



PRESS RELEASE

Strong progress in the half yearly results
Net profit: +59.3 % to €3.4 million

ACTIELEC TECHNOLOGIES becomes ACTIA GROUP

About the ACTIA GROUP

ACTIA GROUP, a Toulouse based Group with global presence, is specialised in high added value electronic equipment, destined for the buoyant vehicle and telecommunications markets. With a strategy based on innovation, quality and competitiveness, the Group is today a leader in automobile diagnostics, in on-board systems for the niche markets of vehicles with small or medium sized production runs (buses, coaches, HGV's, specialist vehicles...) as well as in hertzian transmission.

As at 31/12/2007, ACTIA GROUP employed more than 2,400 people across 15 countries, with more than 460 in R&D and earned more than 50 % of its revenues outside France..

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The Extraordinary General Meeting of ACTIELEC TECHNOLOGIES, which was held yesterday, 15th September in Toulouse, approved the change of company name with ACTIELEC TECHNOLOGIES becoming ACTIA GROUP.

The new name places greater emphasis on the ACTIA brand, which is already used by the majority of business units in the AUTOMOTIVE division and will also be applied to the TELECOMMUNICATIONS division.

The objective of the change is to enhance the visibility of the Group and its various entities, which from now on will all bear the name ACTIA along with their area of specialisation.

| (In €millions) | 30/06/08 | 30/06/07 | Var.% |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|----------------|
| Turnover | 132.29 | 119.10 | + 11.1% |
| EBITDA (1) | 10.24 | 9.12 | + 12.2% |
| Operating profit | 8.07 | 5.69⁽²⁾ | + 41.8% |
| Financing costs | < 2.43 > | < 2.06 > | + 17.7% |
| Net profit | 3.36 | 2.11 | + 59.3% |
| Group net profit | 3.32 | 2.07 | + 60.5% |

(1) EBITDA: net profit for the period + corporate tax + financing costs – other interest & income from securities + provision for depreciation.

(2) With the reclassification of a German tax in corporate tax, following a change in local legislation

Audited figures

In the first half of 2008, the Group maintained a strong rate of growth with consolidated turnover of € 132.3 million, up by 11.1 %. This performance is shared by both divisions in the Group, Automotive and Telecommunications, in spite of a high base of comparison against the first half of 2007 for the latter.



Operating and net profit both showing strong growth

Following on from the achievements of 2007, operating profit in the first half of 2008 progressed by 41.8 %, reaching €8.1million. In spite of rises in purchasing (+ 19.4 %) and external costs (+ 15.0 %) stemming from the growth in sales and a provision of €600k for customer risk, the operating margin comes in at 6.1 % against 4.8 % in the first half of 2007. The Group continued with its policy of wage restraint with payroll rising by only 6.7 % against an increase in employee numbers of 9.1%. Furthermore, the Group benefited from the new provisions of the Tax Credit for Research, which enabled it to strengthen its R&D function.

Thanks to the control of financing costs, which have only risen in the same proportion as interest rates (+ 17.7 %), net profit for the first half of 2008 comes in at €3.4 million, up by 59.3 %.

Stable gearing

In spite of the growth of the business, the results as at 30th June 2008 show stable gearing levels in comparison to 31st December 2007, the Group having obtained financing for its medium term plans.

Outlook

In the context of an uncertain macro-economic outlook, the Group remains cautious about the achievement of its annual business plan and confirms its revenue objective at €255 million, as well as the increase in its level of profitability.

Confident that it has the right business model, the Group continues to pursue a policy of high level innovation to conquer new markets in terms of both sectors and geography.

Dividends

The dividend of €0.05 per share approved by the General Meeting on 6th May 2008 will be paid out on 30th September 2008.

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