



RESULTS 1st half 2007

ACERINOX GROUP ACHIEVES THE BEST HALF-YEARLY RESULTS IN ITS HISTORY

Net Profit, 411 million euros, is four times higher than the figure achieved in same period 2006.

Markets

During the first half 2007 the stainless steel market has been characterized by the strong demand, which has allowed to transfer to customers the exceptional cost increases of raw materials, mainly of nickel, which price has tripled since the beginning of 2006.

The strong correction of the nickel prices in the London Metal Exchange from the middle of May has slowed down purchases from stockists, who await a new stabilization of the nickel prices and consequently of the alloy surcharges.

OFFICIAL NICKEL PRICE IN THE L.M.E. (16-July-2007)



This nickel correction, necessary in view of the untenable price levels of the previous months, will have a positive effect in the medium term because it will decrease the stainless steel prices and will stimulate demand.

Nevertheless, in the short term, it will affect the apparent consumption for the third quarter, because the stockists will try to sell off their inventories before placing new orders.

The current inventory level in the market make us expect its fast recovery, favoured by a greater competitiveness of prices once the nickel stabilizes.

Productions

In this context, the total melting production of the Group, 1,314,379 Mt, is 4.6% higher than the output achieved in the first half of 2006.

Thousand Mt	2007				Accumulated	2006	2005	2004
	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q				
Melting shop	659.8	654.6			1,314.4	2,588.3	2,241.6	2,329.7
Hot rolling shop	570.7	580.0			1,150.7	2,248.8	2,012.4	2,071.6
Cold rolling shop	389.1	399.6			788.7	1,595.1	1,470.0	1,365.8
Long product (Hot rolling)	62.7	61.1			123.8	251.9	196.8	188.1

Results

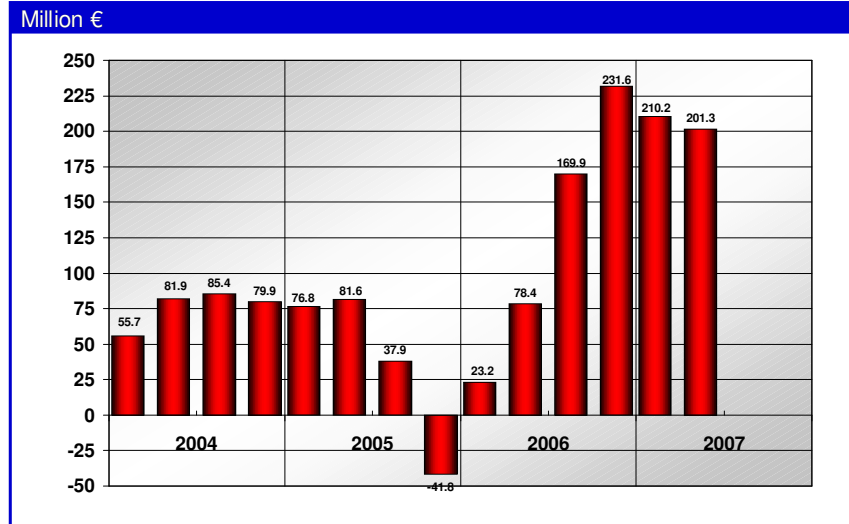
Net sales of the Consolidated Group, 4,313 million euros, increases by 77% with regard to 2006 like period. Result after taxes and minorities achieved in the first half of the year, 411.55 million euros, is four times the result obtained during the same period of the previous year. Its quarterly breakdown shows the consistent margins achieved during the first six months of the year. With similar sales, the EBITDA margin has been higher than 17% in both quarters.

ACERINOX CONSOLIDATED GROUP - CONDENSED PROFIT & LOSS ACCOUNT

Million €	1 st Quarter	2 nd Quarter	1 st Half		
			2007	2006	Variation
Net sales	2,143.58	2,169.71	4,313.29	2,436.68	77.0%
Gross margin	606.84	591.03	1,197.87	636.64	88.2%
% over sales	28.3%	27.2%	27.8%	26.1%	
EBITDA	381.64	373.37	755.01	196.75	283.7%
% over sales	17.8%	17.2%	17.5%	8.1%	
EBIT	343.56	335.26	678.82	169.41	300.7%
% over sales	16.0%	15.5%	15.7%	7.0%	
Result before taxes	331.31	313.47	644.79	159.74	303.7%
Result after taxes and minorities	210.22	201.33	411.55	101.53	305.3%
Depreciation	32.66	32.72	65.37	67.02	-2.5%
Net cash flow	242.87	234.05	476.92	168.55	182.9%

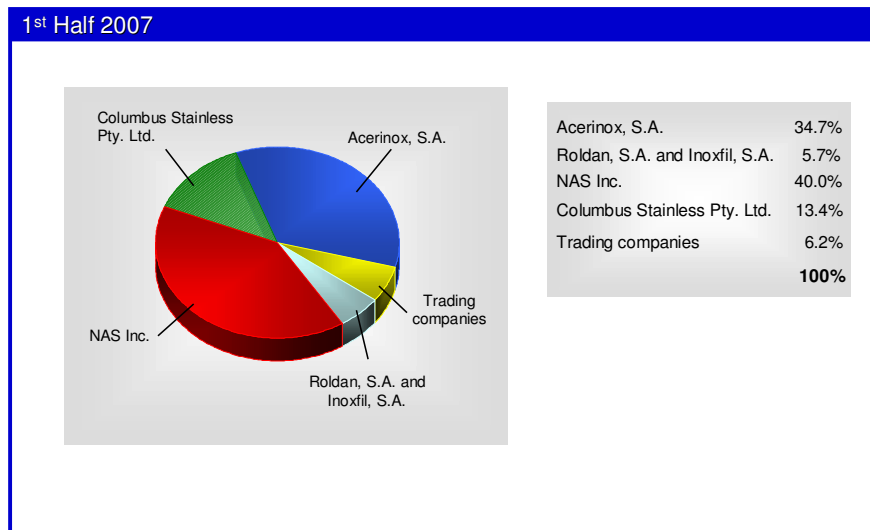
Regarding the quarterly results evolution, for third consecutive quarter, result after taxes and minorities remains higher than 200 million euros.

QUARTERLY EVOLUTION OF THE RESULT AFTER TAXES AND MINORITIES. ACERINOX GROUP



In the contribution by companies to the Consolidated Group result after taxes and minorities, NORTH AMERICAN STAINLESS (NAS) stands out with 40%, followed by the parent company, ACERINOX, S.A. with 34.7%.

CONTRIBUTION TO THE RESULT AFTER TAXES AND MINORITIES CONSOLIDATED GROUP



The evolution of Consolidated Group balance sheet figures during the last twelve months shows an increase of the working capital, due to the nickel price increase.

However, the Group net leverage, 1,262 million euros, remain stable from December 2006. The gearing ratio has decreased to 48.5%.

ACERINOX CONSOLIDATED GROUP - CONDENSED BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS

Million €	Jun-07	Dec-06	Jun-06
Non-current assets	1,603.24	1,599.09	1,642.27
Current assets	3,920.56	3,260.31	2,146.69
- Inventories	2,384.35	2,138.52	1,281.71
- Trade and other receivables	1,381.00	1,041.42	755.23
- Cash and other current assets	155.22	80.37	109.75
TOTAL ASSETS	5,523.80	4,859.41	3,788.96

LIABILITIES

Million €	Jun-07	Dec-06	Jun-06
Equity	2,603.00	2,280.28	1,973.65
Non-current liabilities	873.51	494.74	463.48
- Interest-bearing loans and borrowings	566.91	190.77	223.21
- Other non-current liabilities	306.60	303.97	240.26
Current liabilities	2,047.28	2,084.39	1,351.83
- Interest-bearing loans and borrowings	811.01	1,107.22	659.23
- Other current liabilities	1,236.28	977.17	692.60
TOTAL EQUITY AND LIABILITIES	5,523.80	4,859.41	3,788.96

Information by companies

<i>Thousand Mt</i>	MELTING PRODUCTION			
	1 st Quarter 07	2 nd Quarter 07	1 st Half 07	% over 2006
Acerinox, S.A.	249.2	249.1	498.3	-3.0%
NAS	215.8	223.8	439.5	2.5%
Columbus	194.9	181.7	376.5	19.8%
Acerinox Group	659.8	654.6	1,314.4	4.6%

<i>Million €</i>	NET SALES			
	1 st Quarter 07	2 nd Quarter 07	1 st Half 07	% over 2006
Acerinox Group	2,143.6	2,169.7	4,313.3	77.0%
Acerinox, S.A.	801.4	781.5	1,582.9	64.6%
NAS (million USD)	935.2	1,032.4	1,967.6	88.1%
Columbus	496.3	544.7	1,040.9	115.2%

<i>Million €</i>	PROFIT AFTER TAXES AND MINORITIES			
	1 st Quarter 07	2 nd Quarter 07	1 st Half 07	% over 2006
Acerinox Group	210.2	201.3	411.5	305.3%
Acerinox, S.A.	92.7	68.9	161.6	369.3%
NAS (million USD)	98.9	114.3	213.2	272.1%
Columbus	39.8	32.3	72.2	1153.0%

Main economic & financial figures

CONSOLIDATED GROUP	Year 2007			Year 2006	
	1 st Quarter	2 nd Quarter	1 st Half	1 st Half	Full Year
Production (Mt.)					
- Melting shop	659,828	654,551	1,314,379	1,256,999	2,588,278
- Hot rolling shop	570,705	580,003	1,150,708	1,079,748	2,248,841
- Cold rolling shop	389,135	399,600	788,735	780,235	1,595,054
- Long product (hot rolling)	62,742	61,072	123,814	130,320	251,926
Net sales (million €)					
Group	2,143.58	2,169.71	4,313.29	2,436.68	5,637.23
- Acerinox, S.A.	801,45	781,47	1,582.92	961.95	2,278.89
- NAS (million USD)	935,23	1,032,37	1,967.60	1,046.14	2,504.98
- Columbus	496,26	544,68	1,040.94	483.80	1,458.61
EBITDA (million €)	381.64	373.37	755.01	196.75	957.78
- % over sales	17.8%	17.2%	17.5%	8.1%	17.0%
EBIT (million €)	343.56	335.26	678.82	169.41	858.41
- % over sales	16.0%	15.5%	15.7%	7.0%	15.2%
Result before taxes and minorities (million €)	331.31	313.47	644.79	159.74	800.48
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Depreciation (million €)	32.66	32.72	65.37	67.02	131.78
Net cash flow (million €)	242.87	234.05	476.92	168.55	634.77
Number of employees	7,286	7,372	7,372	7,047	7,204
Net financial debt (million €)	1,442.62	1,261.87	1,261.87	781.81	1,254.32
Debt to equity (%)	55.4%	48.5%	48.5%	39.6%	55.0%
Number of shares (million)	259.50	259.50	259.50	259.50	259.50
Return to shareholders (per share)	0.10	0.10	0.20	0.14	0.34
Return to shareholders (million €)	25.95	25.95	51.90	36.33	88.23
Daily average shares traded (nº of shares, million)	3.02	2.64	2.83	2.25	2.27
Result after taxes and minorities per share	0.81	0.78	1.59	0.39	1.94
Net cash flow per share	0.94	0.90	1.84	0.65	2.45