

PVA TePla AG: Growth in sales revenues and earnings in Q1 2009

- **Consolidated sales revenues of EUR 38.6 million (previous year: EUR 34.6 million)**
- **EBIT at EUR 4.7 million (previous year: EUR 2.2 million)**
- **Incoming orders of EUR 16.3 million (previous year: EUR 33.1 million)**
- **Order backlog of EUR 125.7 million (previous year: EUR 135.6 million)**
- **Annual guidance confirmed**

(Wettenberg, 13.05.2009) – PVA TePla AG, Wettenberg, one of the world's leading manufacturers of vacuum and high-temperature systems, achieved sales revenues of EUR 38.6 million in the first quarter of 2009, up from EUR 34.6 million in the previous year period. Operating profit (EBIT) rose significantly year-on-year from EUR 2.2 million to EUR 4.7 million.

The Industrial Systems division, the structure of the divisions was altered at the start of 2009, achieved sales revenues at the same level as the previous year period at EUR 10.9 million. The Semiconductor Systems division likewise posted sales revenues of EUR 10.9 million (previous year: EUR 16.0 million). At EUR 16.9 million (previous year: EUR 7.7 million), the Solar Systems division was the group's strongest in terms of sales revenues.

Operating profit (EBIT) improved significantly year-on-year from EUR 2.2 million to EUR 4.7 million. The EBIT margin is thus 12.2%. Consolidated sales revenues reached EUR 2.9 million (previous year: EUR 1.6 million)

In the first quarter of 2009, the order situation for the PVA TePla Group was significantly weaker in comparison to the previous year period, which was expected and accounted for in the internal planning. Incoming orders came to EUR 16.3 million (previous year: EUR 33.1 million). At EUR 4.5 million, incoming orders at the Industrial Systems division during the first three

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months were considerably down on the previous year's high figure of EUR 17.1 million. The current economic crisis is particularly affecting willingness to invest in the hard metal market within this division. The Semiconductor Systems division recorded incoming orders amounting to EUR 8.5 million (previous year: EUR 5.3 million). Demand for floatzone systems from the PVA TePla branch in Denmark played a major role in this. Incoming orders for the Solar Systems division came to EUR 3.2 million (previous year: EUR 10.7 million). In this division discussions are continuing to be held with customers across the world about interesting projects expected to be implemented in the second half of the year.

Cash flow from operating activities amounted to EUR 4.5 million in the first quarter (previous year: EUR -5.8 million). Cash flow from investing activities improved to EUR -1.1 million (previous year: EUR -4.0 million) due to completion of the construction measures. Cash and cash equivalents increased significantly on the previous year period from EUR 3.4 million to EUR 8.2 million.

PVA TePla reiterates its guidance for fiscal year 2009 of expected consolidated sales at the same level as the previous year and an EBIT margin of between 9% and 11%.

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