









# Fourth-quarter 2002 sales

# **Sword Group**

- consolidated Q4
  2002 sales:
  9,6 M€
- pro-forma 2002 sales up by88 % compared with 2001
- 2002 earnings in line with forecasts



#### > about Sword Group:

formed in December 2000 chairman and ceo: Jacques Mottard 491 employees as at 31/12/02 listed on the Euronext Paris New Market on 13/03/2002 Euroclear France code: 18378 FTSE sector: 972 IT services SBF 250 – Qualified as an innovative enterprise for investment funds

M€		
	Q4	2002
2001 pro-forma sales	7,1	25,4
2002 consolidated sales *	9,6 (+35%)	33,4 (+32%)
2002 pro-forma sales *	12,0 (+68%)	47,8 (+88%)

(\*non audited figures)

## Results and outlook:

Earnings, in terms of both operating profit and net profit, are perfectly in line with the forecasts provided in the offering prospectus.

The budget for 2003 at constant scope is €56m.

The operating margin budgeted for 2003 is 16% at the present scope excluding CRONOS (acquired in December 2002) and 15.2% including CRONOS.

## **New contracts:**

- CHAMBRE DE COMMERCE DE PARIS: to develop a geographic information system, to manage geographic, statistical and economic data for use by local partners and inhouse services.
- GIE CARTES BANCAIRES: defining and implementing a timetable for rolling out the EMV (Europay, MasterCard and Visa) project at all French banks.
- BAYER (UK): a change management mission designed to define the tasks of each employee: process engineering.
- MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (UK): consulting role for modifying processes in the context of a "confidential defence" application.

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