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I. Half-Year Report 2012 of the EMS Group / Forecast 2012

Course of Business

- **Positive course of business due to successful new business and growth outside Europe.**
- **Adjustment of forecast for net sales and result 2012.**
- **Ordinary dividend payment of CHF 7 per share.**

In the first half-year of 2012, the EMS Group, globally active in the business areas **High Performance Polymers** and **Specialty Chemicals** and with its companies combined in EMS-CHEMIE HOLDING AG, achieved an increase in **net sales** of 4.0% (in local currencies: +5.6%) and a 6.9% higher **net operating income (EBIT)** compared to the previous year.

Consolidated **net sales** amounted to CHF 904 million (870), which is 4.0% higher than in the previous year. Net sales in local currencies increased by 5.6%. Successfully realised new business and positive business developments in the USA and Asia more than compensated for the effect of the declining economy in Europe. EMS generates more than 95% of its net sales outside of Switzerland and 43% of its net sales outside of Europe.

Net operating income (EBIT) amounted to CHF 167 million (156) which is 6.9% above the previous year. The EBITDA increased to CHF 191 million (182) and by 5.1% compared to the prior year. The EBIT margin was 18.5% (18.0%), the EBITDA margin 21.2% (20.9%). Growth achieved with high-margin specialty products in the area of High Performance Polymers lead to a pleasing increase in both result and result margin.

Provisional key figures *)

EMS Group January – June 2012

In million CHF	2012 (Jan-Jun)	2011 (Jan-Jun)
Net sales	904	870
Change from previous year	+4.0%	
In local currencies	+5.6%	
Operational Cash Flow (EBITDA) ¹⁾	191	182
Change from previous year	+5.1%	
In % of net sales	21.2%	20.9%
Net operating income (EBIT) ²⁾	167	156
Change from previous year	+6.9%	
In % of net sales	18.5%	18.0%

1) EBITDA = Earnings Before Interest, Taxes, Depreciation and Amortisation
= Operational cash flow

2) EBIT = Earnings Before Interest and Taxes
= Net operating income

*) EMS provides provisional key figures regarding the operative result of the first half year at the beginning of July and publishes the definite half-year statement at the end of August. The following gives the provisional key figures for the period ending June 30. It may be assumed that these will not deviate significantly from the definite figures.

Development of net sales and result from the business areas

In million CHF	2012 (Jan-Jun)	% dev. prev. year	2011 (Jan-Jun)
EMS Group			
Net sales	904	+4.0%	870
- In local currencies		+5.6%	
EBITDA	191	+5.1%	182
- In % of net sales	21.2%		20.9%
EBIT	167	+6.9%	156
- In % of net sales	18.5%		18.0%
High Performance Polymers			
Net sales	754	+5.8%	712
- In local currencies		+6.9%	
EBITDA	158	+6.5%	148
- In % of net sales	20.9%		20.8%
EBIT	139	+8.7%	128
- In % of net sales	18.4%		17.9%
Specialty Chemicals			
Net sales	150	-4.4%	157
- In local currencies		-0.4%	
EBITDA	34	-1.1%	34
- In % of net sales	22.3%		21.5%
EBIT	29	-0.9%	29
- In % of net sales	19.0%		18.4%

Comments on the individual business areas

In the main business area of **High Performance Polymers**, new business with speciality products was realised successfully. Market positions were strengthened worldwide. In particular, applications in the optical industry, for the booming smartphone market as well as in the global automotive industry recorded exceptional project success. In the USA and Asia, the increased efforts of the last years, supported by the positive course of the economy, lead to significant growth in net sales and result. In Europe, the anticipated declining industrial economy had a slowing effect on business development.

The secondary business area **Specialty Chemicals**, with its activities mainly in Europe, developed according to plan. Strategically important new business was also realised here.

In **both business areas**, high raw material prices and unfavourable currency situations compromised the otherwise positive development of net sales and result.

Forecast 2012

EMS expects the very heterogeneous development for the different markets to continue. Positive economic development may continue, although somewhat more slowly, in Asia and North America. In Western Europe in contrast – especially in the export-weak countries – further worsening of the consumer and investment mood must be expected.

Unresolved structural and debt problems, increasing surcharges and taxes and doubts about the competency of governments to provide solutions, are increasingly hampering consumer spending in Western Europe. Therefore, the permanent appreciation pressure on the Swiss Franc will continue.

The current dominance of politics and its fundamental interventions in financial and real economy systems are causing significant instability throughout the world. In order to counteract these risks, EMS has prepared different scenarios. Costs are being treated with caution and attention paid to security of liquid resources.

EMS will continue to follow its successful strategy of focus on speciality products in the field of High Performance Polymers. Concentration will be on gaining new business and on markets outside Western Europe.

Despite the difficult market environment, EMS is confident regarding its own business development and is now expecting net sales and net operating income (EBIT) in 2012 to be slightly above those of the previous year.

II. Financial Statement EMS-CHEMIE HOLDING AG as at 30.04.2012

Net income of the EMS-CHEMIE HOLDING AG, with its business year ending on April 30, amounts to CHF 359 million (182) for the business year May 1, 2011 to April 30, 2012. Available earnings, including balance brought forward, amount to CHF 471 million (405).

III. Payment of Dividends

Since 2004, EMS has consistently pursued a policy of result and liquidity-oriented profit distribution. Funds not required for operational business are returned to shareholders.

At the media conference on February 10, 2012, EMS announced the intended distribution of an **ordinary dividend** of CHF 7.00 per share (previous year: CHF 6.50 + CHF 6.00 anniversary dividend).

The Annual General Meeting on August 11, 2012 will therefore be asked to approve the following appropriation of available earnings:

Available earnings comprising:

Net income	CHF	358,758,587
Balance brought forward	CHF	<u>112,147,888</u>
Available earnings	CHF	470,906,475

to be appropriated as follows:

Payment of an ordinary dividend of CHF 7.00 gross/share*	CHF	<u>(163,723,196)</u>
Balance to be carried forward	CHF	<u>307,183,279</u>

Dividend payment will commence on August 17, 2012 (payment date). Shares will be traded ex-dividend from August 14, 2012 (ex-date).

*) Dividend-bearing registered shares = registered shares issued (23,389,028 shares) [as at April 30, 2012]

IV. Elections

At the Annual General Meeting on August 11, 2012, the Board of Directors will propose re-election of the current members of the board, Dr Ulf Berg, Magdalena Martullo, Dr Hansjörg Frei and Dr Werner Prätorius for a further one-year term of office.

The Board of Directors will also propose re-election of KPMG AG, Badenerstrasse 172, 8026 Zurich, as Statutory Auditor for a further one-year term.

V. Schedule

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| - Annual General Meeting 2012 | August 11, 2012 |
| - Publication of the definitive half-year results
as at June 30, 2012 | End of August 2012 |
| - Third-quarter report 2012 | October 2012 |
| - Media conference / annual results 2012 | February 2013 |
| - First-quarter report 2013 | April 2013 |

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