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VILMORIN PRESENTS ITS ANNUAL RESULTS FOR 2007-2008 CONFIRMING A STRONG INCREASE IN ITS OPERATING MARGIN

ANNUAL RESULTS 2007-2008

The annual financial statements approved by the Vilmorin Board for the fiscal year ending on June 30th 2008 show a consolidated operating income of 115.2 million euros (up 37.1 million euros) and a consolidated net income of 51.1 million euros, the Group share of which is 44.3 million euros.

In millions of euros	2006-2007 06.30.07 disclosed	2006-2007 06.30.07 restated	2007-2008 06.30.08	Variation * /06.30.07 restated
Sales	938.5	804.8	896.8	+ 11.5%
Operating income	95.0	78.1	115.2	+ 37.1
Profit from continuing operations	57.3	45.5	67.6	+ 22.1
Profit from discontinued operations	-	11.8	-16.5	-28.3
Net income	57.3	57.3	51.1	-6.2
Net income Group share	54.8	54.8	44.3	-10.5

* With current data

Accounting reference

The consolidated financial information has been established as it stood on June 30th 2008, and in accordance with the IFRS standards (International Financial Reporting Standards), as adopted by the European Union.

Following the announcement in October 2007 of its plan to sell its home garden business, Vilmorin now applies IFRS standard 5 "Non-current assets held for sale and discontinued operations".

This standard requires that any flows concerning these assets are to be recorded as specific items on the balance sheet and the income statement: the information published for fiscal 2006-2007 has been restated in consequence.

Consolidation scope

Implementation of its plan to sell its home garden activity resulted in the sale, on June 30th 2008, of the participation held by Vilmorin in the company Flora Frey to a German investment fund.

Besides this transaction, the main changes in consolidation scope occurring during the course of fiscal 2007-2008 were as follows:

- In July 2007, Vilmorin concluded a strategic alliance with the Chinese company Hunan Xindaxin, leading shareholder of the Chinese seed company Yuanlongping High-Tech Agriculture ("LPHT").
This agreement resulted in the purchase by Vilmorin (through its subsidiary Vilmorin Hong Kong) of a 46.5% stake in the stock of the company Changsha Xindaxin Group, which holds a stake of 22.2% in LPHT.
Consequently, Changsha Xindaxin Group and LPHT are henceforth consolidated respectively using the proportional and equity integration methods.
- In July 2007, Vilmorin took full control of the Turkish company Anadolu Tohumculuk. Previously consolidated using the equity method, the company has been integrated globally as of 1st July 2007.
- Within the framework of its cooperation with Euralis Semences (France), during fiscal 2007-2008 Vilmorin increased its participation in Soltis, a company specializing in sunflower, from 40% to 50%.
Previously consolidated using the equity method, Soltis is now integrated proportionally.

Comments

The consolidated sales corresponding to the income from ordinary business for fiscal 2007-2008, came to 896.8 million euros, up 11.5% with current data.
With a constant exchange rate the increase is 15.3% and like for like 13.4%.

The margin on cost of sales stood at 45.7% up by one percentage point compared with 2006-2007, benefiting in particular from a reduction in obsolescence costs.

Net operating charges stood at 294.2 millions euros, an increase of 13.3 million euros compared with June 30th 2007.

Tax relief for research, now recorded as deduction of research and development costs came to 20.3 million euros as opposed to 9.7 million euros the previous year. This increase is mainly due to changes in France as to how this relief is applied and calculated.

In fiscal 2006-2007 there was non-recurrent income involving, in particular, the negative goodwill arising from the purchase for 9 million euros of all the Hazera Genetics stock held by minority interests.

The consolidated operating income stood at 115.2 million euros, an increase of 37.1 million euros compared with the previous year, showing an operating margin of 12.8%, an increase of 3.1 percentage points.

The financial result showed a net charge of 30.1 million euros as opposed to 18.2 million euros in 2006-2007, integrating a net exchange loss of 4.5 million euros. Financial costs stood at 23.2 million euros, showing good control of Vilmorin's effective rates and medium-term indebtedness at a time when interest rates were on the rise.

Net income taxes came to 19.2 million euros as opposed to 13.7 million euros the previous year.

The result from discontinued activities showed a loss of 16.5 million euros, due to the negative impact of the sale of the company Flora Frey.

Overall the net income came to 51.1 million euros compared with 57.3 millions euros on June 30th 2007; the Group share stood at 44.3 million euros.

The balance sheet structure on June 30th 2008, like for like, remained relatively stable in its most important components.

The Group's share of consolidated equity stood at 615.3 million euros, with that of minority interests at 123.8 million euros.

Net of cash and cash equivalent, indebtedness stood at 323.4 million euros on June 30th 2008 as opposed to 331.2 million euros on June 30th 2007. The proportion of gross non-current indebtedness stood at 348.7 million euros.

Dividends

Vilmorin's Board has decided to propose to the Annual General Meeting of Shareholders a dividend of 1.66 euro per share corresponding to a pay-out rate of 50.2%.

This dividend will be paid by December 22nd 2008 at the latest.

OUTLOOK

Fiscal 2007-2008 was particularly characterized by strong growth in activities in a globally favorable, but nevertheless highly volatile market. Moreover, Vilmorin confirmed its strategic orientation to give priority to its worldwide development in the professional markets of vegetable production and agriculture, through its decision to sell its home garden activities.

Fiscal 2008-2009 should confirm the organic growth potential for both the vegetable and field seeds activities.

Vilmorin will significantly increase its investments in research and development, particularly in upstream technologies, and will also continue its withdrawal from home garden activities.

Pursuing its development model, Vilmorin has set the objective of reinforcing its position as fourth largest world seed producer, and ensuring the balanced growth of its activities and margins at the overall average level it has in previous years.

COMING DISCLOSURES AND EVENTS

Wednesday November 12th 2008 at the end of the day: sales at the end of the first quarter of the fiscal year 2008-2009.

Friday 21st and Saturday 22nd November 2008: Actionaria Fair in Paris.

Thursday December 11th 2008 at 10.00 am: Annual General Meeting of Shareholders in Paris.

Vilmorin is the fourth largest seed company in the world, and expert in the creation of novel vegetable and field crop plants. Based on a responsible vision of its development, Vilmorin's strategy is a successful combination of its research capacity and constant international growth that strengthens its position as a world player.

Listed on Euronext Paris (compartment A), Vilmorin's quotation is included in the Next 150, CAC Mid 100, SBF 250 indices and is eligible for SRD.

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