## Results at September 30, 2011 Sales $€ 972$ million (+21\%) - Operating profit + €38 million

The Board of Directors of November 14, 2011 examined the consolidated financial statements (unaudited) for the period ended September 30, 2011.

| In € million | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Sept. 30, 2011 | Sept. 30, 2010* |
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| Sales | 347.3 | 330.0 | 294.8 | 972.1 | 805.0 |
| change vs. 2010 | 42.5\% | 15.2\% | 7.2\% | 20.8\% |  |
| Gross margin | 84.7 | 74.6 | 63.7 | 223.0 | 185.4 |
| \% of sales | 24.4\% | 22.6\% | 21.6\% | 22.9\% | 23.0\% |
| Operating profit | 19.1 | 12.0 | 7.2 | 38.2 | -8.5 |
| \% of sales | 5.5\% | 3.6\% | 2.4\% | 3.9\% | -1.1\% |
| Net income (Group share) | 10.6 | 5.2 | 2.3 | 18.1 | -18.7 |

* unaudited pro-forma financial statements


## Activity

At September 30, 2011 sales increased by $20.8 \%$ compared to 2010 and reached $€ 972$ million, benefiting from a price effect of $12.9 \%$ and from an $8.8 \%$ growth of distributed volume.
Compared to the first two quarters, sales of third quarter were affected by the seasonal effect linked to summer holidays impacting volumes.
In this context, the operating result at 30 September 2011 amounted to $€ 38.2$ million or $3.9 \%$ of sales, including $€ 4.8$ million of reorganization costs.
For the 2011 year-end, uncertainties over the global economy led to anticipate market conditions less favorable.

| Activity by brand | JACqUET | Stappert | ABRASERVICE | Ims |
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| In € million - Sept. 30, 2011 | stainless-steel quarto plates | long stainlesssteel products | wear-resistant quarto plates | Engineering <br> Steels |
| Sales | 162.7 | 376.0 | 73.6 | 334.7 |
| change vs. 2010 | 25.9\% | 19.3\% | 3.1\% | 29.1\% |
| Operating profit* | 6.3 | 19.0 | 1.5 | 9.0 |
| \% of sales | 3.9\% | 5.1\% | 2.0\% | 2.7\% |

All brands contributed positively to the growth and profitability of the Group.

* Activities outside brands (including Jacquet Metal Service SA) represent an operating profit of $€ 2.4$ million.


## Financial structure

The Group disposed of assets totaling $€ 14.4$ million during the first nine months. Results and ongoing efforts to optimize operating working capital requirements, equivalent to $22.3 \%$ of sales at September 30, 2011 compared with $24.7 \%$ at December 31, 2010, enabled the Group to generate a positive operating cash flow of $€ 25.3$ million.
At September 30, 2011, net debt amounted to $€ 122$ million representing a debt to equity ratio of $44 \%$, compared with $58.3 \%$ at December 31, 2010.

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[^0]:    Jacquet Metal Service is a European leader in the distribution of specialty steels. The Group develops and operates a portfolio of brands: JACQUET (Stainless-steel quarto plate), Stappert (long stainless steel products), Abraservice (wear-resistant Quarto plates) and IMS group (engineering steels). A workforce of 2,260 Jacquet Metal Service employees is spread over a network of 80 distribution centers in 22 countries in Europe, China and the United States.

