



Turnover for the third quarter of 2010: +40.7%

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Over the first nine months of the year, the Group's pro forma turnover totalled 805.1 million euros, an increase of 23.2% compared to 2009, including a volume effect of 11.5%.

IMS + JACQUET Metals pro forma	3 rd quarter 2009	3 rd quarter 2010	To 30 Sept. 2009	To 30 Sept. 2010
Turnover (thousands of euros)	195,506	274,980	653,467	805,107
Change in turnover		+40.7%		+23.2%
of which: volume effect		+14.5%		+11.5%
of which: price effect		+26.2%		+11.7%

Over the third quarter of 2010, IMS recorded pro forma turnover of 275 million euros, up 40.7% on the third quarter of 2009, with every business line benefitting from the simultaneous increase in both volumes and prices.

The volumes distributed by the Group were up +11.2% for stainless steel bars (Stappert brand), +15.8% for stainless Quarto plates (Jacquet brand), +20.8% for wear-resistant plates (Abraserice brand) and +32.6% for engineering and tool steels (IMS group brand).

Prices, meanwhile, were up 30% for stainless steels, 2% for wear-resistant steels and 12% for engineering steels.

Results to 30th September 2010 will be published on 15th November 2010



IMS is a European leader in the distribution of special steels on four European markets: engineering and tool steels, wear-resistant plates, stainless steel bars and stainless Quarto plates. With a workforce of 2,350 staff, IMS uses a network of 84 distribution centres in 22 countries in Europe, Turkey, China and the United States.

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