

## **AUGUSTA publishes interim figures for the first nine months: On course with operations and strategies**

- **Profitability still high in the segments**
- **Confirmation of 2008 EBIT guidance**

**Munich, November 10, 2008.** In the first nine months of the current fiscal year, AUGUSTA Technologie AG (ISIN DE000A0D6612), which specializes in sensor systems and automation technologies, increased its operating business compared with the previous year despite the approaching recession. However, the companies of the AUGUSTA Group also felt the effects of the financial crisis on the real economy in the third quarter with slower revenue growth, as already reported in the last quarter.

In total, the AUGUSTA Group's revenues rose to EUR 93.94 million in cumulative terms, up 7.4 percent on the previous year (EUR 87.45 million). Quarter-on-quarter, sales were only marginally up on the third quarter of the previous year at EUR 30.85 million (EUR 30.23 million). The Group succeeded in raising earnings before interest and taxes (EBIT) by 5.6 percent in cumulative terms compared with the previous year (EUR 13.43 million) to EUR 14.17 million. Earnings from continuing operations saw disproportional growth, reaching a value of EUR 9.76 million, an increase of 18.0 percent on the previous year (EUR 8.27 million). Booked business climbed to EUR 43.99 million, up 5.9 percent on the previous year (EUR 41.54 million). Holding costs were successfully reduced by 8.7 percent and stood at EUR 2.3 million.

### **Sales growth in both segments and high profitability**

In both segments, sales saw a decline in growth rates compared with the first half of the current fiscal year. On the earnings side, both segments continued to boast high profitability.

In the **Sensors** division, revenues for the third quarter were down slightly on the same quarter of the previous year (EUR 19.50 million) at EUR 19.23 million. Nevertheless, the Group succeeded in increasing revenues for the first 9 months by 3.3 percent in cumulative terms to EUR 58.69 million compared with the previous year (EUR 56.82 million). Earnings before interest and taxes (EBIT) stood at EUR 9.27 million on September 30, 2008, a marginal decrease of 4.5 percent on the previous year (EUR 9.7 million). This was a reflection of increased costs due to the switch to system business, together with the development and launch of new products. The EBIT margin remained high at 15.8 percent.

Revenues in the **Controls** division performed extremely favorably both quarter-on-quarter and in cumulative terms, due not only to the positive business development but also to the initial consolidation of Prosilica Inc. as of August 1, 2008. Quarter-on-quarter, the Group successfully increased sales by 8.3 percent from EUR 10.73 million in the third quarter of the previous year to EUR 11.62 million. In cumulative terms, revenues were up as much as 15.1 percent compared with the previous year (EUR 30.63 million) to EUR 35.25 million. Operating profit (EBIT) showed equally

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strong growth, up 15.4 percent on the comparable figure of the previous year (EUR 6.25 million) at EUR 7.21 million. The EBIT margin therefore totaled 20.4 percent.

### Key figures for the AUGUSTA Group – in cumulative terms as at September 30, 2008

In EUR million	9 months 2008	9 months 2007	Growth
<b>Revenues</b>			
Group	93.94	87.45	+7.4%
Sensors	58.69	56.82	+3.3%
Controls	35.25	30.63	+15.1%
<b>EBIT</b>			
Group	14.17	13.43	+5.6%
Holding costs	-2.30	-2.52	-8.7%
Sensors	9.27	9.70	-4.5%
Controls	7.21	6.25	+15.4%
<b>Key figures</b>			
Earnings from continuing operations	9.76	8.27	+18.0%
Net income for the period incl. DCO	9.79	11.16	-12.4%
Profit per share in EUR	1.23	1.33	-7.2%
Booked business	43.99	41.54	+5.9%

### Outlook

Long-term sales growth of between 6 and 8 percent a year is expected to be realized again in this fiscal year. In the wake of the worldwide economic decline and the consumer caution exercised by AUGUSTA Group customers, the current sales guidance is being corrected from EUR 130 million to a wider range of EUR 125 to 130 million. The Managing Board nevertheless confirms the current EBIT guidance of at least EUR 19 million despite slackening economic growth.

<b>New 2008 guidance</b>	<b>Group</b>	<b>Sensors</b>	<b>Controls</b>
Sales	125-130	78-83	46-49
EBIT	19-21	12-14	9-11
<b>Current 2008 guidance</b>			
Sales	130-132	83-85	47-49
EBIT	19-21	12-14	9-11

The full 2008 9-month report will be published on November 13, 2008, and will be available for downloading from that date on the Group's website at [www.augusta-ag.com](http://www.augusta-ag.com).

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### The Company

AUGUSTA Technology AG is an integrated technology group with a focus on the niche markets of sensor and automation technology.

In the area of **sensors**, the company develops, produces and sells sensor systems for customer-specific applications. The product portfolio ranges from the sale of individual pressure sensors to the development of complex sensor and measuring systems. The main areas of application are medical technology, industrial plant construction, the automotive industry, and the aviation and aerospace industries.

The company's **controls** segment delivers solutions for process flow automation and quality management. The application areas range from industrial image processing to automation solutions for logistics and special vehicles.

In the fiscal year 2007, AUGUSTA's sales totaled EUR 119.3 million, with earnings before interest and tax (EBIT) of EUR 17.5 million.