

Financial results of SIDMA S.A. for the period ending 30 September 2006

Substantial increase of SIDMA's profitability.

SIDMA Group announces the increase of consolidated profitability by 143% during the nine month period of 2006 compared to the one of 2005, according to I.F.R.S.. Company profits increased by 153%.

Specifically, consolidated gross profit margin increased by 34% (from 12% to 16%). This fact combined with the decrease of administration expenses more than doubled Profits before taxes. At company level the gross profit margin increase is 35,4% (from 11,2% to 15,1%).

Consolidated profit amounted to €17,7 million, registering a 60% increase compared to that of the first nine months of 2005. The consolidated results before taxes amounted to €9,1 million, registering a 143% increase compared to €3,7 million of the first nine months of 2005. Finally, the consolidated profit after taxes and minority interests was €5,9 million compared to €2,6 million of the first nine months of 2005, registering a 125% increase.

The consolidated turnover of SIDMA S.A. including consignment sales amounted to €160 million compared to €138 million during the corresponding period of the last year, representing a 16% increase. The consolidated turnover of SIDMA S.A. amounted to €110 million compared to €92 million in the corresponding period in 2005, representing an increase of 20%.

The Group's results were boosted by subsidiary Panelco which increased its sales by 25% from €12,5 million, during the corresponding period of the last year, to €15,6 million and its profits before taxes by 125% from €859 thousand to €1,9 million for the same periods. In addition, Group's subsidiaries in Bulgaria and Romania presented gains for the third quarter of 2006: SID-PAC Steel and Construction Products S.R.L in Romania presented sales of €5,2 million whereas SID – PAC BULGARIA presented sales of €3,4 million. SID – PAC BULGARIA started its commercial operation only in May 2006. Construction of new steel service centers in both countries is expected to finish during the second quarter of 2007.

Group's EBITDA increased by 89%, from €7,1 million to €13,4 million.

At company level, gross profit amounted to €14,1 million, registering a 58,7% increase compared to that of the first nine months of 2005. The results before taxes amounted to €7,7 million, registering a 153% increase compared to €3,0 million of the first nine months of 2005 and profit after taxes amounted to €5,4 million compared to €2,3 million of the first nine months of 2005, registering a 139% increase. Finally, SIDMA's EBITDA increased by 90% from €5,6 million to €10,7 million.

The company, apart from the Balkan subsidiaries, continues its investment program, consisting of the construction of new warehouses at Inofita area as well as the expansion of its mechanical equipment. Company expects the construction works to finish by June 2007 and subsequently move the P. Ralli warehouse to Aspropyrgos.