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BRIEF MEDIA INFORMATION

EMS Group: Half-year results 2016 (January – June 2016)

- **Strong growth with profitable specialty products**
- **Net sales and result at new record levels**
- **Increase in result forecast for 2016**
- **Dividend increased to CHF 15.00 per share**

The EMS Group, with its companies combined in EMS-CHEMIE HOLDING AG, is globally active in the business areas **High Performance Polymers** and **Specialty Chemicals**. In the first half of 2016, **net sales** increased by 3.7% and **net operating income (EBIT)** by 16.6% compared to the previous year.

Consolidated **net sales** in Swiss Francs reached CHF 1,002 million (966) which represents a growth of 3.7% compared to previous year. In a moderately positive global economy, EMS was able to continually expand business with innovative specialty products. Pleasing growth was achieved in all customer markets.

Net operating income (EBIT) closed at CHF 264 million (226) which is 16.6% above previous year. The operational cash flow (EBITDA) rose to CHF 290 million (251) which is 15.2% above previous year. The EBIT margin reached 26.3% (23.4%) and the EBITDA margin 28.9% (26.0%). Strong growth with high-margin specialty products and simultaneous efficiency improvements had a positive effect on both result and result margin.

At the ordinary Annual General Meeting of the EMS-CHEMIE HOLDING AG on August 13, 2016, the current members of the Board of Directors, Dr. Ulf Berg, Magdalena Martullo, Dr. Joachim Streu and Bernhard Merki will be proposed for re-election in unchanged functions. KPMG AG will be proposed for re-election as Statutory Auditor.

Due to the pleasing development of result and liquidity, the Board of Directors intends to further increase the dividend by CHF 1.50 per share. This means that at the Annual General Meeting, the Board of Directors will propose a dividend payment of total CHF 15.00 per share (initial announcement: CHF 13.50; previous year CHF 12.00).

For 2016, EMS continues to expect slightly higher net sales and now, a net operating income (EBIT) above previous year.

Provisional key figures **)

EMS Group January - June 2016

In million CHF	2016 (Jan-Jun)	2015 (Jan-Jun)
Net sales Change from previous year	1'002 +3.7%	966
Operational Cash Flow (EBITDA) ¹⁾ Change from previous year In % of net sales	290 +15.2% 28.9%	251 26.0%
Net operating income (EBIT) ²⁾ Change from previous year In % of net sales	264 +16.6% 26.3%	226 23.4%

1) EBITDA = Earnings Before Interest, Taxes, Depreciation and Amortisation
= Operational cash flow

2) EBIT = Earnings Before Interest and Taxes
= Net operating income

**) EMS provides provisional key figures regarding the operative result of the first half year at the beginning of July and publishes the definite half-year report at the end of August. The following gives the provisional key figures for the period ending June 30. It may be assumed that these will not deviate significantly from the definite figures.

From today the Annual Report 2015/2016 of the EMS Group can be found on the homepage of the EMS Group under www.ems-group.com/annualreports.

On Friday, July 15, 2016 at

09.15 a.m. the Media Conference

and at

2.15 p.m. the Financial Analysts' Conference

will take place at EMS-CHEMIE AG, 7013 Domat/Ems, Switzerland.
You will be provided with a detailed media information following the
media conference at around 12.00 a.m.

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