



Strong progression of half-year results

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The Provimi Group (listed on Euronext Paris), one of the world leaders in the animal nutrition business, today publishes its consolidated results for the first six months of the year.

- Profit from operations before other operating income and expenses increased by 17.6 % to EUR 56.0 million,
- Significant positive impact from the sale of Fish Feed activities in Chile, Denmark and Spain.

<i>(in million €)</i>	30/06/2008	30/06/2007	Change
Revenues ⁽¹⁾	1,095.6	903.1	+ 21.3 %
Profit from operations before other operating income/expenses ⁽¹⁾	56.0	47.6	+ 17.6 %
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Net income - Group share	50.0	18.8	+ 166.0 %
Earnings per share	1.92	0.72	+ 166.7 %

(1) The above figures exclude the discontinued fish feed operations which had 2008 sales and a profit from operations of EUR 11.1 million and EUR (0.2) million respectively (2007: EUR 73.4 million and EUR 2.4 million)

Sales increased by 21.3 % to EUR 1,095.6 million, which was largely due to higher sales prices resulting from increased raw material costs. The net impact of acquisitions and divestments was EUR 8.4 million negative, while unfavourable exchange rates had a negative effect of EUR 8.8 million. On a like-for-like basis, sales growth was 23.2 %.

Profit from operations before other operating income/expenses increased by EUR 8.4 million to EUR 56.0 million despite margin pressures and thanks to good cost control. The Group benefited from the centralised purchasing that it started two years ago. Exchange rates had a negative effect of EUR 1.0 million. On a like-for-like basis, profit from operations increased by 18.1% over the period.

Other operating income/expenses: Included within other operating income and expense of EUR 36.9 million (2007: EUR (7.9) million) are items of a significant and unusual nature. These relate to the disposal of the Group's fish feed activities in Chile, Denmark and Spain (EUR 39.9 million) and animal feed activities in Australia (EUR (0.5) million).

Also included are the Group's reorganization expenses related to feed activities, in Europe, to adapt to changing markets (EUR (2.5) million).

Net financial costs increased by EUR 16.2 million to EUR 28.1 million (2007: EUR 11.9 million), mainly as a result of the increase in net debt and euro and zloty interest rates.

As a result of the above, **net income – Group share** increased to EUR 50.0 million. (2007: EUR 18.8 million).

Shareholders equity - Group share increased by EUR 55.0 million. This mainly reflects the Group's net profits of EUR 50.0 million and an increase in currency translation difference of EUR 5.0 million.

Net debt decreased by EUR 66.5 million compared to 31 December 2007. This strong decrease is mainly due to the use of the reserves released by the disposal of fish feed activities in Chile, Denmark and Spain to pay off the debt.

Segment information for the first six months of 2008

<i>(In million €)</i>	Revenues			Profit from operations before other operating income & expenses		
	H1 2008	H1 2007	Change	H1 2008	H1 2007	Change
France	113.8	93.8	+ 21.3 %	7.8	7.1	+ 9.9 %
Poland	256.5	193.4	+ 32.6 %	9.5	9.0	+ 5.6 %
Rest of Europe	447.0	381.3	+ 17.2 %	28.8	25.7	+ 12.1 %
North America	145.2	136.8	+ 6.1 %	11.3	9.8	+ 15.3 %
Rest of the world	133.1	97.8	+ 36.1 %	15.1	7.6	+ 98.7 %
Holding & consolidation			-	(16.5)	(11.6)	n.a.
Total	1,095.6	903.1	+ 21.3 %	56.0	47.6	+ 17.6 %

In France, volume and sales increased significantly over 2008, mainly because of strong domestic volume, which increased by 5 %, and sales growth due to high milk prices, which positively impacted results. **In Poland**, results were up as a result of better margins and of the appreciation of the Polish zloty. **In the Rest of Europe**, volumes were negatively impacted by low swine prices in key markets such as Germany, Italy, the Netherlands, Spain and Eastern Europe in general. Good margins and cost control compensated for the lack of volume. Results in Spain and Portugal benefited from lower personnel expenses after restructuring. In Eastern Europe results were up due to a better product mix in Hungary combined with lower expenses. Romania benefited from strong complete feed sales, volumes increased by 58 %. Strong economic conditions in Russia resulted in a 13 % volume increase. **In North America**, operations benefited from rationalization of production capacity, improved performance of companies acquired in 2006 but were negatively affected by the weakness of the dollar. **In the Rest of the world**, Brazil showed an excellent performance, volume increased by 24 %. Higher sales in Jordan and Vietnam contributed positively to results.

Despite the fact that Pet food sales have increased 3% compared to last year, driven by strong volumes in Central Europe and higher sales prices, the total profit has decreased. Most of the contracts with Provimi's customers have been renegotiated at the beginning of the year with higher sales prices allowing the Group to partly offset higher raw material cost. Investments are ongoing in Central Europe to increase the production capacity to extend the Group's leading position in this region.

Outlook 2008

Ongoing raw material price volatility could continue to impact market conditions in the second half of the year. The Group will continue its restructuring activities to improve efficiency and to adapt the organisation to the changing market conditions.

The Provimi Group is active worldwide in all types of animal nutrition and is a leader in all markets where it is present. It employs over 8,000 people and had annual sales of € 1.9 billion in 2007. Provimi has about 100 production centres in some 30 countries and exports to over 100. Provimi manufactures products and supplies technical support for various species, including ruminants, poultry, swine and pets.

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This press release, together with the Groups' half-year 2008 condensed interim consolidated financial statements will be available on the Group's website: <http://www.provimi.com> and will also be available upon request at the company's head office.