

# Forsee Power announces its half-year results for 2022: continued sales momentum, establishment of North American headquarters and solid financial structure

- > Half-year revenues up 34% to €49.7 million
  - Commercial momentum accelerated in Q2 2022, +52% vs. Q2 2021
  - Strong rebound in heavy vehicle activity: +56% vs. Q2 2021
  - Sustained growth in light vehicles: +40% vs. Q2 2021
- Continued roll-out of the strategic plan
  - o Establishment of North American headquarters and gigafactory in Columbus, Ohio
  - Signature of commercial partnerships with global transportation players
  - Expansion of product range and service offering
- Adjusted EBITDA growth of 21%, solid financial structure and cash position of €46.5 million at the end of June 2022
- Expected annual revenues of more than 100 M€
- > Confirmation of financial objectives for 2027

Paris, September 14th, 2022 – 5:45 – Forsee Power (FR0014005SB3 – FORSE – the « Company »), the expert in smart battery systems for sustainable electromobility, announces today its 2022 half-year results, approved by the Board of Directors on September 14, 2022.

Christophe Gurtner, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Forsee Power comments: « Forsee Power's sales momentum increased throughout the first half of 2022 despite a tense supply chain environment. The second quarter of 2022 was marked by a recovery in sales in the heavy vehicle segment, while the growth of the activity in the light vehicle market remained strong. In parallel with this good commercial performance, we also improved our adjusted EBITDA by 21% and intend to continue improving our financial performance. Semester after semester, electromobility is establishing as the new standard for the transportation of people and goods. To meet this booming demand, we are continuing to deploy our strategic plan, which was marked during the first half of the year by our expansion into the US market and the extension of our range of innovative products and services. Finally, the Company has solid financial resources to pursue its growth as of the second half of 2022 and thus consolidates its position as the leader in intelligent battery systems ».

# Key figures from the consolidated half-year statement

In €m - IFRS standards	H1 2021	H1 2022	Change	Change %
Sales	37.2	49.7	+12.6	+34%
Heavy vehicles	29.6	38.5	+8.9	+30%
Light vehicles	7.6	11.2	+3.6	+48%
EBITDA <sup>1</sup>	(8.1)	(8.2)	-0.1	-1%
EBITDA margin	(22)%	(16)%		
Adjusted EBITDA <sup>2</sup>	(7.9)	(6.2)	+1.7	+21%
Adjusted EBITDA margin	(21)%	(12)%		
Underlying operating income	(10.2)	(12.2)	-2.0	-20%
Operating income	(10.2)	(12.2)	-2.0	-20%
Financial result	(6.4)	2.5	+8.9	+139%
Net consolidated income	(16.8)	(9.8)	+6.9	+41%

The audit on the consolidated accounts have been carried out.

# 2022 Half-year results

In the first half of 2022, the Company reported revenues of €49.7 million, up 34% compared with 2021. This good commercial performance benefited in the second quarter from the recovery of activity in the heavy vehicle market (+30%) and continued strong activity in the light vehicle segment (+48%). In a context of tensions on the supply of certain electronic components, the Company has maintained its efforts in terms of flexibility in order to satisfy the strong demand of the electromobility market.

In terms of geographical breakdown of revenues, the French market is the main contributor to half-year revenues, while the rest of Europe is growing strongly, now representing 36% of sales (vs. 10% in H1 2021).

The Group posted an adjusted EBITDA margin of (12)% compared to (21)% a year ago. This positive development is mainly due to:

- the improvement in gross margin (+€3.3m) resulting from improved productivity and higher volume;
- the integration of the net operating costs of the new Holiwatt activity taken over by the Group in July 2021 (-€1.5m).

On a like-for-like basis (excluding Holiwatt integration costs), adjusted EBITDA for the first half of 2022 would have amounted to (-€4.7m), or 10% of the Group's revenues.

As a result, operating profit for the first half of 2022 amounted to (-€12.2m), down from the operating profit recorded in the first half of 2021 (-€10.2m).

During the past six months, financial income was positive at €2.5 million, compared with (-€6.4 million) in H1 2021.

In total and after taking into account a tax charge of €0.2 million, the net loss for the first half of 2022 improved significantly and amounted to (-€9.8 million) compared to (-€16.8 million).

<sup>1</sup>The EBITDA metric corresponds to operating income before amortization and impairment of intangible assets, amortization of rights of use on property, plant and equipment, depreciation and impairment of property, plant and equipment and net impairment of assets. This indicator is detailed in paragraph 2.1 of the half-year financial report.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> In addition to EBITDA, the Group also monitors adjusted EBITDA. This alternative performance metric corresponds to EBITDA adjusted for share-based compensation expenses. The Group considers that these expenses do not reflect its current operating performance, in particular for equity-settled compensation plans, as they do not have a direct impact on cash. This indicator is detailed in paragraph 2.1 of the half-year financial report.

# **Group consolidated cash flow**

In €m	H1 2021	H1 2022	Change
Free cash flow from operations	1.0	(15.2)	-16.2
Free cash flow from investing	(4.5)	(5.7)	-1.2
Free cash flow from financing	(3.6)	(3.5)	+0.1
Change in cash	(7.1)	(24.4)	-17.3

# A solid balance sheet position

During the first half of 2022, the Group's working capital balance represented 62% of half-year revenues, compared with 50% a year earlier. This increase is the direct consequence of the increase in inventory levels (+11.1 M€) in a tense supply context.

In addition, CAPEX (excluding the IFRS 16 impact) during the past six months amounted to €2.0 million, or 4% of sales, a lower level than last year (6%) and in line with the announced objective (less than 10% of sales).

As of June 30, 2022, the Company had a strong balance sheet; shareholders' equity of €61.3 million, compared to €69.2 million as of December 31, 2021.

The increase in cash flow from operating activities is due to the deterioration in the change in working capital.

The negative change in cash flow from investing activities is due to the acquisition of NEoT Capital shares from Mitsubishi Corporation.

Lastly, cash flow from financing activities was stable.

In total, as of June 30, 2022, the Group's cash position amounted to €46.5 million compared to €70.8 million as of December 31, 2021.

Gross financial debt was stable at €54.4 million at June 30, 2022, compared with €53.7 million at December 31, 2021.

# Recent and post closing events

## **Business Development**

- Order to equip 420 Wrightbus buses with ZEN SLIM battery systems;
- Ballard Motive Solutions chooses Forsee Power high-power battery systems to equip fuel cell Refuse Collection Vehicles
- Started deliveries of 5,000 GO 10 batteries to Omega Seiki Mobility in India for their RAGE+ electric 3-wheelers.

## **Development of new products and services**

• Signing of a partnership with EDF Store & Forecast for the development of mobile and intelligent electricity storage systems with second life batteries

## **Industrial development**

Establishment of the North American headquarters and a gigafactory in Columbus, Ohio.

### Acquisition

 Acquisition of shares in NEoT Capital from Mitsubishi Corporation, a company dedicated to financing in the renewable energy and electric mobility sectors to strengthen the Group's service offering.

# Impact of Covid-19 and the conflict in Ukraine

The first half of 2022 was affected by the increase in cases of Covid-19 in China, particularly
in Shanghai, which exposes the Group to pandemic risk due to the presence in China of
one of its production sites and some of its suppliers.

• The Group is not exposed to the restrictions imposed on Russia, as Forsee Power has no employees, customers or suppliers in that country. However, the Group is exposed to indirect logistical impacts, impacts linked to increases in the cost of materials, and impacts linked to the geopolitical situation in Ukraine and the energy sector.

# Strategy and outlook

In the second half of 2022, Forsee Power will focus on the development of its production unit in the United States with the objective of reaching a production capacity of 3 GWh by 2027 and will continue to develop its commercial partnerships as well as its R&D work in order to expand its product and service offering.

The Group announces a sales target of over €100 million in 2022 and also confirms its financial objectives for 2027, namely to achieve revenues of around €600 million and EBITDA and adjusted EBITDA margins both above 15%.

Forsee Power remains cautious about the uncertainties linked to the Covid-19 crisis, particularly in China where the Group operates one of its 4 production sites, and also the impact of the conflict in Ukraine, the logistical impact between Asia and Europe, the rise in raw material prices and the tense supply situation for certain electronic components.

**Next financial communication:** Q3 2022 sales on November 9, 2022 before market opening. The half-year financial report will be available on the Company's website, in the investor section: https://www,forseepower-finance,com/index,php/en/documentation

# Forsee Power joins the CAC® Small Index

Following the annual review of the Euronext Paris indices on September 8, 2022, the Scientific Council of the Indices has decided to admit Forsee Power in the sample of the CAC Small index. The effective date is Friday, September 16, 2022 after market close.

### **About Forsee Power**

Forsee Power is a French industrial group specializing in smart battery systems for sustainable electric transport (light vehicles, off-highway vehicles, buses, trains and ships), A major player in Europe, Asia and North America, the Group designs, assembles, and supplies energy management systems based on cells that are among the most robust in the market and provides installation, commissioning, and maintenance on site and remotely, Forsee Power also offers financing solutions (battery leasing) and second-life solutions for transport batteries, The Group recorded revenue from sales of EUR 72,4 million in 2021 and has more than 600 employees, For more information: www,forseepower,com | @ForseePower

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