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I. Half-year results 2016 of the EMS Group / Forecast 2016

Course of business

- **Strong growth with profitable specialty products**
- **Net sales and result at new record levels**
- **Increase in result forecast for 2016**
- **Dividend increased to CHF 15.00 per share**

The EMS Group, with its companies combined in EMS-CHEMIE HOLDING AG, is globally active in the business areas **High Performance Polymers** and **Specialty Chemicals**. In the first half of 2016, **net sales** increased by 3.7% and **net operating income (EBIT)** by 16.6% compared to the previous year.

Consolidated **net sales** in Swiss Francs reached CHF 1,002 million (966) which represents a growth of 3.7% compared to previous year. In a moderately positive global economy, EMS was able to continually expand business with innovative specialty products. Pleasing growth was achieved in all customer markets.

Net operating income (EBIT) closed at CHF 264 million (226) which is 16.6% above previous year. The operational cash flow (EBITDA) rose to CHF 290 million (251) which is 15.2% above previous year. The EBIT margin reached 26.3% (23.4%) and the EBITDA margin 28.9% (26.0%). Strong growth with high-margin specialty products and simultaneous efficiency improvements had a positive effect on both result and result margin.

Provisional key figures **)

EMS Group January - June 2016

In million CHF	2016 (Jan-Jun)	2015 (Jan-Jun)
Net sales Change from previous year	1'002 +3.7%	966
Operational Cash Flow (EBITDA) ¹⁾ Change from previous year In % of net sales	290 +15.2% 28.9%	251 26.0%
Net operating income (EBIT) ²⁾ Change from previous year In % of net sales	264 +16.6% 26.3%	226 23.4%

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 report at the end of August. The following gives the provisional key figures for the period ending June 30. It may be assumed that these will not deviate significantly from the definite figures.

Development of net sales and result by business area

In million CHF	2016 (Jan-Jun)	% dev. prev. year	2015 (Jan-Jun)
EMS Group			
Net sales	1'002	+3.7%	966
- Volume growth		+6.0%	
- Currency effect		+1.1%	
EBITDA	290	+15.2%	251
- In % of net sales	28.9%		26.0%
EBIT	264	+16.6%	226
- In % of net sales	26.3%		23.4%
High Performance Polymers			
Net sales	868	+3.5%	839
- Volume growth		+5.8%	
- Currency effect		+1.0%	
EBITDA	254	+14.7%	221
- In % of net sales	29.3%		26.4%
EBIT	232	+15.7%	200
- In % of net sales	26.7%		23.9%
Specialty Chemicals			
Net sales	134	+5.1%	128
- Volume growth		+7.2%	
- Currency effect		+1.3%	
EBITDA	36	+19.4%	30
- In % of net sales	26.5%		23.4%
EBIT	32	+23.2%	26
- In % of net sales	23.9%		20.4%

Comments on the individual business areas

In the main business area of **High Performance Polymers**, cost and weight saving solutions were realized for current and new customers. New metal-replacement applications showed especially positive development, in particular those using high-temperature polymers.

The secondary business area **Specialty Chemicals** also developed well. Profitable specialty products were launched and higher volumes of airbag ignitors achieved.

Forecast 2016

For 2016, EMS continues to expect a slow and unstable world economy. Significant security-related, financial and economic risks will continue to have a negative effect on consumers' and investors' confidence in future development. Increasing raw-material prices could have a further slowing effect on the world economy.

EMS, however, is still confident with regard to development of its own business. The successful strategy of growth with specialty products in the area of High Performance Polymers will be continued and existing market potential continually exploited. Innovative products and solutions will be quickly launched onto global markets and market positions continually strengthened. EMS will meet any possible market instability with flexibility.

For 2016, EMS continues to expect slightly higher net sales and now, a net operating income (EBIT) above previous year.

II. Financial Report of EMS-CHEMIE HOLDING AG as at 30.04.2016

Net income of EMS-CHEMIE HOLDING AG, with its business year ending on April 30, amounts to CHF 292 million (350) for the business year May 1, 2015 to April 30, 2016. Available earnings, including balance carried forward, amount to CHF 582 million (571).

III. Payment of dividends

EMS consistently follows a policy of result and liquidity-oriented profit distribution. Funds not required for operational business are distributed to shareholders.

At the media conference on February 5, 2016, EMS announced the intention of the Board of Directors to propose distribution of an ordinary dividend of CHF 11.00 (CHF 10.00) and an extraordinary dividend of CHF 2.50 (CHF 2.00) per share.

Due to the pleasing development of result and liquidity, the Board of Directors now intends to propose payment of a higher extraordinary dividend. This means that at the Annual General Meeting the Board of Directors will propose an extraordinary dividend of CHF 4.00 per share and, therefore, an overall dividend payment of CHF 15.00 per share.

Accordingly, the Annual General Meeting on August 13, 2016 will be asked to approve the following appropriation of available earnings:

Available earnings comprising	
Net income	CHF 292'397'006
Balance carried forward	<u>CHF 289'862'612</u>
Available earnings	CHF 582'259'618

to be appropriated as follows:

Ordinary dividend of CHF 11.00 gross/share	CHF (257'194'047)*
Extraordinary dividend of CHF 4.00 gross/share	<u>CHF (93'525'108)*</u>
Balance to be carried forward	<u>CHF 231'540'463</u>

Dividend payment will commence on August 18, 2016 (payment date). Shares will be traded ex-dividend from August 16, 2016 (ex-date).

*) The actual dividend amount is dependent on the number of non-dividend-bearing treasury shares held at close of the stock exchange on August 15, 2016.

IV. Elections

At the Annual General Meeting on August 13, 2016, the Board of Directors will propose re-election of the current members of the board Dr. Ulf Berg (as Chairman of the Board of Directors and member of the Remuneration Committee), Magdalena Martullo (as member of the Board of Directors), Dr. Joachim Streu (as member of the Board of Directors and of the Remuneration Committee) and Bernhard Merki (as member of the Board of Directors and of the Remuneration Committee) for a further one-year term of office.

The Board of Directors will also propose re-election of KPMG AG, Badenerstrasse 172, CH-8026 Zurich, as Statutory Auditor for a further one-year term of office.

V. Schedule

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| - Annual General Meeting 2016 | August 13, 2016 |
| - Publication of definitive half-year report as at June 30, 2016 | End of August 2016 |
| - Third-quarter report 2016 | October 2016 |
| - Media conference / Annual results 2016 | February 2017 |
| - First-quarter report 2017 | April 2017 |

The Annual Report 2015/2016 of the EMS Group can be found on the homepage of the EMS Group under www.ems-group.com/annualreports from July 15, 2016.

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