

## SWORD TECHNOLOGIES SUBSIDIARY RETAINED WITHIN THE CONSOLIDATION PERIMETER AND IMPROVEMENT OF H1-2008 CURRENT OPERATING PROFITABILITY

Following on from developments in the evolution of the performance and the opportunities of its Belgian subsidiary, SWORD GROUP has decided to keep this company inside the consolidation perimeter due to the potential increase in the company value. SWORD GROUP will keep a 100 % stake instead of disposing of 81 % as originally envisaged. This will not have a significant effect on the H1 results.

On the 1st August the board meeting signed off the accounts for the 6 months ended the 30th June 2008.

The final operating profit for the first semester is 18.1% rather than 17.0% as mentioned in the press release issued on July 16th.

SWORD confirms it is in line to achieve an operating profit of €36+ million for the 12 months ended 31st December 2008.

Taking into account the new rules applicable to the publication of semestrial financial results, SWORD GROUP will publish the first semester results on the 28th August following the closing of the stock exchange.

The date for the SFAF meeting will however remain unchanged and will take place at the Palais Brongniart at 10am on the 10th September 2008.

### Summary of income statements:

€K	H1-2008	H1-2007
Revenue	104 153	86 430
Current operating profit	18 832	13 846
Operating profit	18 090	13 848
Net profit	13 171	8 791
Net attributable profit	13 001	8 647

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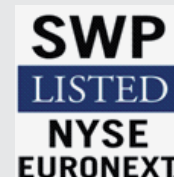
- Retention of SWORD TECHNOLOGIES within the Group perimeter
- Current operational margin: **18.1%** instead of 17.0%



Founded in December 2000  
Founder and Chairman:  
Jacques MOTTARD  
Employees: 2,016 (30/06/08)

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