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**TAS Tecnologia Avanzata dei Sistemi S.p.A.**

- **Approval of TAS S.p.A. Half Year Report**
- **Differences from data of II Q report already spread out**
- **Corporate Governance: integration of Internal Control and Remuneration Committees**

The Board of Directors of TAS S.p.A., leader in Italy in the supply of software and services for management and routing of Stock Exchange orders, has approved consolidated data of the first half year 2006. The Committees of Internal Control and Remuneration have been integrated by a third member.

*Half Year Report as at 30 June 2006*

In order to easily read the results of the period, it need to be taken into account that revenues of the same periods of 2005 have been influenced by revenues of extraordinary nature of about 1,000 k€

Without such one shot amount, both revenues and margins would show an increase.

*Total revenues* vary from 7,691 k€ as at 30 June 2005 to 6,759 k€ of 30 June 2006.

*Operating Result* of the period amounts to 2,374 k€ against 3,003 k€ of the corresponding period in 2005. Reduction of operating costs by 6% softened the effects of the non recurring event, increasing 2005 revenues, with an operating result down by 21%.

*Net profit* as at 30 June 2006 totals 1,675 k€ down by 25% compared to the IHY 2005.

*Profit per share* in the first six months of the year amounts to €0.95 compared to €1.27 as at 30 June 2005.

*Net Financial Position* as at 30 June 2006 is positive for 14,348 k€ increasing of 3,040 since 12/31/2005.

<b>Balance Sheet</b>	k€	<b>06.30.2006</b>	<b>12.31.2005</b>	<b>06.30.2005</b>
Intangible assets		14,151	13,891	14,271
- <i>Goodwill</i>		13,011	13,011	13,260
- <i>Other Intangible assets</i>		1,140	880	1,011
Tangible assets		325	352	366
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Shareholding and other securities among fixed assets		67	67	67
Financial receivables among fixed assets		161	161	167
Active deferred taxes		17	45	45
Other receivables		22	537	25
-of which financial accruals and deferrals			512	
<b>Total non current assets</b>		<b>14,743</b>	<b>15,053</b>	<b>14,941</b>
Net inventory		41	31	44
Trade receivables		2,391	1,157	3,210
(of which sale accruals and deferrals)		229	113	221
Other receivables		133	212	313
Shareholding and other securities among current assets		149	51	101
Financial receivables due within 12 months		72	86	0
(of which financial accruals and deferrals)		28	27	0
Cash and cash equivalents		17,104	16,450	16,136
Active deferred taxes		112	98	56
<b>Total current assets</b>		<b>20,002</b>	<b>18,085</b>	<b>19,860</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<b>34,745</b>	<b>33,138</b>	<b>34,801</b>
Share capital		922	922	922
(of which unpaid)		0	0	
Share premium fund		16,950	16,950	16,950
Revaluation fund		0	0	
Other funds		176	468	489
Operating Profit/Loss in former financial years		4,901	1,042	1,416
Profit/Loss of the period		1,675	3,864	2,246
<b>Group net shareholders equity</b>		<b>24,624</b>	<b>23,246</b>	<b>22,023</b>
Minority Share Capital and funds			0	0
Minority Profit (loss)			0	0
<b>Minority net shareholders equity</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Net shareholders equity</b>		<b>24,624</b>	<b>23,246</b>	<b>22,023</b>
Severance fund		1,136	1,153	994
Risks and charges fund		30	35	47
Tax and deferred tax provisions		0	0	917
Deferred tax liabilities		371	287	326
Financial payables due over 12 months		8	3,241	2,524
<b>Total non current liabilities</b>		<b>1,545</b>	<b>4,716</b>	<b>4,808</b>
Trade payables		3,335	850	3,788
(of which sale accruals and deferrals)		539	244	1,089
Other payables		1,896	2,015	1,732
Financial payables due within 12 months		3,102	2,172	2,346
(of which financial accruals and deferrals)				
Deferred tax liabilities		243	139	104
<b>Total current liabilities</b>		<b>8,576</b>	<b>5,176</b>	<b>7,970</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>		<b>34,745</b>	<b>33,138</b>	<b>34,801</b>

<b>Income Statement</b>	k€	<b>06.30.2006</b>	<b>06.30.2005</b>	<b>Var. 06/05</b>	<b>12.31.2005</b>
Income		6,579	7,797	-16%	14,282
Variations for inventory of works in progress		160	-110		-186
Other income		20	4	400%	29
<b>Total revenues</b>		<b>6,759</b>	<b>7,691</b>	<b>-12%</b>	<b>14,125</b>
Costs for capitalised working days		470	336	40%	651
Raw goods and consumables		-65	-109	-40%	-186
Personnel costs		-3,248	-3,236	0%	-6,371
Depreciation		-288	-285	1%	-832
Other costs		-1,254	-1,394	-10%	-2,368
<b>Total costs</b>		<b>-4,385</b>	<b>-4,688</b>	<b>-6%</b>	<b>-9,106</b>
<b>Operating result</b>		<b>2,374</b>	<b>3,003</b>	<b>-21%</b>	<b>5,019</b>
Financial income (charges)		76	122	-38%	277
<b>Pre-tax result</b>		<b>2,450</b>	<b>3,125</b>	<b>-22%</b>	<b>5,296</b>
Taxes		-775	-879	-12%	-1,432
<b>Result from ongoing activities</b>		<b>1,675</b>	<b>2,246</b>	<b>-25%</b>	<b>3,864</b>
<b>Result of the period</b>		<b>1,675</b>	<b>2,246</b>	<b>-25%</b>	<b>3,864</b>

<b>Cash Flow Statement</b>	k€	<b>30.06.2006</b>	<b>30.06.2005</b>
Net Profit(Loss) of the period		1,675	1,811
Depreciations and Write-Downs		288	288
Severance fund		-17	-17
Variations in the risks and charges fund		-5	-5
Decrease (increase) of receivables		-637	-637
Increase (decrease) of payables		2,542	2,542
<b>(A) Cash flow from operating business</b>		<b>3,846</b>	<b>3,982</b>
Investments in fixed assets		-752	-2,444
Intangible assets		-472	-410
Tangible assets		-45	-35
Financial assets		-235	-1,999
<b>(B) Cash flow from investment operations</b>		<b>-752</b>	<b>-2,444</b>
Changes in Net Shareholders equity		-54	-928
Changes for IFRS adoption			-711
<b>(C) Cash flow from financial operations</b>		<b>-54</b>	<b>-1,639</b>
<b>(D) Changes in Net Financial Position (A+B+C)</b>		<b>3,040</b>	<b>3,131</b>
<b>(E) Initial Net Financial Position</b>		<b>11,308</b>	<b>8,615</b>
<b>(F) NET FINANCIAL POSITION AT PERIOD END (D+E)</b>		<b>14,348</b>	<b>11,746</b>

<b>Net Financial Position</b>	<b>k€</b>	<b>06.30.2006</b>	<b>03.31.2006</b>	<b>12.31.2005</b>
Cash, bank accounts and shares		17,104	16,164	16,450
Securities other than fixed assets		149	0	51
Other receivables		44	44	59
Short term payables to banks and other financial institutions		-18	-25	-75
Financial payables due within 12 (Apia's put)		-3,084	-5,324	-2,097
<b>Short term net financial position</b>		<b>14,195</b>	<b>10,859</b>	<b>14,388</b>
Medium/Long term receivables		161	161	161
Medium/Long term payables to banks and other financial institutions		-8	-8	-15
Financial payables due over 12 (Apia's put)				-3,226
<b>Medium/Long term Net Financial Position</b>		<b>153</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>-3,080</b>
<b>Net Financial Position</b>		<b>14,348</b>	<b>11,012</b>	<b>11,308</b>

Differences from data of second quarter report already spread out

In comparison to data of second quarter 2006, spread out on the 8<sup>th</sup> of August 2006, it has to be highlighted that, following a stricter application of standard IFRS 32 –*Financial instruments: in financial statements and additional information*, it has been reconsidered the financial exposure arising from TAS obligation to purchase minority shares of the controlled company APIA S.A., equal to 10% of the share capital, as a consequence of possible exercise of put option rights by the said minority shareholders.

It is worth noting that quarterly data, contrary to half year ones, are not subject to audit.

As a consequence of the above amendment, data as at 30 June 2006, as formerly published, are subject to the following changes, in thousand Euro:

Goodwill	from 13,289 to 13,011;
Net Profit	from 3,244 to 3,102;
Financial Income (Charges)	from 212 to 76.
And therefore:	
Result of the period	from 1,811 to 1,675;
Net Shareholders Equity	from 24,760 to 24,624;
Net Financial Position (positive)	from 14,206 to 14,348.

Corporate Governance:

Internal Control and Remuneration Committees have been both integrated with the appointment of the independent and non-executive member of the Board Francesco Vella. Vella has also been appointed Chairman of the Committee of Internal Control.

The Internal Control Committee is therefore currently formed by three members and in particular:

Matteo Tamburini (Non Executive Director)

Marco Nonni (Independent and Non Executive Director)

Francesco Vella (Independent and Non Executive Director) - Chairman

The Remuneration Committee is therefore currently formed by three members and in particular:

Matteo Tamburini (Non Executive Director)

Marco Nonni (Independent and Non Executive Director)

Francesco Vella (Independent and Non Executive Director)

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