

# Fourth quarter performance FY 2008

€m		
	2008 (1)	2007
Consolidated revenue	205.7	179.0
Current operating profit	37.0	29.3
Net profit	21.3	18.9
Attributable net profit	21.0	18.5

#### **I ANALYSIS**

## Increase in current operating profit

In spite of the negative evolution of GBP against the Euro Sword Group has still increased its current operating margin by 26% in FY 2008.

Excluding exchange rate fluctuations the current operating profit increases by 40% instead of the 25% originally budgeted.

#### Current operating margin

The current operating profit margin achieved in FY2008 is 18 % which exceeds both the budget profit margin of 17% and the prior year margin of 16.37%.

# Organic growth

Excluding exchange rate fluctuations the organic growth for FY2008 is 13.44%.

## Backlog

The current backlog stands at 20.9 months of budgeted forward looking revenue.

# **II FUTURE PERSPECTIVES**

#### **Economic Environment**

We expect the markets we operate in to shrink by 5% in FY 2009.

#### FY 2009 Growth

In spite of these difficult market conditions Sword Group expects to outperform the market by 5-10% as a result of the strength of its backlog.

#### FY 2009 Profitability

Sword Group is absolutely committed to its R&D expenditure in order to maintain its competitive advantage. As such during FY 2009 we will not be reducing our R&D expenditure however we will still show a budgeted current operating profit margin of 17%.

# Sword Group Q4 2008 (1)

Consolidated revenue: €49.76 m

Organic growth (2): 11.70 % Consolidated growth: 6.85 %

Current operating margin: 18.94 %

# Year 2008 (1)

Consolidated revenue: €205.73 m

Organic growth (2): 13.44 %

Consolidated growth: 14.89 %

Current operating margin: 18.00 %

## Year 2009 (1)

Organic growth > 5 % (3)

(1) figures non audited

(2) at constant rate of exchange

(3) at constant perimeter

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# **Sword Group**

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