

ASPOCOMP INTERIM REPORT JANUARY 1 - JUNE 30, 2001

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GROUP NET SALES AND PROFITS

Aspocomp Group net sales totalled EUR 117.5 million for the period from January 1 to June 30, 2001, compared with EUR 122.2 million during the corresponding period the previous year. The new operations in South-East Asia generated net sales of EUR 12.6 million. Other operating income totalled EUR 0.6 million (EUR 1.1 million). The share of net sales of the company's five biggest customers, Nokia, Ericsson, SCI, Philips and Tellabs, was 59%. Direct export from Finland totalled EUR 16.5 million (EUR 12.4 million) and offshore net sales totalled EUR 33.1 million (EUR 35.4 million).

Operating profit for the period totalled EUR -8.8 million or -7.5% of net sales (EUR 13.3 million; 11.0%). Net financial costs totalled EUR 0.9 million (EUR 0.7 million). The mandatory reserve of EUR 5.2 million related to the estimated cost of closing the Espoo PWB factory is included in all the profit levels presented in this interim report.

Profit before extraordinary items was EUR -9.7 million (EUR 12.5 million). Profit before taxes was EUR -9.7 million (EUR 12.3 million) and net profit for the period was EUR -7.7 million (EUR 8.6 million). Earnings per share totalled EUR -0.76 (EUR 0.98).

FINANCING, INVESTMENTS AND EQUITY RATIO

The Group's liquidity for the period remains solid. Investments in the fixed assets were EUR 23.3 million. Another EUR 4.1 million were invested in acquiring the majority of the company P.C.B. Center (Thailand) Co., Ltd in March, 2001. Gross investments for the period totalled EUR 27.4 million (EUR 29.7 million) or 23.3% of net sales (24.3%). In addition the Group parent company raised the share capital of ACP Electronics Co., Ltd. by EUR 35.6 million. This amount is still included in the Group liquid assets for investments in fixed assets. Net financial costs as a percentage of net sales totalled 0.8% (0.6%). The equity ratio was 57.7% (62.7%) at the period end. In June 2001 Aspocomp Group raised a loan of USD 15 million in order to protect the shareholders' equity from the negative effects on the result of the changes in the exchange rates in the Group companies in South-East Asia as well as to complete the above-mentioned increase in the share capital of ACP Electronics Ltd in China.

SHARES AND SHARE CAPITAL

As of June 30, 2001 the company's share capital totalled 10,141,926 euros with a total 10,141,926 shares outstanding.

During the period extending from January 1 to June 30, 2001 a total of 1,376,027 shares with a value of 26,230,183.05 euros were traded on the Helsinki Stock Exchange. The non-domestic share in the ownership of the stock was 20.68%, as of the end of the period. The share price reached a high of 30.00 euros and a low of 11.70 euros between January 1 and June 30, 2001. The average price was 19.06 euros. The closing price on June 29, 2001 was 12.00 euros and the market capitalization of the company was 121.7 million euros.

On March 23, 2001 the Annual General Meeting authorized the Board to acquire own shares. The authorisation remains valid for one year from the date of the Annual General Meeting.

On July 16, 2001 the Board of Directors decided to use the authorization and acquire 100,000 own shares from the market. The actual purchases will be executed by Svenska Handelsbanken and the acquisition program will begin after the publishing of this interim report.

PERSONNEL

	Average number of employees			Number of employees 30.6.2001
	2000 1.1.-30.6.	2000 1.1.-31.12.	2001 1.1.-30.6.	
Europe	2023	2007	1916	1984
Thailand	--	--	1207	1132
China	--	--	256	296
Total	2023	2007	3379	3412

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS DURING THE PERIOD

Aspocomp Group Oyj and the Taiwanese listed company Chin-Poon Industrial Co., Ltd. concluded on January 5, 2001 an agreement to start a Joint Venture, ACP Electronics Co., Ltd. in Suzhou, China. Aspocomp's share of the total investment of 68 million euros is 35 million euros and the increase in the share capital related to the financing has already been paid. Aspocomp's 51% holding was acquired by special issues. As a result of the investment Aspocomp is the first European company producing PWBs in China.

Aspocomp Group Oyj increased its ownership in the Thai printed wiring board company, P.C.B. Center (Thailand) Co., Ltd. to a majority of 51% by an agreement signed on March 1, 2001. The majority was acquired partly by purchasing existing shares and partly by a special issue. After the additional investment of 4.1 million euros the total investment in shares is 5.1 million euros.

March 1, 2001 Pohjola Group Insurance Corporation Ltd notified that its share in Aspocomp Group Oy's voting rights and share capital has fallen below 5%.

On April 10, 2001 European Renaissance Fund notified that its share in Aspocomp Group Oy's voting rights and share capital has increased over 5%.

In May the Aspocomp Group started to investigate the possibility of closing down the Aspocomp Oy's PWB factory in Espoo for both production and financial reasons. The proposal relating to the personnel negotiations regarding the possible employee reductions and reorganization of the all personnel groups, total of about 137 persons, was given on May 23, 2001.

The negotiations were continued until July 12, 2001. On July 12, 2001 the Board of Directors of Aspocomp Group Oy decided to close down the Espoo factory. Among the reasons for the closing of the Espoo factory are the continuous unprofitability of the factory, the price pressure in the standard technology PWB market and the global overcapacity situation.

At the moment the total cost of the closing of the Espoo factory is estimated to be about EUR 5.2 million. The Espoo plant's share of the Group net sales for the first six months of 2001 was 5 % and its share of the Group personnel at the end of the period was 4 %.

Other Group factories have also adapted their operations to the current demand situation.

CHANGE IN ORGANISATION AND IN DEPRECIATION PRINCIPLES

In relation to the consolidation of the new South-East Asian companies the Group organisation was changed by having the sales and production of printed wiring boards as separate functions. This way the Group is able to serve the global clientel optimally.

At the same time the depreciation schedules were updated in order to have an uniform Group depreciation policy consistent with generally followed international conservative practice. The depreciation schedules for the high-tech production machines remained at five years. The changes were the lengthening of the depreciation schedules for the production buildings by five years to thirty years and for the chemical lines by three years to eight years. The depreciation schedules for other machinery were lengthened by two years to seven years. The new depreciation schedules are adapted to all investments from the beginning of the current fiscal year.

PROSPECTS FOR 2001

Our strategy is to be cost-effective and one of the leading manufacturers of technologically advanced PWB's globally. To reach this objective we have invested significantly in R&D and new capacity both in Europe and Asia at the same time sustaining our solid balance sheet. We have reached a strong market position in Europe and we are the first European PWB company to have production in China. Our

customer base includes several major players in the global telecommunication industry.

We believe our strategy will enable us to resume our profitable secular growth. In the short term we see soft demand continuing also in the third quarter of this year, although the visibility remains limited. Despite the capacity modifications and the cost cutting program the result of the third quarter may still be negative.

We are prepared for the launching of new mobile phones and 3G networks during the second half of this year. Based on our customers' estimates the development during the second half of the year should be positive both in sales and profits.

We are confident in our ability to retain our market share at least on the current level and even to increase penetration in our specialized segment.

BUSINESS UNITS

PRINTED WIRING BOARDS

The net sales for the PWB business unit decreased 8% compared to the corresponding period in previous year and the profit was negative. The net sales of the European factories decreased EUR 17.1 million which could not be compensated by the consolidation of the South-East Asian companies. The strongest decrease in net sales was experienced in Evreux, France, where the demand of the key customers dropped drastically, especially during the second quarter.

The net sales of the Mobile segment decreased by 22%. The net sales development for the key customer of the Mobile segment met estimates, but another important customer's demand collapsed as a consequence of the re-organisation of its sourcing.

The net sales decrease of the Telecom segment was 4%. The segment was affected by the high year-end inventory levels of certain customers as a result of the too optimistic demand expectations at the end of 2000. In addition, the demand in mobile networks did not reach the forecasted level in the second quarter. This led to a low capacity utilization rate during the first half of the year and the sales target was not reached.

The net sales growth for the Auto & Industry segment was 29%, mainly generated from the consolidation of the South-East Asian companies in the Group figures.

ELECTRONICS MANUFACTURING SERVICES (EMS)

The net sales of the EMS business unit increased by 14% and were almost according to expectations. The profit was satisfactory, although high inventory levels of certain customers of the Telecom segment led to lower than expected demand and capacity utilization rate.

ASPOCOMP GROUP INCOME STATEMENT

1-6/01

1-6/00

1-12/00

	MEUR	%	MEUR	%	MEUR	5(6) %
NET SALES	117.5	100.0	122.2	100.0	239.8	100.0
Other operating income	0.6	0.5	1.1	0.9	3.0	1.2
Depreciation and write-downs	17.5	14.9	12.2	10.0	26.2	10.9
OPERATING PROFIT AFTER DEPRECIATION	-8.8	-7.5	13.3	11.0	21.6	9.0
Financial income and expenses	-0.9	-0.8	-0.7	-0.6	-0.4	-0.2
PROFIT BEFORE EXTRAORDINARY ITEMS AND TAXES	-9.7	-8.3	12.5	10.2	21.2	8.8
Extraordinary income	0.0		0.0		0.0	
Extraordinary expenses	0.0		-0.2	-0.2	-0.9	-0.4
PROFIT BEFORE TAXES	-9.7	-8.3	12.3	10.1	22.0	9.2
MINORITY INTEREST	0.8	0.6				
PROFIT FOR THE PERIOD	-7.7	-6.6	8.6	7.0	16.2	6.7
EARNINGS/SHARE, EUR	-0.76		0.98		1.59	

Accrued taxes for this interim period have been calculated in accordance with the corporate tax rate in force during the period under review and include taxes brought forward from earlier periods. The calculation of earnings/share excludes taxes on extraordinary items.

ASPOCOMP GROUP BALANCE SHEET

	6/01 MEUR	6/00 MEUR	Change %	12/00 MEUR
Fixed and other long-term assets	190.1	115.1	65.1	138.0
Inventories	39.0	28.2	38.3	29.3
Receivables	47.8	43.4	10.4	49.4
Investments	21.0	49.8	-57.8	29.1
Cash and bank deposits	33.2	9.6	245.6	4.7
TOTAL ASSETS	331.1	246.1	34.5	250.5
Shareholders' equity	152.0	154.4	-1.5	161.9
Minority interest	38.9	0.0		0.0
Mandatory reserves	10.6	0.3		5.5
Long-term liabilities	49.9	34.6	44.2	35.3
Short-term liabilities	79.6	56.8	40.2	47.8
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY	331.1	246.1	34.5	250.5
EQUITY / SHARE, EUR	14.99	15.22		15.96

EQUITY RATIO, % 57.7 62.7 64.6

Accumulated excess depreciation and voluntary reserves totalling EUR 14.0 million have been divided among shareholders' equity and nominal tax liabilities.

CONTINGENT LIABILITIES	6/01 MEUR	12/00 MEUR
Securities on Group liabilities	1.8	1.8
Operational leasing liabilities	0.2	0.2
Other liabilities	0.3	-
TOTAL	2.3	2.0

All figures are unaudited.

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