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Our auditor, Deloitte Bedrijfsrevisoren/ Reviseurs d'Entreprises, represented by Luc Van Coppenolle, has confirmed that his audit procedures of the consolidated financial statements are substantially completed and that these procedures have not revealed any material modification that would have to be made to the accounting information, derived from the consolidated financial statements and included in this communiqué.

Consolidated statement for the year 31 December 2008		
'000 EUR	31/12/2008	31/12/2007
Continuing operations		
Revenue	103.366	127.399
Other operating income	582	394
Changes in inv. of finished goods and wip	-3.545	500
Raw materials and consumables used	-80.643	-91.449
Employee benefits expense	-10.896	-11.179
Depreciation and amortisation expense	-3.155	-3.115
Restoration cost	-	-1.365
Other operating expenses	-7.558	-8.029
Operating profit / (loss)	-1.849	13.156
Investment revenues	26	14
Hedging Results	3.844	-2.318
Other gains and losses	-	-
Finance costs	-655	-978
Profit before tax	1.366	9.874
Income tax expense	-306	-3.481
Profit for the year from continuing operations	1.060	6.393
<i>Profit for the year</i>	<u>1.060</u>	<u>6.393</u>
Attributable to:		
Equity holders of the parent	1.060	6.393
Minority interest	-	-
	<u>1.060</u>	<u>6.393</u>
Earnings per share	0,71	4,26
From continuing operations:		
Basic	0,71	4,26
Diluted	-	-

Campine Consolidated – IFRS Basis

Key-figures Campine Consolidated (IFRS)		
In '000 EUR	31/12/2008	31/12/2007
Revenue	103.366	127.399
Result of operating activities	-1.849	13.156
Net financial result	3.215	-3.282
Result of operating activities after net financial result	1.366	9.874
Tax expense	-306	-3.481
Result of the period	1.060	6.393
Group share in the net result of the period	1.060	6.393

Net result per share (in EUR) (1.500.000 shares)		
Result of operating activities	-1,23	8,77
Group share in the net result of the period	0,71	4,26

- ◆ In 2008 the Campine Group realised a turnover of 103.37 million EUR compared to 127.40 million EUR in 2007 (-19%).
- ◆ The operating profit fell sharply to -1.85 million EUR (2007: 13.16 million EUR). The fall is partly due to lower margins and volumes in all BU's in particular in the last quarter. Profit on physical deliveries of Lead lowered as prices fell in 2008 compared to a sharp rise in the first half of 2007. This was largely offset by the profit on the hedge. Antimony prices fell sharply too in the last quarter; affecting the result negatively.
- ◆ Battery reception hall: The floor of the new hall - built to increase capacity and to improve the environmental standard of the recycling of old batteries – has been repaired and the hall was in use again since 1st August 2008.
- ◆ Net financial profit was 3.22 million EUR compared to a cost of 3.28 million EUR in 2007. Interest expenses decreased to 0.66 million EUR (0.98 million EUR in 2007) as the Group borrowing reduced due to lower metal prices and stocks in Campine Recycling. The lead hedging resulted in a net profit of 3.84 million EUR (a net cost of 2.32 million in 2007).
- ◆ The profit after taxes reduced to 1.06 million EUR, compared to 6.39 million EUR in 2007.
- ◆ Dividend proposed is 0.75 million EUR (0.5 EUR gross per share). In 2008 a dividend of 3 million EUR (2 EUR gross per share) was paid.

Results per Business Unit

- ◆ **Campine Recycling:** Turnover decreased significantly to 50.79 million EUR (61.83 million EUR in 2007) (-18%) while the volume of our deliveries only reduced slightly to 40,453 mT (43,379 mT in 2007) (- 7%).

The LME-lead prices started the year 2008 at a level of 2,608 USD/mT in January. After a short rise in February with a peak around 3,450 USD/mT, the LME-lead price started to decrease to 1,540 USD/mT in July and finally ended the year at a low of 900 USD/mT.

This sharp decrease in LME-lead price was only partly followed by the raw material market, which has resulted in lower margins recently.

The volume of Lead sold forward on the LME was 5,700 mT at 31 December 2007. This was decreased in stages to 4,000 mT on 30 June 2008, 3,075 mT on 30 September 2008 and finally 900 mT on 31 December 2008.

- ◆ **Antimony:** Turnover decreased to 38.59 million EUR (47.47 million EUR in 2007) (-19%) while volume reduced to 9,133 mT (10,660 mT in 2007) (-14%).

Antimony metal prices went up gradually from 5,614 USD/mT in average in January 2008 to 6,750 USD/mT on average in September 2008, but fell back to 4,462 USD/mT at 31 December 2008.

Prices in EUR followed the same trend from 3,815 EUR/mT in average in January 2008 to 4,697 EUR/mT on average in September, but went down to 3,318 EUR/mT at 31 December 2008.

Pressure on margins still remains, both for specialties as well as the standard qualities but our quality and service enables a competitive position to be held.

- ◆ **Plastics:** The plastics department realised a turnover of 14.27 million EUR (18.53 million EUR in 2007) (-25%) Volume lowered drastically to 4,422 mT (2007: 5,518 mT) (-20%) mainly as a consequence of the disappointing turnover of the last quarter due to the economic recession.

Perspectives 2009

- ◆ Results will be affected by the development of metal prices and the economic situation. We expect a challenging year. We will proceed with our important strategic projects so that once the economic situation improves, we can benefit immediately from it.
- ◆ Campine Recycling, a key supplier to the battery market, also felt the effects of the auto industry's downturn. Lower demand for new cars reduces demand for new batteries and thus also the market for our products and specialties.
- ◆ Antimony & Plastics: Although we continue the current product, process and business development projects it will be difficult - due to the economic circumstances - to realise positive results in 2009.

Dividend

The dividend of the financial year 2008, which ended on 31-12-08 is payable from 29 May 2009 at Fortis Bank, ING and KBC against presentation of coupon no. 4 and will be transferred automatically for the registered shares.

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