

PVA TePla: Good Half-year Results

- **Consolidated sales revenues EUR 63.9m (previous year: EUR 76.5m)**
- **Operating profit (EBIT) EUR 7.0m (previous year: EUR 9.4m)**
- **Order backlog EUR 56.2m (previous year: EUR 103.9m)**
- **Sales and earnings forecast confirmed**

(Wettenberg, August 13, 2010) – In the first half of 2010, the PVA TePla Group – a specialist in systems for the crystallization of semiconductor and solar silicon and in vacuum and high-temperature systems – generated consolidated sales revenues of EUR 63.9 million (previous year: EUR 76.5 million). The EBIT amounted to EUR 7.0 million (previous year: EUR 9.4 million). As at June 30, 2010, the order backlog amounted to EUR 56.2 million (previous year: EUR 103.9 million). The sales and earnings forecast for fiscal year 2010 are confirmed with expected sales revenues of EUR 120 million and an EBIT margin of between 8% and 10%.

The Industrial Systems division generated sales revenues of EUR 12.2 million (previous year: EUR 23.2 million), the Semiconductor Systems division achieved EUR 11.9 million (previous year: EUR 21.5 million), and Solar Systems EUR 39.7 million (previous year: EUR 31.8 million).

EBIT amounted to EUR 7.0 million (previous year: EUR 9.4 million), which results in an EBIT margin of 10.9% (previous year: 12.3%). Consolidated net profit for the period amounted to EUR 4.2 million (previous year: EUR 6.1 million)

Incoming orders in the first half of 2010 increased year-on-year from EUR 29.9 million to EUR 41.7 million, leading to a book-to-bill ratio of 0.7 (previous year: 0.4). Incoming orders developed at different rates in the individual product areas over the first two quarters. Business in the areas of vacuum, plasma and analysis systems has significantly picked up while in the Solar Systems division supply agreements are expected to be concluded during the second half of the year. As at June 30, 2010, the order backlog totalled EUR 56.2 million (previous year: EUR 103.9 million).

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The liquidity situation of the PVA TePla Group also remained strong in the first half of 2010. Operating cash flow was EUR 10.0 million (previous year: EUR 17.6 million). For fiscal year 2010, the previous forecast of consolidated sales revenues amounting to EUR 120 million and an EBIT margin of between 8% and 10% is reaffirmed.

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