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FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 30TH JUNE 2009

Sword Group Results for H1 2009 :

€k	H1 2009	H1 2008 ⁽¹⁾	H1 2008
Consolidated revenue	98 495	92 969	104 153
Current operating profit	16 987	16 481	18 832
Operating profit	20 076	15 854	18 090
Net profit	9 532 ⁽²⁾	11 452	13 171
Net attributable profit	9 401	11 289	13 001

⁽¹⁾ Adjusted at a constant exchange rate and constant perimeter

⁽²⁾ €12 038 k excluding financial expenses

I ANALYSIS OF THE FIRST SEMESTER RESULTS

The current operating profit of 17.25% is greater than the 16% budgeted. Indeed the pro-forma profitability would be even higher at **17.74%**.

The organic growth for both the services and the software portfolios is greater than **5%**, this strong organic growth is expected to continue throughout 2009.

The current backlog position is €358.7 m the equivalent of 25.5 months revenue. This shows an increase of **4.3 months** when compared to the position as at 31/12/2008.

The cash flow position is solid with a net debt position of €61.1 m and loan facilities in place for up to **€144 m**.

The software portfolio now generates **57.2%** of the pro-forma revenue (€85.8 m removing revenue from Scottish services operation) whilst the services generate 42.8%.

The financial costs recorded in the first half of the year related to the disposal of SBTS (€3,581 k) and as such should be viewed as exceptional and non recurring.

II OUTLOOK

In Q4 2009 the group will be generating profitability levels of **18%**, a trend which will continue during 2010.

Sword will continue to reference its products with key market analysts (Gartner, Cellent, Forester, Novarica...) and will aim to position itself as market leader.

The backlog position will continue to increase during the second semester of 2009.

Sword Group H1 2009

Consolidated revenue: €98.5 m

Organic growth: + 5.39% ⁽³⁾

Current operating margin: 17.25%

Increasing profitability

Increasing backlog

⁽³⁾ At constant exchange rate and constant perimeter

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Stock Information

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