

Press release

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HI-MEDIA GROUP: RECORD RESULTS FOR 2011

- Sales: 230 million euros (+6% proforma growth)
- Current operating profit¹: 17.6 million euros (+10% growth)
- Net income: 11.3 million euros (+54% growth)

Paris, March 22, 2012 – Online media group Hi-media (Code ISIN FR0000075988 - HIM, HIM.FR), one of the European leaders in monetizing the Internet audience, today published its results for the financial year ended December 31, 2011.

For the year ended December 31	2010	2011	Change %	
in € million				
Sales	222.0	229.9	4%	
Gross profit	75.6	75.5	-	
Gross margin	34%	33%	-	
Current operating profit ¹	16.0	17.6	10%	
Stock based compensation	-1.9	-1.2	-33%	
Other non-current expenses and income	-62.2	-0.3	na.	
Financial expense	-1.6	-1.8	-8%	
Share in net income of associates	0.4	-	na.	
Pre-tax income (loss)	-49.3	14.3	na.	
Income tax	-5.6	-3.0	-46%	
Income tax on non-current items	-3.8	-	na.	
Net income (loss) of consolidated companies	-58.6	11.3	na.	
Net income excluding assets write-offs	7.4	11.3	54%	

Main consolidated data

(The consolidated income statement, cash flow statement and balance sheet appear in an appendix to this press release.)

Commenting on the results for the 2011 financial year, Hi-media Group founder and Chief Executive Officer Cyril Zimmermann declared: "*Hi-media posted record results for*

¹ Before stock based compensation & non current expenses

2011, demonstrating once again its ability to perform strongly in a challenging market. With every passing year, our Group further consolidates its position as **the marketing and e-commerce partner of choice for the digital content industry in Europe** thanks to constant innovation. With Hi-media AD eXchange and the Hipay e-wallet, Himedia has laid the foundations for its growth over the next five years. From this standpoint, 2012 will be a pivotal year dedicated to pursuing the commercial roll-out of these new services and maintaining our high levels of profitability."

	2010	2011	Proforma change	Published change
Sales (€ million)	108	105	+2%	-2%
Gross margin (€ million)	48	47	+3%	-2%
Gross margin (%)	44%	45%		

Hi-media Advertising: refocusing on key markets and innovation

The Group has entered into partnerships in the United Kingdom and the Netherlands to provide its local activities in these markets with the necessary resources and critical mass. The agreements were made in preparation for the launch of the Hi-media **AD-eXchange, Europe's leading independent ad exchange. With an audience of 163 million unique users,** this marketplace for online advertising inventory targets 60% of Internet users in nine EU countries, offering tens of billions of advertising objects for sale every month.

Deconsolidation of the UK and the Netherlands subsidiaries' sales will impact the Advertising sales in 2012 (7 million euros in sales), but the size and leadership status of **Hi-media AD eXchange** will drive growth in the advertising business for the years ahead.

Hi-media Payments: Hipay really takes off

	2010	2011	Change
Sales (€ million)	114	125	10%
Gross margin (€ million)	28	29	3%
Gross margin (%)	24%	23%	

The Group's online payment business based on the Allopass platform (<u>www.allopass.com</u>) and the Hipay e-wallet (<u>www.hipay.com</u>) continues to report double-digit organic growth. Within the business unit, Hipay has really taken off, with annual growth in excess of 60% in the number and volume of transactions and over a million accounts opened. In the opening months of 2012, Hipay handled over 40% of Hi-media Payments transactions. The Allopass platform saw its business reducing in the final quarter of 2011 following the decision to halt its collaboration with certain no-obligation lottery clients.

The reduction in this business sector is not expected to affect growth in the Payments business unit beyond the first half of 2012. In fact, Hipay's impressive growth surge led to a marked upturn in the business unit's gross margin in the final quarter of 2012; gross margin is expected to continue to progress to over 23% in the coming years.

Financial situation

Improved operating profit and record net income

Hi-media's current operating profit grew by 10% to \leq 17.6 million thanks to business growth and tight control over gross margin and costs while continuing to invest and innovate. Non-current expenses were reduced to \leq 0.3 million and the charge booked for equity-based compensation was reduced by over 30% to \leq 1.2 million.

Income tax came in at \in 3 million and the Group net income in 2011 was up sharply at \in 11.3 million, a record for the group. Net income was also up by over 54% on the previous year, restated of the asset write-offs posted in 2010.

A solid balance sheet

Hi-media Group has a sound financial structure with limited gearing: long-term financial debt at December 31, 2011 stood at \in 25 million against shareholders' equity of \in 114 million. The cash position has also improved, to stand at close on \in 18 million at December 31, 2011.

Outlook

In 2011, the Group demonstrated its ability to perform strongly despite a challenging market context, and to achieve a significant improvement in its profitability. The nature of its two core audience monetization activities has changed considerably over the past two years becoming much more technology-driven and evolving towards the provision of automated payment and ad management platforms whose sales development is becoming increasingly integrated. The profile of the business has undergone a profound change and will continue to evolve over the course of 2012 in a market context offering limited scope for growth. Priority will be given to this process of transformation and to profitability, paving the way for a return to strong growth in future years.

The financial statements for the accounts closed on 31 December 2011 are available on the Group website (www.hi-media.com) under Corporate Information.

This press release does not constitute an offer to sell, or a solicitation of an offer to buy Hi-Media shares. If you wish to obtain further information about Hi-Media, please refer to our website <u>http://www.hi-media.com</u> under the Corporate Information heading.

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About Hi-Media Group

Hi-Media is one of the largest European digital media Group. Its business model relies on two different revenue streams: online advertising via Hi-Media Advertising and online content monetization via Hi-Media Payments. The group, which operates in 9 European countries, the USA and Brazil, employs more than 500 people and in

2011 posted over 230 million euros in sales. Independent since its creation in 1996, the company is listed since 2000 on the Euronext Eurolist Paris (Eurolist C) and is included in the CAC Small and CAC All-Tradable indices. ISIN code: FR0000075988. Hi-Media qualifies for FCPI as it received the OSEO label of "innovating company" Website: <u>www.hi-media.com</u> Visit our blog: <u>http://blog.hi-media.com/</u>

Financial communication

First quarter 2012 – sales & information: May 3, 2012, after market closing.

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in thousands of Euro	31 Dec. 2011	31 Dec. 2010
Sales	229 927	222 044
Charges invoiced by the media	-154 467	-146 471
Gross profit	75 460	75 573
Purchases	-24 341	-22 523
Payroll charges	-30 407	-33 567
Depreciation and amortization	-3 148	-3 466
Current operating profit (before stock based compensations)	17 564	16 017
Stock based compensation	-1 241	-1 854
Other non-current income and charges	-288	-62 157
Operating profit	16 035	-47 994
Cost of indebtedness	-2 059	-2 153
Other financial income and charges	306	534
Earning of the consolidated companies	14 282	-49 613
Share in the earnings of the companies treated on an equity basis	15	360
Earnings before tax of the consolidated companies	14 297	-49 253
Income Tax	-3 034	-5 590
Income Tax on non-recurring items	0	-3 806
Net income of the consolidated companies	11 263	-58 648
Including minority interests	474	533
Including Group share	10 789	-59 181

Consolidated Financial Statements for FY 2011 and 2010

ASSETS - in thousands of euro	31 Dec. 2011	31 Dec. 2010
Net Goodwill	121 419	121 419
Net intangible fixed assets	9 828	7 671
Net tangible fixed assets	1 963	1 609
Deferred tax credits	5 605	5 072
Other financial assets	2 111	2 029
Non-current assets	140 926	137 800
Customers and other debtors	79 285	83 513
Other current assets	22 756	23 622
Current financial assets	15	-
Cash and cash equivalents	17 926	14 770
Current assets	119 982	121 904
TOTAL ASSETS	260 908	259 704

Consolidated Balance Sheets as at December 31, 2011 and December 31, 2010

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LIABILITIES - in thousands of euro	Dec 31, 2011	Dec 31, 2010
Share capital	4 562	4 447
Premiums on issue and on conveyance	123 975	123 975
Reserves and retained earnings	-24 718	34 423
Treasury shares	-2 065	-2 105
Consolidated net income (Group share)	10 789	-59 181
Shareholders' equity (Group share)	112 541	101 558
Minority interests	1 074	1 014
Shareholders' equity	113 615	102 573
Long-term borrowings and financial liabilities	25 149	14 978
Non-current Provisions	1 335	828
Non-current liabilities	493	542
Deferred tax liabilities	552	572
Non-current liabilities	27 530	16 919
Short-term financial liabilities and bank overdrafts	22 680	33 638
Current provisions	-	-
Suppliers and other creditors	74 882	80 935
Other current debts and liabilities	22 201	25 640
Current liabilities	119 763	140 213
TOTAL LIABILITIES	260 908	259 704

Table of Consolidated Cash Flows for FY 2011 and 2010

in thousands of euro	31 Dec. 2011	31 Dec. 2010
Net income	11 263	-58 648
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation of the fixed assets	3 829	4 050
Value losses	-	61 746
Investment income	-	
Cost of net financial indebtedness	2 060	2 153
Share in associated companies	-15	-360
Net income on disposals of fixed assets	- 351	34
Costs of payments based on shares	1 241	1 854
Tax charge or proceeds	3 034	9 395
Operating profit before variation of the operating capital need	21 060	20 224
Variation of the operating capital need	-4 789	-4 804
Cash flow coming from operating activities	16 271	15 419
Interest paid	-2 427	-2 235
Tax on earnings paid	-4 151	-2 08
NET CASH FLOW RESULTING FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	9 692	11 099
Income from disposals of fixed assets	24	
Valuation at fair value of the cash equivalents	-	23
Proceeds from disposals of financial assets	623	58
Disposal of subsidiary, after deduction of cash	_	
transferred		
Acquisition of a subsidiary	-107	-7 73
Acquisition of fixed assets	-6 321	-3 88
Variation of financial assets	-101	-27:
Variation of suppliers of fixed assets	-	
Effect of the perimeter variations	-33	
NET CASH FLOW COMING FROM INVESTMENT ACTIVITIES	-5 916	-11 813
Proceeds from share issues	-	22
Repurchase of own shares	27	
New borrowings	36 203	
Repayments of borrowings	-39 783	-9 06
Other financial liabilities variation	3 355	5 790
Dividends paid to minority interests	-414	-342
NET CASH FLOW COMING FROM FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	-612	-3 59:

NET VARIATION OF CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	3 169	-4 305
Effect of exchange rates variation	4	-441
Cash and cash equivalents on January 1	14 739	19 485
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT THE END OF THE PERIOD	17 908	14 739