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MEDIA INFORMATION

EMS Group:

- Increased automobile production and positive cost effects**
- 2009 EBIT better than expected**

With its companies combined in the EMS-CHEMIE HOLDING AG and global activities in the business areas of **Performance Polymers** and **Fine Chemicals / Engineering**, the EMS Group already announced in its half-year report on 10 July 2009 that there were signs of a global economic recovery. In the hard hit automotive industry, which is particularly important for EMS, a stabilisation was expected. As EMS considered that the lowest point of the economic slump had been reached and the situation would improve, it consequently stopped its global recruitment freeze. EMS then reported clearly higher net sales and net operating income in the third quarter of 2009 compared with the previous quarters.

In the meantime, state incentives for the automotive industry have continued to have a positive effect on the number of vehicles produced worldwide. An improvement in the course of business and a more optimistic assessment of the future are allowing customers to rebuild their massively reduced stocks, which has an immediate positive effect on the volume development of EMS. Neither its customers nor EMS are planning any extraordinary plant closures in December 2009 and January 2010.

Alongside the improving course of business, the delayed cost effects are also having a particularly positive effect on the result. In order to cope with higher production quantities and to develop the new production sites in the growth markets in China, India and Brazil EMS is recruiting additional personnel on an ongoing basis. This has led to an increase in the global workforce of 2%* since July 2009.

* Excluding Nexis Fibers GmbH, which was acquired in November 2009.

Due to the extremely poor first half of 2009, total net sales in 2009 will remain approximately 20% below the previous year's figures. However, in contrast to the outlook in the third-quarter 2009 report, in which EMS was still expecting a net operating income (EBIT) significantly below the previous year, the net operating income (EBIT) in 2009 will be slightly below the previous year's figures only.

For 2010, EMS is expecting a slight improvement in the overall economic environment.

Schedule

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

- Media conference / Annual results 2009 February 12, 2010
- First-quarter report 2010 April 2010
- Media conference / Half-year report 2010 July 9, 2010
- Annual General Meeting 2010 August 14, 2010

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