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CAPSULE MEDIA INFORMATION

EMS Group:

Very satisfactory development of business

Increase in special dividend 2007

First-Half Result 2007 (January to June 2007)

With its companies combined in EMS-CHEMIE HOLDING AG and with global activities in the business areas **Performance Polymers** and **Fine Chemicals / Engineering**, the EMS Group achieved 10.8% higher net sales and 10.9% higher net operating income (EBIT) in the first half of 2007 compared to the previous year. This result is in the upper range of company expectations.

Consolidated **Net sales** rose by 10.8% to CHF 783 million (706), an increase of 8.9% in local currencies. Further growth was achieved with speciality products in the main business area Performance Polymers. The positive economic situation in main sales markets Europe and Asia had a further impact on the course of business.

Net operating income (EBIT) was boosted by 10.9% over the previous year to CHF 134 million (120), **EBITDA** by 10.2% to CHF 161 million (146). The **EBIT margin** amounted therefore to 17.1% (17.1%), the **EBITDA margin** to 20.6% (20.7%). Despite a continual increase in raw material costs for the Performance Polymers business area, a further increase of net operating income (EBIT) was achieved.

As a result of further successful sales of shares in the LONZA investment in the first half of 2007, EMS intends to increase the special dividend announced in February 2007 from CHF 2.15 to CHF 2.50. EMS consequently will pay a total dividend of CHF 8.00 in August 2007.

EMS remains confident for the course of business in 2007. Growth of net sales and net operating income (EBIT) against the previous year are expected to be in the high single-digit percentage range.

Provisional key figures *)

Development of net sales and income for the EMS Group, January - June 2007

(CHF millions)	2007 (Jan-Jun)	%-dev. prev. yr
EMS Group		
Net sales	783	+10.8%
- in local currencies		+8.9%
EBITDA ¹⁾	161	+10.2%
- in % of net sales	20.6%	
EBIT ²⁾	134	+10.9%
- in % of net sales	17.1%	

1) EBITDA = **Earnings Before Interest, Taxes, Depreciation and Amortization**
= operational cash flow

2) EBIT = **Earnings Before Interest and Taxes**
= net operating income

*) At the beginning of July EMS provides the provisional key figures for the first-half-year operating results and publishes the final first-half-year statement at the end of August. The provisional key figures for the period ending June 30 are given in the following. It may be assumed that they will not deviate significantly from the final figures.

Scheduled for Friday, July 13, 2007
at EMS-CHEMIE AG, 7013 Domat/Ems:

the Media Conference at 9:30 a.m.
and
the Financial Analysts' Conference at 2:30 p.m.

The detailed media information will be delivered to you after the media conference,
at approximately 12:00 a.m.