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ASPOCOMP GROUP INTERIM REPORT JANUARY 1 - JUNE 30, 2003

- Due to good volume growth the Q2 net sales grew by 2.4 % to EUR 42.1 million compared to the Q1 net sales, despite the depreciation of the US dollar and the continued price erosion.
- Q2 operating loss without the non-recurring costs decreased to EUR 1.6 million from the loss of EUR 1.7 million during Q1. Reported operating loss, EUR 6.3 million, includes non-recurring costs of EUR 4.8 million, EUR 4.1 million of which is related to the downsizing of the Padasjoki PWB factory. Further non-recurring costs regarding the adjustments in operations are not planned.
- During this and the previous year focus of the Aspocomp Group operations has been substantially transferred from Europe to Asia and the Asian share of the Group's monthly net sales is expected to be close to 40 % by the end of the year.
- Mechanics and Modules segment's business continues strong; the Q2 net sales grew by 34.3 % compared to the corresponding period previous year and the EBIT increased to EUR 1.4 million.
- As a result of the widening of the customer base the share of the Group's five biggest customers decreased during the first half of the year to 60 % (1-6/2002: 65 %)
- Both the net sales and the EBIT during the latter half of the year 2003 are expected to be higher than during the first half without the non-recurring costs. Cash flow from operations is expected to be clearly positive.

BUSINESS ENVIRONMENT

General economic environment continued to be unstable and US dollar's rapid depreciation compared to the Euro stabilized. The average currency rate of the US dollar compared to the Euro during the second quarter was about 6 % below the first quarter level and about 20 % below the level of the second quarter previous year.

The overcapacity in the global printed wiring board (PWB) market prevailed and led the price erosion to continue. At the same time more electronics manufacturing was moved to low labor cost countries in Asia, especially to China.

During Q2 the mobile handset PWB sales stabilized. The telecom infrastructure PWB sales were slow. However, both automotive and industry PWB sales and Mechanics and Modules (MM) sales increased.

GROUP NET SALES AND PROFIT, APRIL - JUNE 2003 (comparable figures, 4-6 / 2002)

Net sales totaled EUR 42.1 million for the second quarter compared with EUR 42.2 million during the corresponding period previous year. The negative impact of the depreciation of the US Dollar on the net sales was close to EUR 3 million.

Profit before depreciation without the non-recurring costs totalled EUR 5.3 million (EUR 6.0 million). The reported profit before depreciation was EUR 3.4 million. The non-recurring cost of EUR 1.9 million is related to the downsizing of the Padasjoki printed wiring board factory.

Operating loss for the period without the non-recurring costs totalled EUR 1.6 million (loss of EUR 1.4 million). The reported operating loss for the period was EUR 6.3 million including the non-recurring costs of EUR 4.8 million with EUR 4.1 million relating to the downsizing of the Padasjoki factory. Net financial expenses were EUR 0.3 million (EUR 0.8 million).

The loss before taxes without the non-recurring costs was EUR 1.9 million (loss of EUR 2.2 million). The reported loss before taxes totalled EUR 6.6 million.

The net loss after taxes and minority interest without the non-recurring costs for the period was EUR 1.1 million (loss of EUR 1.2 million). The reported net loss after taxes and minority interest was EUR 5.8 million. The reported earnings per share totalled EUR -0.58 (EUR -0.12). Cash flow from operations totalled EUR 1.7 million (EUR 9.1 million).

GROUP NET SALES AND PROFIT, JANUARY - JUNE 2003 (comparable figures, 1-6 / 2002)

Reported net sales decreased by 3.8 % and totaled EUR 83.2 million for the first six months of the year compared with the reported EUR 86.5 million during the corresponding period previous year. The negative impact of the depreciation of the US Dollar on the net sales was about EUR 5 million.

The share of the sales to company's five biggest customers, Nokia, Sanmina-SCI, Elcoteq, Siemens and Ericsson, was 60 % (the share of the five biggest in H1 2002 was 65 %).

Profit before depreciation totaled EUR 8.9 million (EUR -13.8 million). Operating loss for the period totaled EUR 8.0 million (loss of EUR 29.6 million). Net financial expenses decreased to EUR 0.8 million (EUR 1.5 million).

The loss before extraordinary items was EUR 8.8 million (loss of EUR 31.2 million). The loss before taxes was EUR 8.8 million (loss of EUR 31.2 million), and the net loss for the period after taxes and minority interest was EUR 6.2 million (loss of EUR 27.4 million).

Earnings per share totaled EUR -0.62 (EUR -2.73). Cash flow from operations totaled EUR 4.5 million (EUR 4.9 million).

BUSINESS SEGMENTS

	Q2/03	Q2/02	H1/03	H1/02	2002
Printed Wiring Boards Net Sales, MEUR	32.1	34.8	64.1	70.2	150.0
Printed Wiring Boards EBIT, MEUR	-7.7	-1.1	-10.3	-29.5	-24.0
Mechanics and Modules Net Sales, MEUR	10.0	7.4	19.1	16.3	32.9
Mechanics and Modules EBIT, MEUR	1.4	-0.3	2.3	-0.2	0.8

Printed Wiring Boards (PWB)

Second-quarter net sales for the PWB segment decreased by EUR 2.7 million to EUR 32.1 million (4-6/2002: EUR 34.8 million). The negative impact of the depreciation of the US Dollar on the PWB net sales was close to 3 million. Volume growth managed to compensate the price erosion of about 10 %. The net sales of the Asian units increased almost 30 % and their share of the segment's net sales was about 33 % (24 %).

The EBIT without the non-recurring costs was EUR -2.9 million (EUR -1.1 million). The EBIT was affected by increased depreciation at the printed wiring board factory in China. Capacity utilization rates are expected to grow during the latter half of the year, especially in China.

Mechanics and Modules, MM

Net sales for the Mechanics and Modules business segment increased by 34.3 % due to strong demand and totaled EUR 10.0 million (EUR 7.4 million). As a result of the exceptionally high capacity utilization rate the EBIT for the segment increased to EUR 1.4 million or to 13.6 % of the net sales (EUR -0.3 million; -3.7 %). The capacity utilization rate is expected to be on the usual level during the latter half of the year.

Joint Ventures

The research and development companies Asperation Oy and Imbera Electronics Oy made good progress according to their plans during the period under review.

Business by area

During the first half of the year 2003 the Aspocomp Group net sales were divided by area as follows: Europe 69 % (H1 / 2002: 60 %), Asia 15 % (11 %) and the Americas 16 % (29 %). The transfer from the Americas to Europe is related to the product project life cycles of the customers.

The total manufacturing by area was as follows: Europe 73 % (80 %) and Asia 27 % (20 %).

FINANCING, INVESTMENTS AND EQUITY RATIO

The Group's liquidity during the period under review was good. Interest-bearing net debt for the period totaled EUR 42.1 million (EUR 59.6 million), including EUR 28.2 million in financial leasing liabilities, consolidated in the Group balance sheet (EUR 32 million). The non-interest-bearing debts totalled EUR 27.6 million (EUR 24.8 million). Gross investments for the period totaled EUR 6.2 million (EUR 13.7 million) or 7.5 % of the net sales (15.8 %). Most of the investments, EUR 3.7 million, were in Asia, while investments in Finland totaled EUR 2.5 million. Net financial expenses as a percentage of the net sales totaled 1.0 % (1.8 %). The equity ratio at the end of the period was 59.5 % (57.7 %) and at the end of the year 2002 61 %.

SHARES AND SHARE CAPITAL

The number of Aspocomp's issued shares on June 30, 2003, was 10,041,026 and the share capital was EUR 10,041,026. 100,000 shares were in the possession of the company. The number of shares adjusted for the treasury shares was 9,941,026. During the period from January 1 to June 30, a total of 294,710 shares with a value of EUR 2,023,577.48 were traded on the Helsinki Exchanges. The nominee-registered portion of the shareholding was 15.70 % and the foreign portion 0.74 % at the end of the period. The share price reached a high of EUR 7.50 and a low of EUR 6.11 between January 1 and June 30, 2003. The average price was EUR 6.87. The closing price on June 30, 2003, was EUR 7.00 and the market capitalization of the company was EUR 69,587,182.00.

The Aspocomp Group Oyj's Annual General Meeting of April 4, 2003, authorized the Board of Directors to decide on acquiring and conveying of own shares and on increasing the share capital by a share issue and/or by taking a convertible loan. The authorizations are valid for one year from the date of the Annual General Meeting.

PERSONNEL

The number of employees averaged 3,101 from January 1 to June 30, 2003, compared with 3,058 for the same period in the previous year.

The average number of employees in the year 2002 was 3,075. At the end of June 2003 there were 3,234 employees in all (2,813).

	Average number 2003 Jan 1-June 30	Average number 2002 Jan 1-June 30	Number 2003 June 30	Number 2002 June 30	Number 2002 Dec 31
Europe	1,129	1,548	1,145	1,215	1,076
Thailand	1,079	889	1,136	890	973
China	893	621	953	708	858
Total	3,101	3,058	3,234	2,813	2,907

A proposal related to the personnel negotiations of the Padasjoki printed wiring board factory was given on April 9, 2003 and the negotiations were concluded on May 26, 2003. As a consequence of the negotiations the operations of the factory are notably downsized. A part of the personnel may be possible to relocate to the other Group factories, about 30 persons continue to run the Padasjoki operations and about 40 persons will be redundant.

The Padasjoki factory's share of the Group net sales in 2002 was about 5 % and its share of the Group personnel about 3 %. The book value of the fixed assets of the factory was about EUR 6.5 million at the end of the first quarter 2003. The non-recurring cost related to the downsizing totaled EUR 4.1 million. The share of the fixed assets is EUR 3.2 million and the share of the personnel costs related to the redundancy are EUR 0.5 million.

The Aspocomp Group has incentive systems that cover the whole personnel of the Group. In Finland factory personnel belong to a result-related bonus system and other personnel is included in the economic value added (EVA) based bonus system. The Group companies in China and in Thailand have their own incentive systems. The management and certain key persons are included in a new shareholding based incentive scheme started during the period. Precondition for belonging to the incentive scheme is that the participants to the scheme own Aspocomp Group Oyj shares. The bonus is based on the share price increase of the Aspocomp Group Oyj share during the next two years and the potential bonus will be paid in June 2005, provided that the person is still employed by the Aspocomp Group.

A person is able to belong only to one incentive system at a time.

MANAGEMENT

The Annual General Meeting of Aspocomp Group Oyj decided at its meeting on April 4, 2003, that the number of the Board Members is six. Mr. Gustav Nyberg was re-elected as a Board Member. At its meeting of April 4, 2003, the Board of Directors elected Mr. Tuomo Lähdesmäki as Chairman of the Board and Mr. Jorma Eloranta as Vice-Chairman of the Board. The Board elected also Members for the

Board Committees: Mr. Tuomo Lähdesmäki is Chairman of the Compensation and Nomination Committees and Mr. Jorma Eloranta a Member. The Chairman of the Auditing Committee is Mr. Gustav Nyberg, Mr. Karl Van Horn being a Member.

The Annual General Meeting of Aspocomp Group Oyj decided that the remuneration of the Board Members is paid on an annual basis. The Members of the Board of Directors decided that they acquire directly or indirectly Aspocomp Group Oyj shares with 40% of their gross remuneration during the time period from May 6 to June 15, 2003. The purchases were made within the limits set by the insider regulations. The Board Members have decided not to convey the acquired shares before the Annual General Meeting of 2004.

ENVIRONMENT

The environmental issues at the Aspocomp Group are developed in accordance with the principles for environmental management of the Business Charter for Sustainable Development defined by the International Chamber of Commerce.

During the period, the environment management system of the Chinese subsidiary, ACP Electronics Co., Ltd. was certified. As a result all the Aspocomp Group production sites are now ISO 14001 certified.

PROSPECTS

Outlook of the PWB segment remains divided in 2003. The growth of the mobile phone market is estimated to be between 0 and 10 %. In the automotive and industrial business the steady growth of about 5 % is estimated to continue. The telecommunication infrastructure market is estimated to decrease about 15 %.

Outlook for the demand of the Mechanics and Modules segment is stable.

Aspocomp's global PWB market share is expected to strengthen during 2003. The Asian units' share of the Group monthly net sales is forecasted to be close to 40 % by the end of 2003 (22 % in 2002). Also the good progress in the R&D joint ventures, Asperation Oy and Imbera Electronics Oy, is expected to continue.

Both the net sales and the EBIT during the latter half of the year 2003 are expected to be higher than during the first half without the non-recurring costs.

ASPOCOMP GROUP INCOME STATEMENT, APRIL - JUNE

	4-6/03		4-6/02	
	MEUR	%	MEUR	%
NET SALES	42.1	100.0	42.2	100.0

Other operating income	-0.04	-0.1	-0.4	-0.8
Depreciation and write-downs	9.7	23.1	7.4	17.6
<i>Non-recurring costs</i> <i>(included both in depreciation and other costs)</i>	4.8		-	
OPERATING PROFIT/LOSS AFTER DEPRECIATION	-6.3	-15.0	-1.4	-3.4
Financial income and expenses	-0.3	-0.7	-0.8	-1.9
PROFIT/LOSS BEFORE EXTRAORDINARY ITEMS AND TAXES	-6.6	-15.7	-2.2	-5.3
Extraordinary income	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Extraordinary expenses	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
PROFIT/LOSS BEFORE TAXES	-6.6	-15.7	-2.2	-5.3
Minority interest	0.7	1.6	1.5	3.4
PROFIT/LOSS FOR THE PERIOD	-5.8	-13.9	-1.2	-2.7
Earnings / Share, EUR	-0.58		-0.12	

Accrued taxes for this interim period have been calculated in accordance with the corporate tax rate in force during the period under review and they include taxes brought forward from earlier periods.

CASH FLOW STATEMENT

	4-6/03 MEUR	4-6/02 MEUR
Cash flow from operations	1.7	9.1
Cash flow from investments	-4.7	-4.8
Cash flow before financing	-3.0	4.2
Decrease in long-term financing	-4.0	-5.0
Increase/decrease in short-term financing	0.8	-3.6
Dividends paid	-2.5	-
Other financing		-2.6
Total financing	-5.7	-11.3
Decrease in liquid funds	-8.8	-7.1
Liquid funds at the end of the period	13.1	10.1

ASPOCOMP GROUP INCOME STATEMENT, JANUARY - JUNE

	1-6/03		1-6/02		1-12/02	
	MEUR	%	MEUR	%	MEUR	%
NET SALES	83.2	100.0	86.5	100.0	182.9	100.0
Other operating income	-0.1	-0.1	0.3	0.3	1.0	0.1
Depreciation and write-downs	16.9	20.3	15.8	18.3	30.4	16.6
<i>Non-recurring costs</i> <i>(included both in depreciation and other costs)</i>	4.8		28.6		27.7	
OPERATING PROFIT/LOSS AFTER DEPRECIATION	-8.0	-9.6	-29.6	-34.3	-23.2	-12.7
Financial income and expenses	-0.8	-1.0	-1.5	-1.8	-2.7	-1.5
PROFIT/LOSS BEFORE EXTRAORDINARY ITEMS AND TAXES	-8.8	-10.6	-31.2	-36.1	-25.9	-14.2
Extraordinary income	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Extraordinary expenses	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
PROFIT/LOSS BEFORE TAXES	-8.8	-10.6	-31.2	-36.1	-25.9	-14.2
Minority interest	1.4	1.7	2.2	2.6	3.7	2.0
PROFIT/LOSS FOR THE PERIOD	-6.2	-7.5	-27.4	-31.7	-18.6	-10.1
Earnings / Share, EUR	-0.62		-2.73		-1.86	

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ASPOCOMP GROUP BALANCE SHEET

	6/03	6/02	Change	12/02
	MEUR	MEUR	%	MEUR
Non-Current Assets				
Intangible assets	4.9	4.8	0.3	5.7
Tangible assets	115.7	145.6	-20.6	131.3
Investments	1.1	3.3	-67.5	1.6

Current Assets

Inventories	21.6	22.3	-3.1	20.0
Receivables	48.8	44.4	9.8	43.9
Investments	0.0	0.0	-	0.0
Cash and bank deposits	13.1	10.1	30.5	19.7
TOTAL ASSETS	205.1	230.5	-11.0	222.2

Shareholders' equity

Share capital	10.0	10.1	-1.0	10.0
Other shareholders' equity	88.3	92.6	-4.6	98.6
Minority interest	23.9	31.0	-23.0	27.3
Mandatory reserves	2.4	2.4	-	2.1
Long-term liabilities	33.2	46.7	-29.0	38.4
Short-term liabilities	47.3	47.7	-0.9	45.7
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY	205.1	230.5	-11.0	222.2

CASH FLOW STATEMENT

	1-6/03 MEUR	1-6/02 MEUR	1-12/02 MEUR
Cash flow from operations	4.5	4.9	26.0
Cash flow from investments	-6.0	-12.9	-19.7
Cash flow before financing	-1.5	-8.0	6.4
Increase/decrease in long-term financing	-4.2	1.1	-6.7
Increase/decrease in short-term financing	1.2	-3.6	-3.8
Dividends paid	-2.5	-	-
Other financing	-	0.3	1.8
Total financing	-5.5	-2.2	-8.7
Decrease in liquid funds	-7.0	-10.2	-2.4
Liquid funds at the end of the period	13.1	10.1	19.7

KEY FIGURES

	6/03	6/02	12/02
Equity/share, EUR	9.81	10.24	10.85
Equity ratio, %	59.5	57.7	61.0
Gearing, %	34.7	44.9	30.0
Gross investments, MEUR	6.2	13.7	19.8
Average Personnel	3,101	3,058	3,075

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Accumulated excess depreciation and voluntary reserves totaling EUR 0.4 million have been divided among shareholders' equity and nominal tax liabilities.

CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

	6/03	12/02
	MEUR	MEUR
Securities on Group liabilities	31.0	9.6
Operational leasing liabilities	0.1	0.1
Other liabilities	0.3	0.3
TOTAL	31.4	10.0

There are no derivative contracts.

All figures are unaudited.

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ASPOCOMP IN BRIEF

Aspocomp Group serves the electronics industry by supplying high-tech electronic components and services like PWBs (printed wiring boards), PWB-related design as well as mechanics and modules. Aspocomp's products are used in mobile handsets, telecommunications infrastructure, automotive and other industrial applications.

Aspocomp Group's production sites are located near the customers in Finland, China and Thailand. The Group net sales in 2002 were about EUR 180 million and the number of personnel was about 3000.

The Group parent company Aspocomp Group Oyj is listed on the Helsinki Stock Exchanges since year 1999.

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