

CAPSULE MEDIA INFORMATION

EMS Group:

Deteriorating economic environment

Foreign currencies negatively affect net sales and EBIT growth

Half-year Result 2008 (January to June 2008)

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 reports **net sales** of CHF 837 million (783) and a **net operating income (EBIT)** of CHF 136 million (134) in the first half of 2008.

Consolidated **net sales** rose by 6.9% to CHF 837 million (783) with the same scope of consolidation^{*)} net sales would have increased by 2.7%. Weaker foreign currencies - in particular the US dollar and Asian currencies - had a negative impact on sales in Swiss francs.

Main area Performance Polymers was expanded further in spite of the observed slow-down of the global economy. Particularly positive developments resulted from the automotive business of EMS-TOGO and the introduction of new plastic products for metal replacement.

Net operating income (EBIT) increased by 1.7% to CHF 136 million (134), EBITDA rose by 1.1% to CHF 163 million (162). This disproportionate increase of the net operating income must be attributed to the negative currency effects and the change to the scope of consolidation^{*)}.

EMS expects an increased worsening of the economy with continuing unfavourable currency exchange conditions. For 2008, net sales slightly above the previous year are expected. Due to the influence of currency exchange rates and the change to the scope of consolidation, net operating income (EBIT) will develop under-proportionally to sales and presumably will close slightly below the previous year.

*) In the Business Unit EMS-TOGO, automotive supplier EFTEC has been fully consolidated since November 20, 2007 (previously partially consolidated). The effect of this on the 2008 accounts can be seen in higher net sales and a higher profit for EMS shareholders. It does not have a significant effect on net operating income (EBIT).

Provisional key figures **)

EMS Group January – June 2008

CHF millions	2008 (Jan-Jun)	2007 (Jan-Jun)
Net sales	837	783
change from previous year	+6.9%	+10.9%
unchanged scope of consolidation ³⁾	+2.7%	+10.9%
currency effects	-4.3%	+2.0%
Operational cash flow (EBITDA) ¹⁾	163	162
change	+1.1%	+10.4%
Net operating income (EBIT) ²⁾	136	134
change	+1.7%	+11.1%

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

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

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**) At the beginning of July EMS provides the provisional key figures for the first-half operating results and publishes the final first-half 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.

Taking place on Friday, July 11, 2008
at EFTEC AG, 8590 Romanshorn:

the Media Conference at 9:30 a.m.
and
the Financial Analysts' Conference at 2:00 p.m.

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