

Financial results of SIDMA S.A. for the first six months of 2007

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- **The net profit for the Group stood at €5.3 million, increased by 42%.**

SIDMA S.A., is a leading company in industrial processing and trading of steel products with a prominent position in the Balkans, announces the results of the first six months of 2007.

Including also consignment sales, the consolidated turnover of SIDMA S.A. exceeded €120 million, increased by 18%. Specifically, during the first six months of 2007, the total Group sales amounted to €129 million, compared to €107 million during the first six months of 2006.

More explicitly, the consolidated turnover of SIDMA S.A. amounted to €89 million, compared to €72 million in the corresponding period of 2006, registering an increase of 24%, whereas the consignment sales increased by 14%, that is from €35 million in the first six months of 2006 to €40 million in the first six months of 2007.

The subsidiary companies outside Greece marked a significant growth, thus contributing to the total Group growth. Specifically, SID-PAC Steel and Construction Products in Romania increased its sales during this period, from €2,4 million to €7,9 million, while sales of SID-PAC Bulgaria reached €6,1 million, compared to a turnover of €4 million in the second six-month period of 2006, when it commenced its commercial activity. That is an increase of 52% between two consecutive semesters.

The above increase in turnover, accompanied by an increase in net profit margin by 14% (from 5,2% in the first six months of 2006 to 6% in the first six months of 2007) led to a rise in earnings after tax, at Group level, from €3,8 million to €5,3 million, respectively, i.e. showing an increase of 42%.

The Group gross profit, in particular, amounted to €12,3 million, from €11 million in the equivalent period of 2006, increased by 12,5%. The consolidated results before tax amounted to €6,4 million, from €5,5 million, in the first six months of 2006, increased by 17%. Consolidated results after tax and minority rights stood at €5 million, from €3,7 million in the previous corresponding period, depicting an increase of 36%.

Finally, earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization (EBITDA) registered an increase of 12,3%, from €8,5 million to €9,5 million.

Regarding the company's investment plan, construction of the new industrial plant and the installation of new mechanical equipment in Inofita are progressing. Production in the new plant has already started while the transfer of all equipment is anticipated to be completed by the end of October.

Regarding the subsidiary companies, construction of the new industrial plant of SID-PAC Bulgaria in Sofia was completed and production activity commenced. The new office building and surrounding area are expected to be completed by the end of September. In Bucharest, the Romanian SID-PAC completed the construction of the

new industrial plant and moved the new company-owned premises. By the end of August the installation of the new production lines will be completed and production will begin. In both countries, sales volume is increased by further penetration in the local markets.