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BRIEF MEDIA INFORMATION

EMS Group:

Positive business development in the face of a strong Swiss Franc and increasing raw material prices

Half-year report 2011 (January - June 2011)

In the first half-year of 2011, the EMS Group, globally active in the business areas **Performance Polymers** and **Fine Chemicals / Engineering** and with its companies combined in EMS-CHEMIE HOLDING AG, achieved an increase in **net sales** of **4.6%** (+16.4% in local currencies) and a **1.2%** higher **net operating income (EBIT)** than in the same period of the prior year. Significantly weaker foreign currencies hampered growth of net sales and result in Swiss Francs.

Consolidated **net sales** amounted to CHF 874 million (836) which is 4.6% higher than in the prior year. Net sales in local currencies increased by 16.4%. The positive economic trend in main sales markets, as well as successful new business with speciality products, led to a positive development in sales volumes, above all in Europe and Asia. Weaker foreign currencies caused growth figures in Swiss Francs to be significantly lower than in local currencies. EMS generates more than 95% of its net sales outside of Switzerland.

Net operating income (EBIT) amounted to CHF 156 million (154), which is 1.2% above the prior year. EBITDA increased to CHF 183 million (180) and by 1.5% compared to the prior year. The EBIT margin was 17.9% (18.5%), the EBITDA margin 20.9% (21.6%). The unfavourable currency situation for EMS as a Swiss export company and a slightly delayed transfer of higher raw material costs to customers, reduced growth of result in Swiss Francs.

At the Annual General Meeting of EMS-CHEMIE HOLDING AG, the Board of Directors will propose re-election of the current Board Members and Statutory Auditor as well as a dividend of CHF 12.50, of which CHF 6.00 is an anniversary dividend.

EMS anticipates a slowing of the economy and is preparing itself for a more difficult market environment in future. For 2011 however, EMS continues to expect net sales and net operating income (EBIT) to be slightly above those of the previous year.

Provisional key figures *)

EMS Group January – June 2011

In million CHF	2011 (Jan-Jun)	2010 (Jan-Jun)
Net sales	874	836
Change from previous year	+4.6%	
In local currencies	+16.4%	
Operational Cash Flow (EBITDA) ¹⁾	183	180
Change from previous year	+1.5%	
In % of net sales	20.9%	21.6%
Net operating income (EBIT)	156	154
Change from previous year	+1.2%	
In % of net sales	17.9%	18.5%

1) EBITDA = Earnings Before Interest, Taxes, Depreciation and Amortisation
= Operational cash flow

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

*) EMS provides provisional key figures regarding the operative result of the first half year at the beginning of July and publishes the definite half-year statement at the end of August. The following contains the provisional key figures for the period ending June 30. It may be assumed that these will not deviate significantly from the definite figures.

On Friday, July 15, 2011 at
09.15 a.m. the Media Conference

and at

2.15 p.m. the Financial Analysts' Conference

will take place at EMS-CHEMIE AG, 7013 Domat/Ems.
You will be provided with a detailed media information following the
media conference at around 12.00 am.

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