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MEDIA INFORMATION

Definitive half-year report 2017 of the EMS Group

On July 14, 2017 the EMS Group published its provisional half-year report 2017. The definitive consolidated half-year report is now available based on the individual financial statements of the affiliated companies as at June 30, 2017. The definitive half-year report contains no significant deviations from the provisional report.

Consolidated **net sales** in Swiss Francs reached CHF 1,066 million (1,002) which represents a growth of 6.3% compared to previous year. As expected, overall economic development in the main markets China, Europe and NAFTA slowed. EMS was able however, to expand its business with innovative speciality products in all regions and customer markets. Particularly pleasing growth was achieved in Asia.

Operating profit (EBIT) increased to CHF 280 million (265), 5.8% above previous year. The operational cash flow (EBITDA) rose by 5.3% to reach CHF 306 million (291). The EBIT margin reached 26.3% (26.4%), the EBITDA margin 28.7% (29.0%). New business with specialty products had a positive effect on result development. Continuing supply shortages are causing raw material prices to increase strongly, making customer sales price increases unavoidable.

Net financial income amounted to CHF -5 Mio. (-5).

Net profit for the first half of 2017 was CHF 229 million (215) which is 6.5% above the previous year.

Equity increased to CHF 1,663 million (31.12.2016: CHF 1,428 million). The **equity ratio** is 74.3% (31.12.2016: 71.9%).

Key figures

EMS Group in the 1st half of 2017

In million CHF	2017 Jan-Jun	2016 Jan-Jun
Consolidated income statement (condensed)		
Net sales revenue	1'066	1'002
Change	+6.3%	
Currency effect	-1.2%	
EBITDA¹⁾	306	291
Change	+5.3%	
In % of net sales revenue	28.7%	29.0%
EBIT²⁾	280	265
Change	+5.8%	
In % of net sales revenue	26.3%	26.4%
Net financial income	(5)	(5)
Income taxes	(46)	(45)
Net profit	229	215
Change	+6.5%	
In % of net sales revenue	21.5%	21.5%
Earnings per share in CHF - basic	9.62	9.10
Change	+5.7%	
Cash Flow³⁾	255	241
In % of net sales	23.9%	24.0%
Investments	26	31
In % of cash flow	10.2%	13.1%
	<u>30.06.17</u>	<u>31.12.16</u>
Equity	1'663	1'428
Balance sheet equity ratio	74.3%	71.9%
Change against 31.12.	+16.4%	
Equity per share (in CHF)	71.08	64.47
Number of employees on 30.06.	2'909	2'850

1) EBITDA = Operating profit before depreciation and amortisation
= operational cash flow

2) EBIT = Operating profit

3) Cash flow = net income plus write-downs on intangible assets, property, plant and equipment plus value adjustments to securities.

Development of net sales and result from the business areas in the 1st half of 2017

In million CHF	2017 (Jan-Jun)	%-dev. prev. year	2016 (Jan-Jun)
EMS Group			
Net sales	1'066	+6.3%	1'002
- Currency effect		-1.2%	
EBITDA	306	+5.3%	291
- In % of net sales	28.7%		29.0%
EBIT	280	+5.8%	265
- In % of net sales	26.3%		26.4%
High Performance Polymers			
Net sales	931	+7.2%	868
- Currency effect		-1.2%	
EBITDA	268	+5.2%	255
- In % of net sales	28.8%		29.4%
EBIT	246	+5.6%	233
- In % of net sales	26.4%		26.8%
Specialty Chemicals			
Net sales	135	+0.5%	134
- Currency effect		-1.3%	
EBITDA	38	+6.3%	36
- In % of net sales	28.1%		26.6%
EBIT	34	+7.2%	32
- In % of net sales	25.5%		23.9%

As the net sales and income results of the individual business areas do not deviate to any significant degree from the information provided in the provisional half-year report dated July 14, 2017, we also refer to the comments provided therein.

The detailed half-year report is available at <http://www.ems-group.com/business-financial-reports>.

Schedule

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| - Third-quarter report 2017 | October 2017 |
| - Media conference / Annual results 2017 | February 2018 |
| - First-quarter report 2018 | April 2018 |
| - Media conference / Half-year results 2018 | July 2018 |

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