

The Board Meeting held on 31 July 2008 approved the company and consolidated financial statements for the first half of 2008, prepared according to IFRS international accounting standards.

In millions of Euros	1 st half 2008	1 st half 2007
Consolidated turnover	109.2	108.8
Current operating income	6.0	7.1
Operating profit/loss	5.9	6.3
Financial income	-0.5	- 0.5
Current pre-tax profit/loss	5.4	5.8
Tax	-1.7	- 1.4
Net income of integrated companies	3.7	4.4
Adjusted income of companies	0.4	1.0
Consolidated net income	4.1	5.4
Share due to minority stakeholders	-	-
Consolidating company profit	4.1	5.4

GROUP OPERATIONS IN FIRST HALF 2008

Consolidated turnover was up 0.4 % year-to-date.

The turnover of the Extrusion Sector dropped 1.6% in a European car market that fell by 2% overall (including a 2.7% drop in Western Europe). The unfavourable economic climate affecting the sales of our main customers, European car manufacturers, and a sharp drop in the manufacture of 4x4 and SUVs in the USA, led to a slowdown in this sector's activity in France and Germany despite scheduled deliveries of new parts.

The activity of the Pumps Sector rose by 2.8%. It is driven by sustained investment in emerging countries and oil production; however, it has suffered from currency rates and the trend in European markets.

The turnover of the Engineering Sector rose 6.8% compared with the first half of 2007, which was particularly low. Sales were boosted by the launch of new products in the first half of this year. Sales of Natural Gas Housing Equipment also contributed to this growth. The other carburettor markets continued to fall.

At end June 2008, the Group's current consolidated operating income was down 15% due to the lower contribution from the German extrusion subsidiary and the Pumps Sector, which is facing a more difficult global business context for its international sales.

The net profit for the first half of 2008 (Group share, after €1.7 million in taxes) totalled €4.1 million, against €5.4 million on 30 June 2007.

GROUP PROJECTIONS FOR 2008

The current operating income for the Extrusion Sector should be down, with a falling European car market and according to our latest information on upcoming business. The commercial and industrial adaptations decided by the new management of Gevelot Extrusion, both in France and Germany, should help re-establish a better situation.

For the Pumps Sector, the international drive in a business climate that is less favourable than 2007 should lead to a decrease in operating income.

For the Machine Sector, in a context of doubts about the sales volumes on old products and the profitability and permanence of ongoing commercial developments, the annual operating income is still uncertain.

The consolidated net result for the financial year 2008 should show a profit, albeit lower than in 2007.