

First-quarter figures: SSB Group continues on the growth track

€ in millions Unaudited figures	March 2013	March 2012	Growth in %	Growth in % const. currencies
Order intake	169.4	142.0	19.3	20.1
Sales revenue	138.0	133.5	3.4	4.4
• Europe ¹⁾	68.7	67.3	2.1	2.3
 North America¹⁾ 	33.2	35.3	-6.0	-5.3
 Asia Pacific¹⁾ 	28.6	25.9	10.4	14.1
 Other Markets¹⁾ 	7.5	5.0	49.8	49.8
EBITDA ²⁾	28.8	26.9	7.0	
EBITDA margin in % ²⁾	20.9	20.1		
EBITA ²⁾³⁾	24.0	23.0	4.3	
EBITA margin in % ²⁾³⁾	17.4	17.2		
Net profit ⁴⁾	15.6	15.1	2.9	

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The Sartorius Stedim Biotech Group uses earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization (EBITDA) for measuring the performance and profitability of the Group.

The key indicator "underlying EBITDA" corresponds to EBITDA adjusted for extraordinary items.

Further growth in order intake and sales revenue

In the first quarter of 2013, Sartorius Stedim Biotech (SSB), a leading supplier for the biopharmaceutical industry, achieved strong double-digit growth in order intake. Business with single-use products as well as project orders and other extraordinary business each contributed approx. one-half to this increase. Compared with the strong year-earlier quarter, sales revenue expanded at a more moderate pace. Asia reported the highest gains, with sales up 14.1% in constant currencies.

Reporting structure adjusted

SSB has adopted a few slight changes to its reporting in order to follow established international reporting practice. The relevant changes relate to amortization and to other taxes, which are now shown under functional expenses. These changes to cost allocations do not impact SSB's net profit. Moreover, underlying EBITDA is used as the key performance indicator instead of underlying EBITA that has been used so far. To ensure comparability, the business figures for 2012 have been restated (see Fact Sheet at www.sartorius.com).

Overproportionate increase in profitability

SSB increased its underlying EBITDA by 7.0% to 28.8 million euros. Its respective margin rose from 20.1% to 20.9%, which was driven by economies of scale. Extraordinary expenses amounted to 0.2 million euros. Underlying earnings per share were at 1.01 euros compared with 0.99 euros in the first quarter of 2012.

All key financial indicators at comfortable levels

Reflected by an equity ratio of 55.9%, a gearing ratio of 0.3 and a net-debt-to-underlying-EBITDA ratio of 1.1, the financial position of SSB has continued to remain strong and stable. Net debt at the end of the first quarter stood at 127.2 million euros.

¹⁾ According to customers' location 2) Underlying (adjusted for extraordinary items)

³⁾ Amortization refers only to amortization of intangible assets recognized in connection with purchase price allocation (PPA) according to IFRS 3.

⁴⁾ Underlying net profit after non-controlling interest and excluding amortization and fair value adjustments of hedging instruments



Outlook for 2013 confirmed

Based on SSB's first-quarter results, management confirms its full-year forecast for 2013. Sales revenue is expected to grow by 8% to 11% in constant currencies, which includes a gain of approx. 3 percentage points resulting from the cooperation with the Swiss life science group Lonza in cell culture media. Along with growth in sales, SSB's underlying EBITDA margin is forecasted to rise to approximately 22.5% without any currency effects considered.

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Conference Call and Webcast

Joachim Kreuzburg, CEO and Chairman of the Board of the Sartorius Stedim Biotech Group, will discuss the results with analysts and investors on Tuesday, April 23, 2013, at 4:00 p.m. Central European Time (CET), in a teleconference. You may dial into the teleconference starting at 3:50 p.m. CET at the following numbers:

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A profile of Sartorius Stedim Biotech

Sartorius Stedim Biotech is a leading provider of cutting-edge equipment and services for the development, quality assurance and production processes of the biopharmaceutical industry. Its integrated solutions covering fermentation, cell cultivation, filtration, purification, fluid management and lab technologies are supporting the biopharmaceutical industry around the world to develop and produce drugs safely, timely and economically. Sartorius Stedim Biotech focuses on single-use technologies and value-added services to meet the rapidly changing technology requirements of the industry it serves. Strongly rooted in the scientific community and closely allied with customers and technology partners, the company is dedicated to its philosophy of "turning science into solutions."

Headquartered in Aubagne, France, Sartorius Stedim Biotech is listed on the Eurolist of Euronext Paris. With its own manufacturing and R&D sites in Europe, North America and Asia and a global network of sales companies, Sartorius Stedim Biotech enjoys a worldwide presence. Its key manufacturing and R&D site is in Germany. The company employs approx. 3,000 people, and in 2012 earned sales revenue of 544.0 million euros.

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Total equity and liabilities



	Marc	h 31, 2013		Dec. 31, 2012	
		Unaudited		Audited	
Assets	€ in mn	%	€ in mn	%	
Non-current assets					
Goodwill	279.5	34.7	279.5	35.2	
Intangible assets	115.3	14.3	117.3	14.8	
Property, plant and equipment	162.4	20.2	160.3	20.2	
Investments	1.3	0.2	1.2	0.2	
	558.3	69.3	558.3	70.3	
Receivables and other assets	0.3	0.0	1.1	0.1	
Deferred tax assets	8.6	1.1	8.7	1.1	
	567.3	70.4	568.0	71.6	
Current assets					
Inventories	92.8	11.5	85.1	10.7	
Trade receivables	99.3	12.3	92.2	11.6	
Current tax assets	9.4	1.2	6.5	0.8	
Other assets	15.7	1.9	14.3	1.8	
Cash and cash equivalents	21.1	2.6	27.8	3.5	
	238.3	29.6	225.8	28.4	
Total assets	805.5	100.0	793.9	100.0	
	Marc	h 31, 2013		Dec. 31, 2012	
		Unaudited		Audited	
Equity and liabilities	€ in mn	%	€ in mn	%	
Equity	10.4	1.3	10.4	1.2	
Issued capital Capital reserves	278.8	34.6	278.8	35.1	
Retained earnings (including net profit)	158.0	19.6	142.8	18.0	
Non-controlling interest	3.0	0.4	2.7	0.3	
Non-controlling interest	450.2	55.9	434.7	54.8	
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Non-current liabilities	22.2	3.0	22.1	2.0	
Pension provisions Deferred to Visibilities	23.3	2.9	23.1	2.9	
Deferred tax liabilities Other provisions	3.6	0.4	3.9	3.7	
Loans and borrowings				0.5	
Other liabilities	31.7	3.9	35.6	4.5	
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Income Statement

		3 months 2013		3 months 2012
	€ in mn	%	€ in mn	%
Sales revenue	138.0	100.0	133.5	100.0
Cost of sales	-69.3	-50.2	-67.2	-50.4
Gross profit on sales	68.7	49.8	66.2	49.6
Selling and distribution costs	-31.3	-22.7	-30.1	-22.5
Research and development costs	-8.6	-6.2	-8.1	-6.1
General administrative expenses	-7.9	-5.7	-7.6	-5.7
Other operating income and expenses	0.8	0.6	-1.3	-1.0
Earnings before interest and taxes (EBIT)	21.7	15.7	19.2	14.4
Interest and similar income	0.6	0.4	1.8	1.4
Interest and similar expenses	-2.3	-1.7	-1.4	-1.0
Financial result	-1.7	-1.2	0.5	0.3
Profit before tax	20.0	14.5	19.7	14.7
Deferred tax income expenses	0.2	0.1	-0.1	-0.1
Income tax expenses	-6.2	-4.5	-5.8	-4.3
Taxes	-6.0	-4.4	-5.9	-4.4
Net profit for the period	14.0	10.2	13.8	10.3
Attributable to:				
Equity holders of Sartorius Stedim Biotech	13.7	9.9	13.6	10.2
Non-controlling interest	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.1
Earnings per share (€)	0.89		0.89	
Diluted earnings per share (€)	0.89		0.89	

The Profit & Loss structure has been slightly modified. "Amortization" and "Other Taxes" are now part of the functional expenses.



Statement of Cash Flows

	3 months 2013 € in mn	3 months 2012 € in mn
Cash flows from operating activities		
Profit before tax	20.0	19.7
Financial result	1.7	-0.5
Earnings before interest and taxes (EBIT)	21.7	19.2
Depreciation amortization of fixed assets	6.8	5.9
Increase decrease in provisions	0.2	-0.5
Gains from the disposal of fixed assets	0.0	0.0
Income taxes paid	-7.8	-14.9
Gross cash flows from operating activities	21.0	9.8
Increase decrease in receivables	-7.5	1.6
Increase decrease in inventories	-7.4	-8.2
Increase decrease in liabilities	0.9	1.0
Net cash flows from operating activities	7.0	4.1
Cash flows from investing activities		
Capital expenditures	-6.2	-14.9
Proceeds from the disposal of fixed assets	0.1	0.2
Other payments	0.0	0.0
Net cash flows from investing activities and acquisitions	-6.2	-14.7
Payments for acquisitions of consolidated subsidiaries and other business operations; net of cash acquired	-14.9	0.0
Proceeds from the disposal of consolidated subsidiaries and other business operations	0.0	0.0
Net cash flows from investing activities and acquisitions	-21.1	-14.7
Cash flows from financing activities		
Changes in capital	0.0	0.0
Interest received	0.1	0.1
Interest paid and other financial expenses	-0.9	-0.4
Dividends paid to:		
- Shareholders of Sartorius Stedim Biotech SA	0.0	0.0
- Non-controlling Interest	0.0	0.0
Gross cash flows from financing activities	-0.8	-0.3
Changes in non-controlling interest	0.0	0.0
Loans and borrowings repaid (-) raised (+)	6.9	11.1
Net cash flows from financing activities	6.0	10.8
Net increase decrease in cash and cash equivalents	-8.0	0.2
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the period	27.8	46.8
Net effect of currency translation on cash and cash equivalents	1.3	-1.4
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the period	21.1	45.6
Free cash flows	0.9	-10.6
Net cash flows	-14.8	-10.9



Reconciliation to New Reporting Format

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	3 months 2012	Reallocation	Reallocation	3 months 2012	3 months 2013
	Before restatement	Amortization	Other taxes	After restatement	
Sales revenue	133,467			133,467	137,981
Cost of sales	-66,576	-414	-232	-67,222	-69,296
Gross profit on sales	66,891	-414	-232	66,245	68,685
Selling and distribution costs	-28,614	-1,397	-55	-30,066	-31,297
Research and development costs	-7,920	-187	-15	-8,122	-8,586
General administrative expenses	-7,471		-84	-7,555	-7,884
Other operating income and expenses	-1,287			-1,287	808
Earnings before interest and taxes and amortization linked to business combinations (EBITA)	21,600	-1,998	-386		
Amortization 2)	-1,998	1,998			
Earnings before interest and taxes (EBIT)	19,602			19,215	21,726
Financial result	467			467	-1,697
Profit before taxes	20,068			19,682	20,029
Income taxes deferred taxes	-5,908			-5,908	-6,009
Other taxes	-386		386		
Non-controlling interest 2)	-128			-128	-292
Net profit	13,646			13,646	13,728
Amortization				1,998	1,994
Extraordinary expenses	1,761			1,761	232
Underlying EBITA ¹⁾	23,361			22,974	23,952
Underlying EBITA margin ¹⁾ in %	17.5%			17.2%	17.4%
Depreciation	3,917			3,917	4,823
Underlying EBITDA ¹⁾	27,278			26,892	28,775
Underlying EBITDA ¹⁾ margin in %	20.4%			20.1%	20.9%

¹⁾ adjusted for extraordinary items

²⁾ slight adjustment due to final PPA of Sartorius Korea Biotech Co. Ltd. according to IFRS 3