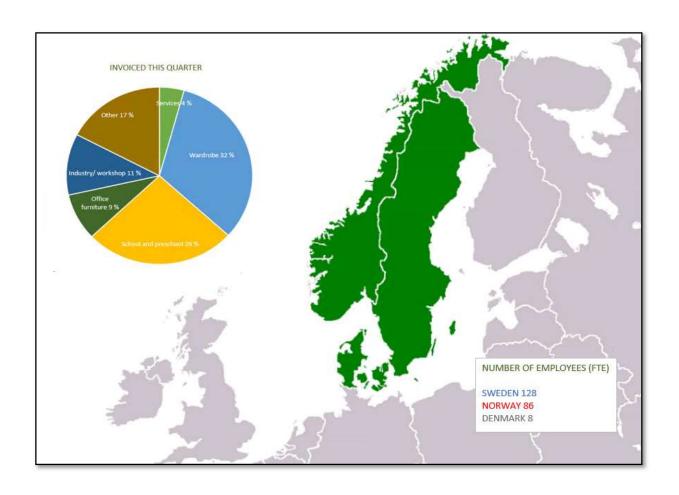
Net interest-bearing debt (excl. Lease liabilities) was SEK 274.8m (SEK 244.4m).

Risk and uncertainties

The Group's main risks and uncertainties are related to its high exposure to certain markets. In addition, the Group has financial risk related primarily to currency risk, interest rate risk related to financing and credit risk related to sales. Refinancing risk is defined as the risk that it will be difficult to refinance the company, that financing cannot be obtained, or that it can only be obtained at increased cost. The group currently secures access to external financing through bonds. In May 2021 we refinanced with a new bond loan with 3-year maturity together with a credit line of SEK 30m.

For more information related to risks, see annual statement 2021.



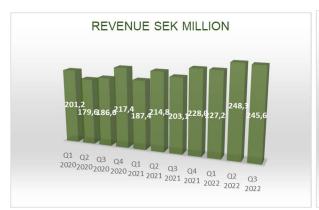


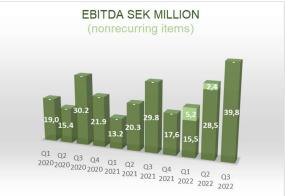
OUTLOOK

The macroeconomic environment in terms of high inflation and increased interest rates is monitored closely. These factors affect the entire market, and we see ourselves in a good position to gain market shares and adjust prices on our products. Our split of sales between private and public markets and our wide product portfolio is an advantage if the business cycles turn downwards. There are signals in the market that B2C have started to be affected by the economy. Sono Groups sales to B2C is insignificant.

The risk exposure has been reduced due to our cost reductions/Robust 22, making it possible to meet a more demanding market going forward when it arrives. We are now organized in a manner that makes it possible to reduce the cost in the market we see challenging, either through reductions in sales or in operations. This makes it quicker to adapt our costs to changing market conditions.

In a more demanding economy new opportunities always rises. Several of our customers experience growth and high profitability. With our culture for being close to customers and markets we can discover opportunities quick and act quickly.







GROUP FINANCIAL STATEMENT

CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT

All amounts in SEK thousand	Juli-Sept 2022	Juli-Sept 2021	Jan-Sept 2022	Jan-Sept 2021	Jan-Dec 2021
Revenue	242 786	197 567	708 220	591 347	814 152
Other operating revenue	2 822 245 608	5 501 203 068	12 933 721 153	13 913 605 260	19 149 833 301
Total operating revenue	245 606	203 000	721 153	605 260	633 301
Cost of goods sold	(145 380)	(121 256)	(427 234)	(362 214)	(498 326)
Other external cost	(18 077)	(15 160)	(55 820)	(49 973)	(71 565)
Salaries and personnel expense	(40 020)	(36 742)	(149 787)	(127 937)	(180 103)
Other operating expense	(2 298)	(67)	(4 469)	(1 764)	(2 297)
EBITDA	39 833	29 843	83 843	63 372	81 010
Depreciation and amortization expense	(16 990)	(11 599)	(47 459)	(34 240)	(45 491)
Operating profit	22 843	18 244	36 384	29 132	35 519
Interest income and similar	1 856	386	4 778	6 712	8 441
Interest expense and similar	(14 730)	(12 957)	(35 494)	(45 077)	(56 545)
Net financial income (expenses)	(12 874)	(12 571)	(30 716)	(38 365)	(48 104)
Profit before income tax	9 969	5 673	5 668	(9 233)	(12 585)
Income taxes	(2 045)	(981)	(1 167)	2 157	(6 285)
Net profit for the period	7 924	4 692	4 501	(7 076)	(18 870)
Consolidated statement of comprehensive income					
Items that may be reclassified subsequently to income statement					
Translation differences on net investment in foreign operations	11 986	470	3 237	7 996	14 380
Items that will not be reclassified to income statement					
Remeasurement of defined benefit pension plans	-	-	-	-	(586)
Income taxes	-	-	-	-	-
Other comprehensive income (loss), net of taxes	11 986	470	3 237	7 996	13 794
Total comprehensive income	19 910	5 162	7 738	920	(5 076)

Total comprehensive income attributable to:

Equity holders of North Investment Group AB (publ)



CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS	2022	2021	2021
All amounts in SEK thousand	09.30	09.30	12.31
Software, licences, etc.	8 909	10 608	11 713
Goodwill	243 858	236 678	240 606
Total intangible assets	252 767	247 286	252 319
	222 424	454 405	450 504
Right of use assets	299 191	154 427	152 794
Land, buildings and other property	1 197	1 094	1 207
Machinery and plant	47	260	163
Office machinery, equipment and similar	5 361	1 599	1 428
Total property, plant and equipment	305 796	157 380	155 592
	404	405	407
Other long term receivables	131	125	127
Total non-current financial assets	131	125	127
Deferred tax receivables	29 853	37 536	30 827
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS	588 547	442 327	438 865
Inventories			
Raw materials	14 260	14 185	12 531
Work in progress	1 065	1 008	787
Finished products	87 815	67 863	73 005
Advance payments to suppliers	288	793	1 720
Total inventories	103 428	83 849	88 043
Accounts receivables	117 551	102 196	105 009
Other short term receivables	7 381	2 780	5 636
Tax recoverables	0	4 805	0
Prepaid expenses and accrued income	8 532	3 777	6 271
Cash and cash equivalents	5 672	33 764	45 530
Total receivables	139 136	147 322	162 446
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	242 564	231 171	250 489
TOTAL ASSETS	831 111	673 498	689 354



CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET

EQUITY AND LIABILITIES	2022	2021	2021
All amounts in SEK thousand	09.30	09.30	12.31
Share capital	105 619	105 619	105 619
Other equity	(11 871)	(11 871)	(11 871)
Retained earnings	(58 528)	(60 391)	(66 266)
Equity attributable to majority shareholders	35 220	33 357	27 482
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Bonds	280 514	278 205	278 592
Pension liabilities	31 061	31 352	30 250
Other provisions	1 462	2 822	4 254
Non-current Lease liabilities	273 459	129 963	122 787
Total non-current liabilities	586 496	442 342	435 883
Liabilities to financial institutions	-	-	-
Bonds current	-	-	-
Current lease liabilities	44 135	46 532	50 035
Prepayments from customers	1 336	260	5 669
Accounts payable	79 190	67 644	78 374
Tax payable	1 605	-	1 583
Other short-term liabilities	26 792	26 552	29 011
Accrued expenses and deferred income	56 337	56 811	61 317
Total current liabilities	209 395	197 799	225 989
TOTAL EQUITY AND LIABILITIES	831 111	673 498	689 354



STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

	Attributak	Attributable to equity holders of the parent company					
All amounts in SEK thousand	Share capital	Other Equity	Retained earnings	Total other equity			
Equity as at 01.01.2021	105 619	(11 871)	(61 311)	(73 182)	32 437		
Comprehensive income Profit for the period			(7 076)	(7 076)	(7 076)		
Items that may be reclassified in profit or loss Translation difference, net assets in foreign currency			7 996	7 996	7 996		
Total comprehensive income	-	-	920	920	920		
Equity as at 30.09.2021	105 619	(11 871)	(60 391)	(72 262)	33 357		
Profit for Q4			(11 794)	(11 794)	(11 794)		
Other Comprehensive income Items that will not be reclassified in profit or loss Issue of share capital Acturial loss on pension obligations			(586)	(586)	(586)		
Items that may be reclassified in profit or loss							
Translation difference, net assets in foreign currency			6 384	6 384	6 384		
Deferred tax			121	121	121		
Total comprehensive income Total shareholders transactions	-	-	(5 875)	(5 875)	(5 875)		
Total StateHolders transactions							
Equity as at 31.12.2021	105 619	(11 871)	(66 266)	(78 137)	27 482		
Equity as at 01.01.2022	105 619	(11 871)	(66 266)	(78 137)	27 482		
Profit for the period			4 501	4 501	4 501		
Items that may be reclassified in profit or loss							
Translation difference, net assets in foreign currency		-	3 237	3 237	3 237		
Total comprehensive income	-	-	7 738	7 738	7 738		
Total shareholders transactions	-	-		-			
Equity as at 30.09.2022	105 619	(11 871)	(58 528)	(70 399)	35 220		



CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

	Juli-Sept 2022	Juli-Sept 2021	Jan-sept 2022	Jan-Sept 2021	Jan-Dec 2021
All amounts in SEK thousand					
Cash flows from operations					
Profit/(loss) before income taxes	9 969	5 673	5 668	(9 233)	(12 585)
Taxes paid in the period	(1 583)	-	(1 583)	-	(223)
Adjustments for items without cash effects		-	-	(41)	-
Net (gains) losses from disposals of assets	(13)	(58)	(13)	(488)	(1 130)
Depreciation	16 990	11 599	47 459	34 240	45 491
Other adjustments	304	274	811	822	(280)
Currency (gains) losses not related to operating activities	(45)	(2 369)	2 475	(3 504)	1 284
Net cash flow from operations before changes in	25 622	45 440	E4 047	04 700	20 557
working capital	25 622	15 119	54 817	21 796	32 557
Change in inventory	5 404	(7 194)	(16 375)	(10 438)	(15 466)
Change in trade debtors	29 049	12 961	,	1 433	2 638
"			(21 021)		
Change in trade creditors	(34 194)	7 947	1 950	(1 688)	9 835
Change in other provisions and receivables	(16 193)	(4 101)	(7 186)	12 847	19 430
Net cash flow from operations	9 689	24 732	12 185	23 950	48 993
Cash flows from investments					
Purchase of intangible assets	(35)	(1 911)	(1 224)	(3 463)	(5 295)
Purchase of fixed assets	(330)	(1311)	(5 073)	(397)	(690)
Sale of fixed assets	(000)	78	(0 010)	2 912	3 546
Purchase of subsidiaries		70		2 312	3 340
Change in other short- and longterm investments		-	_	-	-
Net cash flows from investments	(365)	(1 833)	(6 297)	-948	-2 439
net cash nows nom investments	(303)	(1 633)	(0 291)	-340	-2 439
Cash flow from financing					
Net change in credit line		(1 421)		(15)	(15)
Proceeds from long term loans		(1 721)		285 000	285 000
Repayment of borrowings	(1 922)	(380)	(1 922)	(328 043)	(327 784)
Repayment of leasing liabilities	(15 295)	(360)	(43 820)	(34 878)	(46 934)
,	(17 217)	, ,	(45 742)	, ,	. ,
Net cash flow from financing	(17-217)	(13 482)	(45 742)	(77 936)	(89 733)
Net change in cash and cash equivalents	(7 893)	9 417	-39 854	(54 934)	(43 179)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the period	13 527	24 294	45 530	88 665	88 665
Exchange rate differences in cash and cash equivalents	38	53	(4)	33	44
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the period	5 672	33 764	5 672	33 764	45 530



Parent Company financial statements - North Investment Group AB (publ.)

Income statement

All amounts in SEK thousand

	jul-sep 2022	jul-sep 2021	jan-sep 2022	jan-sep 2021
	(055)	(000)	(7.47)	(044)
Other external cost	(255)	(288)	(747)	(611)
Total operating expense	(255)	(288)	(747)	(611)
Operating profit	(255)	(288)	(747)	(611)
Interest income and similar	4 070	2 294	11 389	6 164
Interest expense and similar	(9 248)	(8 139)	(25 090)	(30 491)
Net financial income (expenses)	(5 178)	(5 845)	(13 701)	(24 327)
	-	-	-	_
Profit before income tax	(5 433)	(6 133)	(14 448)	(24 938)
Income taxes	-	-	-	
Net profit for the period	(5 433)	(6 133)	(14 448)	(24 938)

In the parent company no amounts has been booked towards other comprehensive income, so Total comprehensive income is equal to net profit for the period.



Balance sheet statement

All amounts in SEK thousand

ASSETS	2022	2021
	30.09	30.09
Other investments	306 456	306 456
Receivables to group companies	94 310	71 329
Deferred tax receivables	321	321
Total non-current financial assets	401 087	378 106
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS	401 087	378 106
Accounts receivables	2	0
Other short term receivables	333	229
Shortterm receivables to group companies	191 680	163 942
Tax recoverables	0 204	0 154
Prepaid expenses and accrued income Cash and cash equivalents	6 569	27 624
Total receivables	198 788	191 949
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TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	198 788	191 949
TOTAL ASSETS	599 875	570 055
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES	2022	2021
EQUIT AND EINDICITIES	30.09	30.09
Share capital	105 619	105 619
Other equity	-12 013	17 158
This years result	-14 448	-24 938
Equity attributable to majority shareholders	79 158	97 839
Bonds	280 514	278 205
Total non-current liabilities	280 514	278 205
	400	
Accounts payable	108	2
Tax payable Other short-term liabilities	0	0
Liabilities to associated companies	235 430	188 954
Accrued expenses and deferred income	4 665	
Total current liabilities	240 203	
TOTAL EQUITY AND LIABILITIES	599 875	570 055



ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The interim report has been prepared in accordance with IAS 34 *Interim Financial Reporting* and the Swedish Annual Accounts Act. The consolidated financial statements were prepared in accordance with the cost method. All amounts are in thousands of Swedish kroner, unless otherwise stated.

The Parent Company applies Recommendation RFR 2 *Accounting for Legal Entities*, issued by the Swedish Financial Reporting Board, and the Annual Accounts Act. The application of RFR 2 means that the Parent Company, in the interim report for a legal entity, applies all IFRS and statements approved by the EU as far as possible within the framework of the Swedish Annual Accounts Act and the Pension Obligations Vesting Act, with consideration taken to the relationship between accounting and taxation.

The accounting policies applied correspond to the accounting policies and measurement principles presented in the 2021 Annual Report. The 2021 Annual Report is available at www.sono-group.com.

Audit review report

This interim report has not been examined by the company's auditor.

CRITICAL ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES AND JUDGEMENTS

The preparation of financial statements requires the use of accounting estimates which, by definition, will seldom equal the actual results. Management also needs to exercise judgement in applying the Group's accounting policies.

Estimates and judgements are continually evaluated, and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that may have a financial impact on the entity and that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

Management makes estimates and assumptions concerning the future. The resulting accounting estimates will, by definition, seldom equal the related actual results.



RISKS AND RISK MANAGEMENT

Exposure to risk is a natural part of business activity and this is reflected in Sono Group's approach to risk management. Responsibility for the management of the group's financial transactions and risks is centralized to the parent company. The main risk exposure is related to financial risks. See note 3 in the Annual Report and in chapter financial review in this report.

SEASONAL VARIATIONS

The Group has seasonal variations related to one of its main categories, school furniture. A high share of these deliveries is related to 3rd quarter.

RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The Group had no significant transactions with related parties so far in 2022. All transactions with related parties are priced on arm's length basis.

EVENTS AFTER THE REPORTING DATE

No events have occurred after the balance sheet date that have any significant effect on the submitted accounts.



SEGMENT INFORMATION

Operating segments are reported in a manner consistent with the internal reporting provided to the chief operating decision maker.

North Investment Group AB (publ.) has defined its two segments as:

- Business area Sono Sweden
- Business area Sono Norway

All amounts in SEK million	Juli-Sep	Juli-Sept 2022 Juli-Sept 2021		Jan-Sept 2022		Jan-Sept 2021		
	Sono Norway	Sono Sweden	Sono Norway	Sono Sweden	Sono Norway	Sono Sweden	Sono Norway	Sono Sweden
Revenue per segment	113,2	151,7	89,7	118,4	378,9	405,5	299,6	321,7
Net sales to other segments	(9,4)	(12,7)	-5,3	-5,2	-33,0	-43,2	-16,4	-13,6
Revenue from external customers	103,8	139,0	84,3	113,2	345,9	362,3	283,2	308,1
	Juli-Sep	t 2022	Juli-Sep	t 2021	Jan-Sep	ot 2022	Jan-Sept 2021	
Sono Norway	13,3		16,3	3	32,8		39,4	
Sono Sweden	26,8		13,8	13,8 51,8		24,5		
EBITDA	40,1		30,1		84,6		64,0	
for the Group's operating segments is reconciled with the Group's profit before tax in accordance with the following:								
NIG AB and elimination	(0,2)		(0,3))	(0,7)		(0,6)	
EBITDA for the Group	39,8		30)	83,8		63,4	
Amortisation and depreciation	(17,0)		(11,6)		(47,5)		(34,2)	
Financial items net	(12,9)		(12,6)		(30,7)		(38,4)	
Profit before tax	10,0		5,6	3	5,7		(9,2)	

FINANCIAL CALENDAR

 2022 Q4 Report:
 28.02.2023

 2022 Annual Report:
 28.04.2023

 2023 Q1 Report:
 12.05.2023

 2023 Q2 Report:
 25.08.2023

 2023 Q3 Report:
 14.11.2023



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