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CFE

First half 2010 results

- . Growth of consolidated revenue and operating profit**
- . Order book maintained at high level**

Compagnie d'Entreprises CFE's Board of Directors examined and approved the financial statements for the first half of 2010 at its meeting on August 25, 2010.

Consolidated revenue for the first half of 2010 amounted to €870 million, up 12% on the €777 million reported for the first half of 2009.

Operating profit was €48.4 million, up 4% against the €46.5 million reported for the first half of 2009. Taking into account the decrease of the share in the results of associated companies, the net profit attributable to the group went down with 6% and amounted to €32.1 million from €34.3 million for the first half of 2009.

The Group's order book remained at a high level: €2,020 million at July 1, 2010, compared with €2,024 million at January 1, 2010.

1. Order book, revenue and results by division

Construction division

The division's sales fell 9% to €345 million, compared with €380 million for the first half of 2009. Activity declined significantly in Luxembourg and to a lesser extent in Central Europe, reflecting the economic climate.

The activity in the building sector was affected by bad weather in January and February, which led to the temporary suspension of many construction sites. Despite the difficult winter conditions, civil engineering activity was up slightly.

Operating profit fell to €6 million, against €15.2 million at June 30, 2009. This decline was far from general since MBG, CFE Brabant, BPC and GEKA continued to generate satisfactory results. However, the impact of the economic crisis and the fall in sales significantly reduced the contribution to profit from companies in Poland and Luxembourg. With regard to major projects, the situation on the Diabolo and Liefkenshoek railway tunnel evolved satisfactorily. On an important site in the Netherlands, the situation is more difficult and an agreement was reached with the client extending the delivery cycle and settling some contractual issues. No margin was recognised on the new international projects (in Chad and Tunisia) as they were still in their start-up phase.

The net profit amounted to €4.9 million (€11.2 million at June 30, 2009).

The construction division's order book stood at €873 million at July 1, 2010, compared with €845 million at January 1, 2010, representing 3.3% growth on an actual basis and 1% growth on a constant consolidation scope basis. The order book for exports outside Europe increased by almost €50 million but was down by some €40 million for Central Europe and the Benelux countries on a constant consolidation scope basis, the decline being attributable mainly to the execution of major civil engineering contracts won in previous periods. There was an overall trend towards stabilisation in the order book for companies operating in the building sector.

During the month of June, CFE acquired a majority shareholding in Terryn, Belgium's market leader in bonded laminates. This acquisition, in the amount of €10.9 million, aims to meet changes in the construction market in terms of sustainable development.

Real estate development and management services division

Real estate development and management services business remained steady, with a satisfactory level of sales of residential projects.

At the end of the first half, the first building of the "South City" complex near the Midi railway station in Brussels was sold. BPI, a minority shareholder in the project, generated a capital gain on this transaction, which contributed to an improvement in the division's net profit. Net profit amounted to €0.9 million, against €0.6 million in June 2009.

Also at the end of the first half, CLi, the real estate development subsidiary operating in Luxembourg, acquired a 25% holding in the "Château de Beggen" residential project and a 50% holding in the "Ronndriesch" office building project. Development of these projects will boost the Group's construction activity in that country since CLE, the Luxembourg construction subsidiary, is in charge of the works.

Dredging and environment division

(The figures given below for DEME are at 100%; CFE owns 50% of that company's capital.)

Revenue rose sharply to €888 million from €647 million in June 2009.

Operating profit was €81.3 million, against €59.5 million in June 2009, and DEME's net profit was €55.6 million.

DEME's order book remained at a high level: €2,073 million (at 100%) compared with €2,122 million at the beginning of the year. Many new orders were booked during the period, including in Mexico, Russia, Germany and the United Kingdom, as well as India and Malaysia.

DEME continued to carry out its investment programme. The *Flintstone*, a fall pipe vessel with a load capacity of 19,000 tonnes and the ability to place rocks at a great depth, was launched at the end of April. The vessel, which will be used in the company's oil and gas business activity, will be fully operational during the first half of 2011.

A complementary investment programme for three new units totalling €260 million was approved. The new units are scheduled for delivery in mid-2010.

Multitechnics division

Revenue remained stable, amounting to €69 million, against €64 million for the first half of 2009. This change reflects the impact of the first consolidation of Van De Maele Multi-Techniek.

The operating profit of VMA, Van De Maele Multi-Techniek and companies operating in railway signalling and electrification remained on target, but the markets for service sector electricity and air conditioning continued to be difficult. The operating profit, in progression, was €2.1 million, compared with €0.2 million in 2009. Note that the air conditioning company generated a significant loss during the first half of 2009.

The division's order book demonstrated similar stability and amounted to €104 million, against €109 million at the beginning of the year.

During the first quarter, CFE exercised the option enabling it to acquire the remainder of Druart's share capital, representing an investment of €3.05 million.

PPP – Concessions division

The design and construction works for the Liefkenshoek railway tunnel in Antwerp and the Coentunnel in Amsterdam are under way. Operations started at the car park in Turnhout developed in partnership with VINCI Park.

CFE continued to study new public-private partnership projects, in particular those involving schools in the German-speaking part of Belgium, the A15 motorway project in Rotterdam and the hospital in Antwerp. Final proposals for the first two of these projects have been submitted, with decisions expected during the fourth quarter.

Rent-A-Port continued to provide port services and facilities development and the joint-venture company formed by the Omani government and the Antwerp Port consortium won the concession for Duqm port in Oman.

The division generated an operating loss, mainly due to the cost of studies under way (€-1.6 million).

Net profit amounted to €-1.0 million.

2. Notes to the condensed consolidated financial statements, cash flow and Capex tables

Net financial debt (*) at the end of June 2010 was €-278 million, against €-152 million at the end of December 2009. This debt is made up of long-term debt of €323 million offset by net short-term cash of €45 million.

Cash flows from investing activities for the first half of the year amounted to €145 million, compared with €101 million for the first half of 2009. These investments amounted to €126 million for DEME, which continued to implement the programme approved at the beginning of 2009, and to €19 million at CFE, which namely acquired the remainder of Druart's share capital and a majority shareholding in Terryyn, Belgium's market leader in bonded laminates, during the first half of the year.

Driven by major projects at both DEME and CFE, as well as the real estate developments described above, working capital requirement increased by €61 million.

Equity in progression with €14.1 million amounted to €437.9 million (€423.8 million at the end of 2009).

CFE has confirmed long-term credit facilities totalling more than €135 million, of which €50 million were unused at June 30, 2010.

DEME's investments in dredgers and other marine works equipment are financed under separate arrangements.

(*) The net financial debt doesn't take into account the fair value of derivative instruments.

3. 2010 outlook

Revenue is expected to be slightly up on that of the previous period, while net profit should be close to that of 2009.

4. Shareholder base

In application of the regulations governing transparency (Clause II of the Law of May 2, 2007 and the Royal Decree of February 14, 2008), Compagnie d'Entreprises CFE received notification from JPMorgan Asset Management Holdings Inc. on April 26, 2010 regarding a shareholding in the company. The notification advised that, as of April 13, 2010, JPMorgan Asset Management (UK) Limited, headquartered at 245 Park Avenue, New York, NY 10167, USA, held 401,433 voting rights attached to Compagnie d'Entreprises CFE shares, i.e. 3.07% of the company's voting rights.

On April 28, 2010, JPMorgan Asset Management Holdings Inc. advised Compagnie d'Entreprises CFE that JPMorgan Asset Management (UK) Limited held 391,824 shares in the company, giving it 2.99% of the company's voting rights as of April 23, 2010. Through its sale of shares, JPMorgan Asset Management (UK) Limited reduced its interest in Compagnie d'Entreprises CFE to below the 3% notification threshold set in the company's Articles of Association.

5. Corporate governance

The Ordinary Shareholders' Meeting of May 6, 2010 renewed the appointment of Bernard Huvelin as director for four years. It also appointed as directors, for the same period, Jean Rossi, representing VINCI Construction, and SA Consuco, represented by Alfred Bouckaert. SA Consuco meets the independence criteria defined in Article 526 ter of the Belgian Company Code and Belgium's Corporate Governance Code. The Shareholders' Meeting also appointed as director for four years SA C.G.O., represented by Philippe Delaunois. This company is not considered an independent director as its representative has served on the board for more than three consecutive terms.

Given the enlargement of the Board of Directors, the total annual amount of Directors' Fees was set at €325,000.

The Shareholders' Meeting also renewed the appointment of Deloitte, Reviseurs d'Entreprises, SC s.f.d. SCRL as Auditor for a period of three years. SCRL will be represented by Pierre-Hugues Bonnefoy.

The Extraordinary Shareholders' Meeting of May 6 renewed the authorisation granted to the Board to increase the company's share capital by a maximum of €2,500,000.

6. Significant economic data by division

<u>Order book</u> <i>(in million euro)</i>	July 1st, 2010	January 1st, 2010	Variation %
Construction	873.1	845.0	3.3%
<u>Real estate and associated services</u>	<u>6.5</u>	<u>9.4</u>	<u>n.s.</u>
Sub-total	879.6	854.4	3.0%
Dredging and environment	1,036.6	1,061.0	-2.3%
Multitechnics	104.1	108.7	-4.2%
PPP-Concessions	-	-	-
Total consolidated	2,020.3	2,024.2	-0.2%

<u>Revenue</u> <i>(in million euro)</i>	June 30, 2010	June 30, 2009	Variation %
Construction	344.7	380.1	-9.3%
Real estate and associated services	10.1	12.9	n.s.
<u>Inventory effect</u>	<u>5.0</u>	<u>1.8</u>	<u>n.s.</u>
Sub-total	359.9	394.9	-8.9%
Dredging and environment	443.9	323.6	37.2%
Multitechnics	68.7	63.9	7.5%
PPP-Concessions	1.2	1.7	-30.1%
Inter divisions eliminations	-4.2	-7.5	n.s.
Total consolidated	869.5	776.6	+12%

<u>Contribution to the operating result</u> <i>(in thousands of euro)</i>	June 30, 2010	June 30, 2009	Variation %
Construction	6,038	15,244	-60.4%
Real estate and associated services	2,628	2,357	+11.5%
<u>Inventory effect</u>	<u>-274</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>n.s.</u>
Sub-total	8,392	17,611	-52.4%
Dredging and environment (*)	40,359	29,310	37.7%
Multitechnics	2,094	194	n.s.
PPP-Concessions	-1,609	-656	n.s.
Holding and others	-398	-6	n.s.
Inventory effects (others)	-406	-	-
Total consolidated	48,431	46,453	+4.3%

<u>Contribution to the net result</u> <i>(in thousands of euro)</i>	June 30, 2010	June 30, 2009	Variation %
Construction	4,925	11,197	-56%
Real estate and associated services	902	582	+55%
<u>Inventory effect</u>	<u>-221</u>	<u>-4</u>	<u>n.s.</u>
Sub-total	5,606	11,775	-52.4%
Dredging and environment (*)	27,524	23,171	+18.8%
Multitechnics	997	-569	n.s.
PPP-Concessions	-1,024	-146	n.s.
Holding and others	-555	54	n.s.
Inventory effects (others)	-406	-	-
Total consolidated	32,142	34,284	-6.3%

(*) after appropriation of quote-part central costs and other corrections

7. Condensed consolidated statement of financial position

<i>(in thousand euro)</i>	June 30, 2010	December 31, 2009
Intangible assets	8,233	6,913
Goodwill	34,419	25,791
Property, plant and equipment	678,268	600,858
Property investments	14,984	13,306
Investments in associates	7,633	8,432
Other non current financial assets	13,772	14,824
Fair value of derivative instrument assets	-	26
Other non current assets	8,974	6,774
Deferred tax assets	9,810	3,598
Total non current assets	776,093	680,522
Inventories	173,847	147,060
Trade receivables and other operating receivables	731,926	674,327
Other current assets	37,315	38,148
Fair value of derivative instruments - current assets	283	154
Current financial assets	1,058	55
Cash and cash equivalents	186,185	170,546
Total current assets	1,130,614	1,030,290
Total assets	1,906,707	1,710,812
Issued capital	21,375	21,375
Share premium	61,463	61,463
Gain on revaluation	1,088	1,088
Reserves relating to hedging instruments	-6,469	-2,460
Retained earnings	352,069	336,805
Translation differences	4,921	-4,928
Equity - part of the group	434,447	413,343

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<i>(in thousand euro)</i>	June 30, 2010	December 31, 2009
Minority interest	3,477	10,428
Equity	437,924	423,771
Pensions and other employee benefits	18,814	18,601
Provisions	1,685	2,298
Other non current liabilities	34,478	32,798
Financial debts	323,336	228,092
Fair value of derivative instruments liabilities - non current	18,681	4,082
Deferred tax liabilities	4,165	2,529
Total non current liabilities	401,159	288,400
Provisions for termination losses	19,463	18,890
Provisions for other current risks	35,077	34,916
Trade payables & other operating liabilities	556,703	548,172
Tax liability due for payment	11,481	22,245
Current financial debts	140,923	94,753
Other current liabilities	19,401	8,594
Fair value of derivative instruments liabilities - current	284,576	271,072
Total current liabilities	1,067,624	998,642
Total Equity and liabilities	1,906,707	1,710,812

8. Condensed consolidated statement of comprehensive income

<i>(in thousands of euro)</i>	June 30, 2010	June 30, 2009
Revenue	869,500	776,555
Revenue from auxiliary activities	21,776	27,251
Purchases	-525,257	-455,466
Wages, salaries and social charges	-161,434	-153,950
Other operating charges	-111,934	-109,674
Depreciations	-44,220	-38,263
Operating result	48,431	46,453
Gross financial debt charge	-6.110	-7.769
Financial income from cash investments	2,975	2,612
Financial charges	-19,763	-10,710
Financial income	15,951	9,679
Financial result	-6,947	-6,188
Profit before taxes for the period	41,484	40,265
Income tax expense	-8,560	-7,022

<i>(in thousands of euro)</i>	June 30, 2010	June 30, 2009
Result of the period	32,924	33,243
Share in the result of associated companies	-15	1,161
Result (including minority interests) for the period	32,909	34,404
Minority interests	-767	-120
Net result of the group	32,142	34,284

Other elements of comprehensive income

<i>(in thousands of euro)</i>	June 30, 2010	June 30, 2009
Result for the period (including minority interests)	32,909	34,404
Financial instruments : change in fair values	-5,941	-1,623
Currency translation differences	9,903	610
Deferred taxes	1,932	-
Change in consolidation mode (net of deferred taxes)	-	11,108
Other elements of the comprehensive income	5,894	10,095
Comprehensive income	38,803	44,499
- Attributable to the group	37,982	44,379
- Attributable to minority interests	821	120
Net result of the group per share (EUR) (diluted and basic)	2.46	2.62
Comprehensive income per share (EUR) (diluted and basic)	2.96	3.40

9. Key figures per share

	<u>June 30, 2010</u>	<u>June 30, 2009</u>
<u>Total number of shares</u>	13,092,260	13,092,260
Operating result after deduction of the net financial charges per share	3.17	3.08
Net profit of the group per share	2.46	2.62

10. Share information

At 30 June 30, 2010, there were 13,092,260 shares, each conferring one voting right. No convertible bonds or warrants had been issued. The financial institutions through whom owners of financial instruments may exercise their financial rights are BNP Paribas Fortis, Banque Degroof and ING Belgique. Banque Degroof has been designated Main Paying Agent.

11. 2010–2011 calendar

- November 15, 2010: interim statement for the second half of 2010
- Week of February 21 to 25, 2011: publication of 2010 annual results
- May 5, 2011: Ordinary Shareholders' Meeting

12. Comments

The notes to the condensed interim consolidated financial statements were prepared in accordance with IAS 34 and will be published on www.cfe.be after 17.40 on Thursday, August 26, 2010.

Auditor's report

The Auditor, Deloitte Reviseurs d'Entreprises, represented by Pierre-Hugues Bonnefoy, has confirmed that the full audit, now completed, revealed no material corrections to be made to the accounting information presented in this press release.

CFE is a multidisciplinary group of companies active in construction and associated services, quoted on Euronext Brussels and of which VINCI holds 47% of the capital. CFE is one of the important actors in the construction industry in Belgium and is also present in the Netherlands, Luxemburg and in Central Europe. CFE owns 50% of DEME, one of the world's leading dredging contractors.

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