

# FIRST-HALF 2012 RESULTS

SALES: €163.2m NET INCOME: €3.1m GEARING: 21%

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The Toupargel Groupe SA Board of Directors met on 25 July 2012 to approve the interim financial statements on the basis of IFRS for the period from 1 January to 30 June 2012.

The interim financial statements have been the subject of a limited review by the Statutory Auditors.

## **Key Figures** (unaudited)

#### ✓ Sales

(in €000s)	Q2 2012	Q2 2011	%
			Change
Frozen Foods business	73.8	79.8	-7.5%
Fresh Foods & Groceries business	5.6	5.1	+8.3%
Group total sales	79.4	84.9	-6.5%

H1 2012	H1 2011	%
		Change
152.2	158.2	-3.8%
11.0	10.3	+7.3%
163.2	168.5	-3.1%

#### **Frozen Foods business**

In the second quarter of 2012, revenue declined from  $\in$ 79.8 million to  $\in$ 73.8 million owing to an unfavourable calendar effect (two fewer days of sales, and Easter holiday moved from end-April in 2011 to early April in 2012). In terms of equivalent days of sale, revenue declined 4.6%.

In H1 2012, revenue slipped 3.8% to €152.2 million. The average shopping basket increased by 2.7% while the number of orders contracted by 5.5%, owing to more difficulty in securing new customers and a reduction in the frequency of orders. The new sales channels (internet and inbound calls) represented 4.8% of revenue compared to 3.4% in H1 2011.

#### Fresh Foods and Groceries business

In Q2 2012, revenue advanced by 8.3% to €5.6 million.

In H1 2012, revenue increased 7.3% to €11.0 million. The number of orders increased 4.6%, and the average basket moved up 2.8%. Toupargel expanded its coverage of the eastern half of France with the opening of nine new locations (representing 35 locations at end-June 2012).

#### ✓ Consolidated income statement

(in €000s)	H1 2012 (6 months)	H1 2011 (6 months)
Sales	163.2	168.5
Gross profit	92.6	96.6
Operating income	3.1	8.0
Operating margin	1.9%	4.7%
Net financial cost	(0.0)	0.5
Net income (Group share)	1.1	4.8
Net margin	0.7%	2.8%
Net earnings per share (in €)	0.11	0.46
Operating cash flow	6.4	9.3
Cash flow per share (in €)	0.62	0.89

FY 2011
(12 months)
339.2
194.1
14.5
4.3%
0.3
8.1
2.4%
0.81
18.7
1.86

Gross profit eased from €96.6 million to €92.6 million. In percentage terms, it represented 56.7% of sales, vs. 57.3% in H1 2011, principally because discounts were granted on sales as part of campaigns to attract new customers. Personnel costs contracted from €58.5 million to €57.7 million. External costs increased €1.0 million, brought on in particular by intensified customer prospection efforts. Operating income declined from €8.0 million to €3.1 million.

### ✓ Shareholders' equity – Debt – Capital expenditure

(in €000s)	30/06/2012(1)	30/06/2011(1)
Shareholders' equity	80.6	79.9
Gross debt	16.7	20.4
Net debt	16.6	17.5
Capital expenditure	4.1	2.6
Net assets per share (in €)	7.8	7.7

31/12/2011	
83.6	
13.4	
9.0	
8.6	
8.3	

Debt amounted to €16.6 million as of 30 June 2012 compared to €17.5 million as of 30 June 2011. The ratio of net debt to equity declined from 22% as of 30 June 2011 to 21% as of 30 June 2012 (11% as of 31 December 2011).

#### 2012 Outlook

Management expects annual sales to be down by 3% and the operating margin to come to between 2.5% and 3%. The group is continuing to implement its "Cap 2013" strategic plan, with particular focus on ramping up the multichannel solution and multi-product range. In parallel, it has launched initiatives to reduce operating costs.

### **Upcoming event**

- Publication of 3rd quarter 2012 sales and earnings on 25 October 2012 (after market close).

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<sup>(1)</sup> After payment of dividends