Fimalac

First-Half Fiscal 2009 Results

(October 1, 2008 to March 31, 2009)

1) Revenue: Improvement in Second-Quarter Fiscal 2009

Consolidated revenue for the first half of fiscal 2009 amounted to **€265.6 million** versus €297.9 million in the first six months of fiscal 2008, a decrease of **10.3% on a like-for-like basis***. Performance **improved** from quarter to quarter, with an 18.5% decline in the first quarter followed by a dip of just 0.6% in the second.

Fitch Ratings' first half revenue was down **13.6%** like-for-like, to €212.6 million, reflecting declines of 22.1% in the first quarter and 2.4% in the second.

Algorithmics reported revenue of €53.1 million for first-half fiscal 2009, up **2.5%** like-for-like.

2) Operating Profit: €69.4 Million

Fitch Ratings' recurring operating profit amounted to **€72.2 million** versus €79.5 million, down 9.2% on a reported basis and **12.8% like-for-like.** Its recurring operating margin rose to **32.3%** like-for-like in first-half fiscal 2009 from 32.1% in the prior-year period.

Algorithmics' EBITDA** was a positive €1.1 million for the first half of fiscal 2009. Its recurring operating loss, which takes into account amortization of intangible assets recognized at the time of the 2005 business combination, came to **€7.5 million** compared to €8.6 million in first-half fiscal 2008.

Fimalac's consolidated recurring operating profit for the first six months of fiscal 2009 amounted to **€59.7 million** compared to €65.7 million for the year-earlier period. After other operating income and expense, consolidated operating profit stood at **€69.4 million** compared to €78.9 million.

3) Net Financial Income/(Expense): Non-Recurring Impact of Interest Rate Hedges

At the end of 2007, Fimalac decided to directly finance the construction of Fitch's future headquarters in London, in order to benefit from the more favourable credit terms available to the Group’s parent company. Fimalac has hedged its own borrowings at fixed rates until 2013.

Whereas the fixed rates obtained (3.99% for borrowings in euros and 5.24% for borrowings in pounds sterling) are considerably better than those commonly available for medium-term real estate loans, current accounting standards require that an expense be recognised for the difference between the six-year fixed rates obtained by Fimalac and the three-month rates. A non-recurring expense of €28.3 million was therefore recorded under net financial income/(expense), of which €23.9 million will be reversed over the remaining life of the hedges which expire in 2013.

4) <u>Profit for the Period</u>

Thanks to its robust operating profit, the Group reported a small profit for the period of €0.8 million versus €30.9 million in first-half fiscal 2008, despite the very negative, but non-recurring, impact of interest rate hedging transactions.

**** Based on a comparable scope of consolidation and at constant exchange rates***
*****Earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization.***