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SALES FOR THE SECOND QUARTER OF 2009

- **Metals prices**

Average lead and zinc prices were as follows:

	First half 2008	First half 2009	Change
Lead (€ / tonne)	1,704	995	-42%
Zinc (€ / tonne)	1,486	990	-33%

- **Consolidated sales (ex-VAT), unaudited**

Recylex Group's consolidated sales by business segment were as follows:

€ '000	2009		
	First quarter	Second quarter	First half
Lead	29,433	41,702	71,135
Zinc	8,137	11,961	20,098
Special metals	3,384	4,525	7,909
Other (including plastics)	1,752	2,648	4,400
Total sales	42,706	60,836	103,542

€ '000	2008		
	First quarter	Second quarter	First half
Lead	62,876	69,874	132,750
Zinc	27,339	21,281	48,620
Special metals	6,890	7,294	14,184
Other (including plastics)	4,488	3,974	8,462
Total sales	101,593	102,423	204,016

- *Lead business*

The fall in lead sales was mainly due to the year-on-year decline in lead prices in the first half of 2009, even though that decline slowed in the second quarter.

- *Zinc business*

Lower zinc prices dragged down sales in the first half of 2009 relative to the year-earlier period. The decline in zinc sales was also partly due to the temporary suspension of Waelz oxide production in the first quarter of 2009. After production resumed, volumes in Q2 2009 moved back close to the levels seen in Q2 2008.

Another factor behind the fall in zinc sales was Norzinco SA's definitive cessation of its zinc recycling activities in the first half of 2009.

- *Special metals business*

The year-on-year decline in special metals sales in the first half of 2009 was caused by weaker demand for high-purity arsenic, which is used in the mobile phone industry, and for germanium, which is used in fibre optics.

In H1 2009, the Reinstmetalle Osterwieck (RMO) GmbH plant temporarily suspended production pending a recovery in demand.

- *Plastics business*

Plastics sales declined as production was adjusted in line with demand, which fell sharply in early 2009, particularly in the automotive industry.

- **Parent-company sales (unaudited):**

The parent company's first-half 2009 sales totalled €17.1 million. Of this, €16.5 million came from the lead business and €0.6 million from services provided to group companies. In the first half of 2008, the parent company's sales totalled €38.3 million, with €37.4 million coming from the lead business and €0.9 million from services provided to group companies.

- **Financial communication schedule**

- 2009 Half-year Financial Report: 28 August 2009 (after the market close)

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