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ASPOCOMP GROUP PLC INTERIM REPORT FOR JANUARY 1 - MARCH 31, 2006: NET SALES: EUR 40.7 MILLION, OPERATING RESULT: EUR –3.6 MILLION

- Consolidated net sales in the January-March period amounted to EUR 40.7 million (EUR 39.9 million in 1-3/2005), remaining on a par with the reference quarter.

- Net sales of the Printed Circuit Board division grew by 9.1 percent to EUR 37.2 million (34.1). Net sales of the Asian plants grew by 33 percent.

- Consolidated operating result weakened to EUR -3.6 million (-1.8), representing -8.7 per cent of net sales. As expected, the decline was mostly due to the ongoing conversion project at the Salo PCB plant and the sharp decrease in the profitability of the Modules division.

- Earnings per share were EUR -0.23 (-0.11).

- Cash flow from operations was EUR 1.7 million (2.1) and investments amounted to EUR 5.7 million (1.9). Per-share cash flow after investments was EUR -0.20 (0.01).

The figures in the report do not include the Mechanics division divested in September 2005.

OUTLOOK FOR THE FUTURE

The full-year net sales and profitability of the Aspocomp Group’s Printed Circuit Boards division are forecast to improve compared with the previous year. The net sales and profitability of the non-core Modules division are expected to improve on the first quarter and the full-year result to be positive due to increasing deliveries under the current maintenance agreement. The Group’s net sales in 2006 are expected to grow compared to the previous year and the result to rise into the black during the second half of the year.

MAIJA-LIISA FRIMAN, PRESIDENT AND CEO:

“Aspocomp's first-quarter performance was not satisfactory. It was affected by the gradual decline in the profitability of the Modules division and particularly the conversion project at the Salo printed circuit board (PCB) plant. The Salo plant's product margins were reduced by the delayed introduction of HDI PCBs manufactured with new technologies as well as a weaker yield in the new products' ramp-up phase. As a result, the plant's sales did not reach the level of the reference quarter.

Growth in the global handheld device market was strong during the quarter and the segment reported increases in the average price and product complexity. This surge has even led to a global supply shortage of HDI PCBs, used particularly in more complex mobile phones. The trend presents substantial growth potential.

The changes we are carrying through are taking the Group to the next technological level. The present growth in the global demand for high technology HDI PCBs is more than twice as fast as the growth for other PCBs. Market researchers forecast that the overall PCB market will grow to around USD 42 billion (almost EUR 34 billion) in 2006, with technologically complex HDI PCBs accounting for about 12 percent. The Asian market is forecast to grow over

8 percent, whereas the market in the rest of the world is expected to decline somewhat.

Given this development, our recent decision to invest in India was well timed. It deepens our cooperation with our global, fast-growing key customers. The plant will be the first HDI PCB production facility in India and is expected to be operational during the second half of 2007. The project has begun on schedule with the hiring of key personnel and the finalization of the plant engineering.

Although the investment in India will strengthen our position as a global PCB supplier, we are actively looking to expand further in Asia to supply our present and future growing customers. One priority is to secure sufficient production capacity in China. Our medium-term objective is to outpace technological high-end global PCB market growth, and to achieve that, we need to move on as swiftly as possible.”

PRINTED CIRCUIT BOARD MARKET

In the global telecom network and automotive segments, demand for HDI PCBs remained at a healthy level during the review period. Strong growth continued in the handheld devices segment. The Aspocomp Group's customers in the handheld segment reported outstanding results and higher average prices, which indicated a boost in sales of high-end devices that utilize demanding HDI PCBs. Consequently, global HDI PCB demand during the quarter exceeded supply. Together with gradually growing material prices, it created pressure to raise HDI PCB prices.

According to market estimates, overall global PCB production during the report period grew slightly over 2 percent on the previous quarter. In Asia, PCB demand grew markedly over 3 percent. Furthermore, HDI PCB production increased even faster and in China, in particular, it was estimated to have grown by about 10 percent since the end of last year.

CONSOLIDATED NET SALES AND RESULT, JANUARY-MARCH
(reference figures are for 1–3/2005)

Net sales and operating result, EUR million

	1-3/2006	change, %	1-3/2005
Group			
Net sales	40.7	1.9	39.9
Operating result	-3.6		-1.8
Printed Circuit Boards			
Net sales	37.2	9.1	34.1
Operating result	-2.5		-1.5
Modules			
Net sales	3.7	-44.0	6.6
Operating result	0.0		1.3

The Aspocomp Group’s net sales for the period were EUR 40.7 million (39.9), remaining at the same level as in the reference quarter. While the net sales of the smaller Oulu PCB facility grew satisfactorily, the total net sales of the Finnish plants did not reach the level of the reference quarter. This was mainly due to the Salo PCB plant's conversion project and the gradual weakening of net sales at the Oulu modules plant. However, the decline was clearly offset by the strong growth at the Asian plants, particularly in China, where sales of the higher-margin HDI PCBs were brisk.

The Aspocomp Group’s net sales for the quarter were divided by market area as follows: Europe 57 percent (71%), Asia 29 percent (22%) and the Americas 14 percent (7%). The Finnish plants’ share of net sales was 46 percent (62%), while the Asian plants accounted for 54 percent (38%). The share of the Asian plants increased compared with the reference quarter, in line with the Group’s strategy. Products used in handheld devices and telecom networks accounted for 68 percent (72%) of consolidated net sales, and 32 percent (28%) came from automotive, industrial and consumer electronics.

The five largest customers – Elcoteq, Ningbo Bird, Nokia, Philips and Siemens – accounted for 51 percent of net sales (55%) during the January-March period.

The operating result before depreciation was EUR 1.1 million (3.3), or 2.6 percent of net sales (8.3%). The operating result was EUR –3.6 million (-1.8).

The heavy losses of the Salo plant cut into the Group’s profitability during the quarter. The Oulu modules plant, while performing markedly better than in the previous quarter, made a zero result. The result declined on the reference quarter as the plant's telecom network products neared the end of their life cycle.

The Group’s net financial expenses were EUR –0.3 million (-0.3) and the profit for the period was EUR –3.8 million (-2.1). Earnings per share from continuous operations were EUR -0.23 (-0.11). Cash flow from operations amounted to EUR 1.7 million (2.1) and per-share cash flow after investments to EUR –0.20 (0.01).

The Group’s research and development expenditure amounted to EUR 1.1 million (1.1), or 2.7 percent (2.8%) of net sales.

THE GROUP’S DIVISIONS

Printed Circuit Boards

First-quarter net sales of the PCB division grew by 9.1 per cent to EUR 37.2 million (34.1). Development particularly at the Chinese plant remained favorable. The project to increase HDI production capacity in China by approximately 50 percent compared with last year's average was nearing completion, and the capacity was fully booked. In contrast, introduction of the PCBs manufactured with new technologies at the Salo plant was more challenging than expected. It cut into the yield and the share of total production accounted for by new technology products. In addition, installation of a new plating line in February shut down the line for about a week, shrinking plant capacity considerably. As a result, the plant's net sales for the report period did not reach the figures of the reference quarter.

Although the Oulu plant posted clearly higher net sales than in the corresponding quarter of last year, the total comparable net sales of the Salo and Oulu plants in Finland declined by 11 percent (down 13%) due to the Salo conversion project. The net sales of the Asian plants in China and Thailand were up 33 percent (0%), attributable mainly to the HDI capacity expansion in China. The net sales of the Thai plant also grew somewhat.

The regional breakdown of the PCB division’s net sales was as follows: Europe 53 percent (67%), Asia 31 percent (24%) and the Americas 16 percent (9%). The Finnish plants’ share of net sales was 41 percent (52%) while the Asian factories accounted for 59 percent (48%).

During the review period, the share of Aspocomp's overall PCB production accounted for by HDI PCBs totaled 54 percent.

The division’s operating result for January-March was EUR –2.5 million (-1.5). Profitability was hit particularly by the poor yield of the new products at the Salo plant. The operating result at the Group's other plants was in the black, particularly so in China and Oulu. The Thai plant showed improved profitability.

Modules

As expected, net sales of the Modules division contracted significantly by 44.0 percent, and amounted to EUR 3.7 million (6.6). The operating result of the division declined to EUR 0.0 million (1.3).

The weaker net sales and profitability were primarily attributable to the gradual end of the life cycle of the telecom network products manufactured at the Oulu plant. The maintenance agreement made for the products will be in force for several years and the delivery volumes are expected to increase from the review period towards the year-end. Deliveries to other industries remained on a par with the reference period.

FINANCING, INVESTMENTS AND EQUITY RATIO

The Group’s liquidity during the quarter under review was good. The Group’s liquid assets at the end of the period amounted to EUR 17.2 million (31.6). Interest-bearing net debt rose to EUR 30.2 million (10.6) mainly due to the decline in cash and cash equivalents. The figure includes EUR 19.1 million (21.9) in financial lease liabilities included in the consolidated balance sheet. Gearing was 29.5 percent (8.4%) and non-interest-bearing liabilities amounted to EUR 39.1 million (31.6).

Investments amounted to EUR 5.7 million (1.9), representing 14.0 percent of net sales (4.3%). They were primarily earmarked for the expansion of the HDI line at the Chinese plant and technological investments at the Salo plant. Capital expenditures in Asia were EUR 2.9 million (0.4) and EUR 2.8 million (1.5) in Europe. Net financial expenses were 0.6 percent of net sales (0.8%).

The Group’s equity ratio at the end of March was 54.3% (63.1%).

SHARES AND SHARE CAPITAL

The total number of Aspocomp’s shares at March 31, 2006, was 20,082,052. The nominal value of the share was EUR 1.00 and the share capital stood at EUR 20,082,052. Of the total shares outstanding, the company held 200,000 treasury shares with a book counter value of EUR 200,000, representing 1.0 percent of the aggregate votes conferred by all the shares. The number of shares adjusted for by the treasury shares was 19,882,052.

A total of 1,704,444 Aspocomp Group Plc shares were traded on the Helsinki Stock Exchange during the period from January 1 – March 31, 2006. The aggregate value of the shares exchanged was EUR 6,154,788. The shares traded at a low of EUR 3.35 (March 7 and 8, 2006) and a high of EUR 4.06 (January 9, 2006). The average share price was EUR 3.61. The closing price at March 31, 2006, was EUR 3.50 and the company had a market capitalization of EUR 69.6 million, adjusted for the number of treasury shares. Nominee-registered shares accounted for 7.66 percent of the shares at the end of the period and 0.77 percent was directly held by non-Finnish owners.

On March 13, 2006 the Board of Directors of Aspocomp Group Plc decided on a share-based incentive plan, which consequently came into force due to the decision of the Annual General Meeting on April 10 to issue stock options. The plan is directed at around 12 members of the senior management. The potential reward from the plan will be paid in 2007 partly as shares in the company and partly in cash. The reward includes a prohibition to transfer the shares within two years from the end of the payment period. The potential reward from the plan will be based on the earnings per share (EPS) of the Group. In addition, the CEO and the Executive Committee of the company must own the shares in a certain proportion to their annual gross salary as long as they remain in the employ or service of the Group.

PERSONNEL

During the review period, the Aspocomp Group had an average of 3,479 employees (3,360). The personnel count on March 31, 2006 was 3,459 (3,351). Of them, 2,503 were non-salaried and 956 salaried employees.

Personnel by region and division, average
January-March

	2006	change, %	2005
Europe	866	-6.0	918
Asia	2,613	6.6	2,442
Total	3,479	3.7	3,360

	2006	change, %	2005
PCBs	3,282	3.4	3,173
Modules	174	3.0	169
Group Administration	23	27.8	18
Total	3,479	3.5	3,360

During the quarter, the Group continued to implement the HR development process, adopted during the previous quarter, to achieve consistency in operating methods and documentation in different countries.

As part of an equality plan in Finland, a study was published during the period to compare compensation levels of the genders, and guidelines were issued to promote equality. The study showed no significant differences in remuneration between the genders.

On March 1, 2006, Balachandran a/l Lakshmanan was appointed as Project Manager and Petri Kangas as Chief Financial Officer of the India HDI PCB plant project. Balachandran a/l Lakshmanan (50) has 15 years of experience in the start-up and management of new plants in Asia as well as the development of quality, customer service and productivity at numerous international companies. Petri Kangas (39) has served in international management positions in financial administration at both Finnish and foreign companies. He has broad experience in corporate financial management, growing companies and M&As.

EXPANSION IN ASIA

On January 3, 2006, Aspocomp Group Plc announced that its subsidiary P.C.B. Center (Thailand) Co., Ltd was renamed Aspocomp (Thailand) Co., Ltd. The Group's total holding in the Thai subsidiary amounts to about 83 percent.

In order to meet the future needs of its customers, Aspocomp made a decision in principle on January 17, 2006 to expand its HDI business by building a printed circuit board plant in Chennai, India. It will be the first high-tech HDI PCB plant in India. The total investment is expected to amount to about EUR 75 million, of which about EUR 60 million is earmarked for building and machinery and EUR 15 million for working capital and start-up costs. The project will be financed with long-term loans raised by the parent company and the Indian subsidiary. The unit is scheduled to go on stream in the second half of 2007. The name Aspocomp Electronics India Pvt. Ltd. was registered in April.

EVENTS AFTER THE REPORT PERIOD

On April 10, 2006, Tapio Engström (42), M.Sc.(Econ), was appointed Chief Financial Officer and Deputy to the CEO, effective July 1, 2006. Mr. Engström is currently Director, Finance, at Vaisala Corporation. Aspocomp's current Chief Financial Officer, Pertti Vuorinen (56), was appointed Chief Financial Officer for Aspocomp's Asia-Pacific operations and a member of the Extended Management Team of the Aspocomp Group, effective July 1, 2006. He will be based in Suzhou, China, where Aspocomp's subsidiary ACP Electronics is located. In financial matters, Mr. Vuorinen will report to Tapio Engström, and in expansion projects to CEO Maija-Liisa Friman.

The Annual General Meeting of Aspocomp Group Plc on April 10, 2006, decided that the number of Board members is six. Aimo Eloholma, Roberto Lencioni, Tuomo Lähdesmäki, Gustav Nyberg and Anssi Soila were re-elected as Board members and Yoshiki Sasaki, a Japanese citizen, was elected as a new member. At its organization meeting the Board re-elected Tuomo Lähdesmäki as Chairman, and Yoshiki Sasaki was appointed as Vice Chairman. The Board elected Aimo Eloholma, Roberto Lencioni and Tuomo Lähdesmäki as members of the Compensation and Nomination Committees. Gustav Nyberg, Anssi Soila and Yoshiki Sasaki were elected as members of the Audit Committee.

The Annual General Meeting re-appointed the authorized public accounting firm PricewaterhouseCoopers Oy as auditor for 2006.

The meeting decided that the annual and per-meeting remunerations to the members of the Board of Directors remain the same as in 2005. In addition to the annual remuneration, the member of the Board residing abroad will receive EUR 1,500 per meeting and be reimbursed for reasonable travel and accommodation expenses.

The meeting authorized the Board of Directors to decide on increasing the share capital through one or several new subscriptions and/or to take up one or several convertible loans and/or issuing option rights. The share capital may be increased by a maximum of EUR 4,016,410.

The Board was authorized to decide on the conveyance of a maximum of 200,000 of the company's own shares. The shares may be used to finance and facilitate corporate acquisitions or other arrangements, or for key personnel incentives, or they may be sold in public trading.

The meeting decided to issue stock options to the key personnel of the Aspocomp Group as well as to a wholly owned subsidiary of Aspocomp Group Plc as part of an incentive and commitment program. The maximum total number of stock options issued is 930,000. The share subscription period for the stock options 2006A, 2006B and 2006C commences only if certain criteria, decided by the Board of Directors, have been fulfilled. The share subscription periods will be 1 May 2008 – 31 May 2010, 1 May 2009 – 31 May 2011, and 1 May 2010 – 31 May 2012, respectively.

On May 5, 2006, the Board of Directors decided to use 40 percent of the remuneration paid by Aspocomp Group Plc to acquire the company's shares from the market, conforming to insider regulations and other relevant legislation. The shares will not be conveyed before the Annual General Meeting of 2007.

The Board confirmed the plant investment decision in India on May 5, 2006. The construction of the HDI PCB plant in Chennai will proceed according to plan.

OUTLOOK FOR THE FUTURE

Aspocomp is entering a significant growth phase that will first reflect in the strong growth of net sales. Due to investments required for the expansion and start-up phase of the Indian plant, the strong positive effect of the growth on the company’s result will become markedly visible starting 2008.

Aspocomp’s main priority in 2006 is to focus the company's resources on developing its market position and competitiveness, serving the main customers and increasing cost-effectiveness. The decision to build a HDI plant in India supports growth, and the company continuously investigates various options for growth in Asia. The company anticipates that during the present year the building of the India plant will proceed as planned, the benefits of the boosted capacity of the Chinese plant will be increasingly reflected in the result, and volume production will expand at the Asian plants. The benefits of the Salo conversion project will increase in stages during the present year and the plant is expected to start up the manufacture of products featuring new technology during the first half of the present year.

The full-year net sales and profitability of the Aspocomp Group’s Printed Circuit Boards division are forecast to improve compared with the previous year. The net sales and profitability of the non-core Modules division are expected to improve on the first quarter and the full-year result to be positive due to increasing deliveries under the current maintenance agreement. The Group’s net sales in 2006 are expected to grow compared to the previous year and the result to rise into the black during the second half of the year.

INCOME STATEMENT, JANUARY-MARCH		1-3/06		1-3/05		1-12/05
	MEUR	%	MEUR	%	MEUR	%
NET SALES	40,7	100,0	39,9	100,0	154,0	100,0
Other operating income	0,6	1,5	0,1	0,0	1,3	0,8
Materials and services	-21,4	-52,5	-18,2	-45,5	-72,7	-47,2
Personnel expenses	-10,2	-25,1	-10,0	-25,1	-39,8	-25,8
Depreciation and amortization	-4,6	-11,3	-5,1	-12,8	-19,0	-12,4
OPERATING PROFIT/LOSS	-3,6	-8,7	-1,8	-4,5	-16,7	-10,9
Financial income and expenses	-0,3	-0,6	-0,3	-0,8	-0,9	-0,6
PROFIT ON CONTINUING OPERATIONS						

BEFORE TAX	-3,8	-9,4	-2,1	-5,3	-17,6	-11,4
Taxes	0,0	0,0	0,4	1,0	-5,6	-3,6
PROFIT ON CONTINUING OPERATIONS	-3,8	-9,4	-1,6	-4,0	-23,2	-15,1
Profit on discontinuing operations	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	-0,2	-0,1
Profit/loss for the period	-3,8	-9,4	-1,6	-4,0	-23,4	-15,2
Profit/loss attributable to minority interest	0,8	2,0	0,6	1,5	1,9	1,2
Profit/loss attributable to equity shareholders	-4,6	-11,4	-2,2	-5,5	-25,3	-16,4

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS	3/06 MEUR	3/05 MEUR	Change %	12/05 MEUR
NON-CURRENT ASSETS				
Intangible assets	5,2	4,0	30,0	4,7
Tangible assets	95,9	85,5	12,2	95,2
Investments in associated companies	0,3	0,2	50,0	0,2
Investment property	2,8	2,7	3,7	2,9
Available for sale investments	0,3	0,3	0,0	0,3
Deferred income tax assets	5,5	11,5	-52,2	5,4
Other long term receivables	2,1	2,5	-16,0	2,3
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS	112,1	106,7	5,1	111,1
CURRENT ASSETS				
Inventories	20,0	19,3	3,6	18,5
Short-term receivables	39,3	37,1	5,9	38,6
Available for sale investments	0,0	20,0	-100,0	0,0
Cash and bank deposits	17,2	11,7	47,0	16,1
Assets held for sale	0,0	5,1	-100,0	1,3
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	76,5	93,2	-17,9	74,5
TOTAL ASSETS	188,6	199,9	-5,7	185,6
SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY AND LIABILITIES				
Share capital	20,1	20,1	0,0	20,1
Share premium fund	27,9	73,9	-62,2	27,9
Special reserve fund	46,0	0,0		46,0
Revaluation and other funds	0,1	0,0		0,1
Retained earnings	-22,8	8,2	-378,0	-17,8
Equity attributable to shareholders	71,3	102,2	-30,2	76,3

Minority interest	31,0	23,9	29,7	30,9
TOTAL EQUITY	102,3	126,1	-18,9	107,2
Long term borrowings	17,5	21,4	-18,2	18,0
Short term borrowings	29,7	20,3	46,3	23,3
Trade and other payables	37,7	29,0	30,0	35,7
Provisions	1,4	2,1	-33,3	1,4
Liabilities held for sale	0,0	1,0	-100,0	0,0
TOTAL LIABILITIES	86,3	73,8	16,9	78,4
TOTAL SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY AND LIABILITIES	188,6	199,9	-5,7	185,6

CONSOLIDATED CHANGES IN EQUITY, JANUARY-MARCH

	Share capital	Share premium fund	Special reserve fund	Revaluation and other funds	Treasury shares	Translation differences	Retained earnings	Minority interest	Total equity
Balance at 31.12.2005	20,1	27,9	46,0	0,1	-0,8	-2,2	-14,8	30,9	107,2
Translation differences						-0,8	0,0	-0,7	-1,5
Net profit							-4,6	0,8	-3,8
Other items							0,4	0,0	0,4
Balance at 31.3.2006	20,1	27,9	46,0	0,1	-0,8	-3,0	-19,0	31,0	102,3

CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOW STATEMENT, JANUARY-MARCH	1-3/06 MEUR	1-3/05 MEUR	1-12/05 MEUR
Cash flow from operations	1,7	2,1	12,7
Cash flow from investments	-5,7	-1,9	-24,7
Cash flow before financial items	-4,0	0,2	-12,0
Change in long-term and short term financing	5,3	-1,4	-4,8
Dividends paid	0,0	0,0	-6,0
Minority interest in the subsidiary share issue	0,0	0,0	4,0

Cash flow from financing	5,3	-1,4	-6,7
Change in cash and cash equivalents	1,1	-1,2	-17,1
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of period	17,2	31,7	16,1

BUSINESS DIVISIONS	1-3/06	1-3/05	1-12/05
	MEUR	MEUR	MEUR
Net sales			
Printed Circuit Boards	37,2	34,1	137,1
Modules	3,7	6,6	18,6
Intra-Group sales	-0,2	-0,7	-1,7
Total	40,7	39,9	154,0
Operating profit			
Printed Circuit Boards	-2,5	-1,5	-11,7
Modules	0,0	1,3	1,2
Group administration	-1,1	-1,6	-6,2
Total	-3,6	-1,8	-16,7

KEY FINANCIAL INDICATORS	3/06	3/05	12/05
Return on investment (ROI),%	-9,5	-4,1	-9,9
Return on equity (ROE),%	-14,6	-5,3	-19,9
Equity per share, EUR	3,59	5,14	3,84
Equity ratio, %	54,3	63,1	57,8
Gearing, %	29,5	8,4	23,5
Gross investments, MEUR	5,7	1,9	25,9
Average number of personnel	3 479	3 360	3 393

CONTINGENT LIABILITIES	3/06	12/05
	MEUR	MEUR
Mortgages given for security for liabilities	23,7	23,7
Operating lease liabilities	0,1	0,1
Other liabilities	2,2	2,2
TOTAL	26,0	26,0

All figures are unaudited.

Helsinki, May 5, 2006

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