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MEDIA INFORMATION

Third-quarter report 2010 (January - September 2010)

EMS Group:

Strong development of business

High raw material prices

Unfavourable exchange rates

Course of business January - September 2010

With its companies combined in the EMS-CHEMIE HOLDING AG and with global activities in the business areas of **Performance Polymers** and **Fine Chemicals / Engineering**, the EMS Group achieved **net sales** to the amount of CHF 1,226 million (866) in the first nine months of 2010. This is 41.6% higher compared to the previous year. Accordingly, net sales for the 3rd quarter of 2010 again exceeded the pre-crisis levels of 2007.

Continuing positive economic developments, new business realised and market shares gained, led to a very pleasing sales situation for EMS. Asian sales markets showed particularly successful development.

The positive effect of the good business development on result is being increasingly burdened by massively increased raw materials costs and a strong Swiss Franc.

In order to satisfy increasing customer demands in this and the coming year, EMS is investing more than CHF 100 million in the expansion of production capacity. A comprehensive acceleration programme has been initiated in order to make this new capacity available as soon as possible. As a result, the new production line for high-temperature polymers, originally planned for the 1st quarter of 2011, will now already start operations on October 20, 2010. Further production lines are under construction and will start production in the first half of 2011.

For the **whole year 2010**, EMS continues to expect considerably higher **net sales** and a significantly higher **net operating income (EBIT)** than in the previous year.

Development of net sales / Key financial figures January - September 2010

In million CHF	2010 (Jan-Sep)	%-dev. prev. year	2009 (Jan-Sep)
Net sales EMS Group	1'226	+41.6%	866
- In local currencies		+47.3%	
- With the same scope of consolidation ^{1), 2)}		+38.8%	
- Performance Polymers	996	+39.1%	716
- In local currencies		+44.9%	
- With the same scope of consolidation ¹⁾		+41.5%	
- Fine Chemicals / Engineering	230	+53.3%	150
- In local currencies		+58.7%	
- With the same scope of consolidation ²⁾		+25.9%	

¹⁾ Sale of EFTEC Aftermarket GmbH on January 20, 2010.

²⁾ Takeover of EMS-CHEMIE Neumünster (previously Nexis Fibers, Germany) as of November 16, 2009.

Comments on the individual business areas

In the main area **Performance Polymers** economic recovery led to significantly higher demand from customers. In addition, planned growth with new business was realised successfully and worldwide market positions further strengthened. Asian sales markets showed particularly successful development.

For EMS-GRIVORY, metal replacement business developed very positively, especially in the automotive industry. Due to very high demand, the new production line for high-temperature materials will already start operations on October 20, 2010. Significantly higher raw material costs are forcing EMS to continually increase sales prices for its products.

EMS-EFTEC further expanded its worldwide market position according to plan and profited from the growing automotive production in China. Due to high increases in raw material prices caused by shortages throughout the world, the result margin in this business unit is especially burdened.

The secondary business area **Fine Chemicals / Engineering** also reported positive business developments due to the economic recovery. The Business Unit EMS-GRILTECH was able to expand its market position and gain further market share, also due to the purchase of the company EMS-CHEMIE Neumünster (previously Nexis Fibers, Germany) in 2009. EMS-PATVAG, manufacturer of airbag ignitors, was able to further strengthen its leading position.

Outlook

EMS is confident that the recovery of worldwide demand for consumer and investment goods, which has been apparent since the middle of 2009, will also continue in the coming months. The Asian countries (in particular China) will continue in future to stand out as “locomotive” for growth.

The increase in cost of raw materials will continue as additional capacities are not sufficient to cover increasing demand. As a result, prices for secondary goods will also increase. Worldwide price increases for consumer and investment goods and first inflationary developments are foreseeable.

The strong Swiss Franc is currently victim of a politically motivated devaluation competition among the most important world currencies (US Dollar, Euro, Japanese Yen, Chinese Renminbi) and is significantly overvalued. The abruptly worsened currency exchange situation for EMS as an export company will only show sustainable improvement when trust in the economy and the financial solvency of state governments has been regained. For EMS, the unfavourable foreign currency exchange situation will have an increasingly negative effect on the result margin in the coming months.

EMS will continue without change to follow its strategy of focus on speciality business in the area of Performance Polymers. In order to satisfy increasing customer demands, EMS will invest more than CHF 100 million in this year and the coming year in additional production capacity and has initiated a comprehensive acceleration programme. In addition, the organisation in Asia will be continually expanded in order to also seize future opportunities in this region.

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Schedule

EMS announces net sales figures on a quarterly and the consolidated net sales and income results on a half-year and full-year basis.

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| - Media conference / Annual results 2010 | February 11, 2011 |
| - First-quarter report 2011 | April 2011 |
| - Media conference / Half-year report 2011 | July 15, 2011 |
| - Annual General Meeting 2011 | August 13, 2011 |
| - Third-quarter report 2011 | October 2011 |

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