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Financial report for the first half of 2010

Half year data:

Sales of EUR 62.8 million (against EUR 63.2 million in 2009) for the continuing contract manufacturing operations.

Loss of EUR 2.6 million for continuing operations (against EUR 0.8 million in 2009) for continuing operations.

Net loss of EUR 1.6 million for the entire group (against EUR 3.7 million losses in 2009 for the entire group).

Quarterly data:

Sales of EUR 30.6 million (against EUR 29.7 million in 2009) for the continuing contract manufacturing operations.

Loss of EUR 1.9 million (against EUR 0.4 million in 2009) for continuing operations.

Net loss of EUR 0.8 million for the entire group (against EUR 2.3 million loss in Q2 2009 for the entire group).

Management discussion and analysis of the results

Connect Group NV (Euronext Brussels: CONN) posts sales of EUR 62.8 million for the first half 2010 from its continuing contract manufacturing operations. The first half 2010 operating result from the continuing operations was EUR -1.06 million. This result in the second quarter is for the most part attributable to delayed sales due to shortages of components on the market and the resultant production setbacks.

Total net financial costs for the second half amounted to EUR 1.609 million (against EUR 1.038 million in 2009). This deterioration is due to changes in the exchange rate of the US dollar, the Romanian lei and the Czech crown, all of which had a negative impact on the financial costs.

The net result of the continuing operations amounted to a loss of EUR 2.684 million for the period, against the previous year's EUR 0.812 million loss.

The net result of the group was positively impacted by proceeds of EUR 1.096 million from discontinued operations. In 2009, as part of the divestiture of the automation business (the discontinued operation), a provision was booked for a major outstanding receivable from an automation customer, where the risk remained with the Connect group following the sale of the business. The receipt of full payment of this receivable in June 2010 meant that the impairment charge was no longer needed. The income statement of the discontinued operation for the first six months of 2010 includes no net operating results since all operations in the period 1 January to 3 March 2010 were conducted on behalf of the purchaser. In 2009 the discontinued automation operation posted an operating loss of EUR 2.9 million for the 6-month period.

The net group result for the first half 2010 was a loss of EUR 1.588 million compared to the EUR 3.725 million loss incurred in 2009.

Orders at the end of Q2 2010 were up 20% to EUR 66 million against EUR 55 million at the end of 2009.

The 2nd quarter of 2010 sadly confirmed what we had already been seeing and mentioned in the 1st quarter. Pressure in the components market in the 1st quarter increased further in the 2nd quarter, having a very significant impact on our results.

Looking at the top line (sales), we see that despite increased orders we are failing to deliver due to a lack of a number of components. We estimate that without component shortages in the market we could have increased turnover by EUR 4 - 5 million with the manpower we have on board today. With material costs accounting for an average of 70 percent of turnover, this means that our results would have been EUR 1.2 - 1.5 million better in the first half.

The shortage of components is also affecting their prices. In addition, to reduce delivery delays components have to be purchased through brokers at higher prices. These cannot always be passed on to customers and we estimate the resulting impact of both to be around EUR 0.5 million for the first six months of this year.

Thirdly, the lack of these components is affecting production efficiency. Work has to be interrupted because of shortages and then restarted at a later time causing additional production downtime and additional adjustments to compensate for all this, meaning that despite lower than expected output we could not make any savings in staff costs.

These 3 factors are the most important reasons for the cost price of sales being significantly higher (90 percent) than last year (88 percent).

Due to the lack of certain components we are seeing an increase in stocks of the other components. Since production can only be started once all components are available, the lack of just one component (on average there are 200-250 per board) means not only that we cannot produce but also that all other components remain longer in stock. The consequence is that our stocks are 3 to 4 million too high, thereby causing additional financing costs.

For several months now we have been working with our major customers to place advance orders for critical components. The intention is to obtain better and longer forecast periods so that we can place orders with suppliers earlier. We expect that, beginning with the fourth quarter, the component availability problem will for the most part be under control ".

The increase in trade receivables was due both to the raising of the payment period for contracts with a major customer from 30 to 60 days (more than EUR 4 million impact on receivables) and the non-respect of payment conditions by a customer (EUR 3 million impact). Agreements have been reached with this customer to convert the outstanding amount to normal payment terms. No provisions have yet been made for this amount since the agreements reached with the customer mean that the amount is not yet deemed irrecoverable.

The EUR 2 million investment in the new SAP software was recorded in the balance sheet at the end of 2009 under the heading "work in progress" under tangible non-current assets (fixed assets), as full delivery had not yet taken place. At the start of 2010 the software went online, meaning that the investment was included under intangible non-current assets.

The risk assessment can be found in the Annual Report and is available on the Internet (<u>www.connectgroup.com</u>).

The following represent the major risks for the company at present:

1. Component availability causing sales delays. If component availability remains the problem as it was in the first half, there will be sales delays.

- 2. Currency Risk:
 - The group buys a number of its components in dollar / yen. The accompanying exchange rate risk is only partially covered in the selling price.
 - With production being done partly in Romania and the Czech Republic, any major fluctuations of their currencies against the Euro can impact costs.
 - Since foreign currency requirements cannot be exactly timed, the group has decided not to hedge foreign currencies.
- 3. The group has a credit agreement with its bankers. If the imposed credit conditions are not met on 31 December 2010, the bankers may either terminate the credit agreement or tighten its conditions.
- 4. The group has a major EUR 3 million outstanding claim against a customer who is currently not adhering to payment conditions. Should the customer despite the agreements recently reached default on the payment, the group will have to post a EUR 3 million impairment charge on this claim.

No significant events have occurred after the balance sheet date.

Significant events in first half-year 2010

On 2 March 2010 the sale of the automation activity to its former founders, Huub Baren and Vladimir Dobosch was completed. The present figures no longer show the effects of the automation activity. For comparability purpose, the 2009 figures have been restated, with the automation activity shown as a discontinued activity.

On 27 April 2010 the Extraordinary General Meeting approved a EUR 5 million convertible subordinated bond under the following conditions: suspension of general preferential rights, a minimum investment of EUR 50,000, a term of 6 years, an interest rate of 6 percent payable semiannually, and a twice-yearly conversion option (following publication of annual and half-yearly figures). The bonds will be convertible at the lower of: (i) 70% of the average highest independent bid price for a Connect Group share, in the central order book of Euronext, over the 30 trading days preceding the date of exercise and (ii) EUR 2.00

The issuance of this subordinated warrant loan in an amount of EUR 5,000,000 considerably improves the Connect Group's financial standing. This improvement of both the equity and the cash position was necessary, following the divestment of the automation activity at the end of 2009.

On 21 June 2010 Connect Group announced a simplification of its group structure. After shedding its automation activity in early 2010, management has undertaken an analysis of the remaining operational and legal structure of the group and concluded that this could usefully be simplified.

Connect Group is made up of nine companies, five in Belgium and four abroad (Germany, Romania Netherlands and the Czech Republic. The reorganization affects the five Belgian Companies which will be reduced to two. The surface mounting facility in leper (Connectronics NV) will be merged into Connect Group NV (Group holding company and surface mounting activity in Poperinge). Management company Connect Systems International NV will be merged into Connect Systems NV (the cable activity in Belgium) and Connect Systems Holding NV, which served only as an internal holding company, will be liquidated.

This simplification process starts in the second half of 2010 and will be taking place in stages. The first stage was carried out on August 9, 2010 with the merger of the companies Connectronics NV and Connect Group.

1. <u>Connect Group: Half year results 2010</u>

These condensed interim consolidated financial statements together with the notes for the half year ending 30 June 2010 were not audited.

1.1 Condensed consolidated income statement on 30 June 2010 and 30 June 2009

| (in 000 Eur) | Q2 2010 | | Q2 2009 Revised * | | SEM1 2010 | | SEM1 2009 Revised * | |
|--|------------|-------|-------------------------|-------|--------------|-------|---------------------------|-------|
| Continuing operations | | | | | | | | |
| Sales | 30,662 | 100 | 29,703 | 100 | 62,822 | 100 | 63,232 | 100 |
| Cost of sales | -27,983 | -91.3 | -26,373 | -88.8 | -56,717 | -90.3 | -55,659 | -88.0 |
| Gross profit | 2,679 | 8.7 | 3,330 | 11.2 | 6,105 | 9.7 | 7,573 | 12.0 |
| Research and development expenses | -323 | -1.1 | -304 | -1.0 | -652 | -1.0 | -641 | -1.1 |
| General and administrative expenses | -1,604 | -5.2 | -1,543 | -5.2 | -3,135 | -5.0 | -3,256 | -5.1 |
| Selling expenses | -1,663 | -5.4 | -1,716 | -5.8 | -3,371 | -5.4 | -3,488 | -5.5 |
| Other income | 8 | 0.1 | 18 | 0.1 | 7 | 0.1 | 66 | 0.1 |
| Other expenses | 0 | 0.0 | -2 | 0.0 | -17 | -0.1 | -13 | 0.0 |
| Profit / (loss) from operations | -903 | -2.9 | -217 | -0.7 | -1,063 | -1.7 | 241 | 0.4 |
| Financial income | 4 | 0.0 | 311 | 1.0 | 16 | 0.0 | 384 | 0.6 |
| Financial charges | -1,027 | -3.43 | -512 | -1.7 | -1,625 | -2.6 | -1,422 | -2.3 |
| Profit / (loss) before taxes | -1,926 | -6.3 | -418 | -1.4 | -2,672 | -4.3 | -797 | -1.3 |
| Income taxes | -6 | 0.0 | -14 | 0.0 | -12 | 0.0 | -15 | 0.0 |
| Profit / (loss) from continuing operations | -1,932 | -6.3 | -432 | -1.4 | -2,684 | -4.3 | -812 | -1.3 |
| Discontinued operations | | | | | | | | |
| Profit / (loss) from discontinued operations | 1,096 | 3.6 | -1,845 | -6.2 | 1,096 | 1.8 | -2,913 | -4.6 |
| Profit / (loss) | -836 | -2.7 | -2,277 | -7.7 | -1,588 | -2.5 | -3,725 | -5.9 |
| Attributable to: | | | | | | | | |
| Equity holders of the parent | -836 | -2.7 | -2,277 | -7.7 | -1,588 | -2.5 | -3,725 | -5.9 |
| Minority interest | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| Earnings per share | | | | | | | | |
| Number of shares: 6,634,424 | | | | | | | | |
| Basic earnings / (loss) per share continuing operations | -0.28 | | -0.06 | | -0.39 | | -0.12 | |
| Diluted earnings / (loss) per share continuing operations | -0.28 | | -0.06 | | -0.39 | | -0.12 | |
| Basic earnings / (loss) per share continuing plus discontinued operations | -0.12 | | -0.33 | | -0.23 | | -0.54 | |
| Diluted earnings / (loss) per share continuing plus discontinued operations | -0.12 | | -0.33 | | -0.23 | | -0.54 | |

(1) The 2009 results have been revised for comparative purposes to take account of the discontinued automation activity.

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Condensed consolidated statement of comprehensive income

| SEM 1 2010 | SEM 1 2009 |
|------------|-------------------------|
| -1,588 | -3,725 |
| -42 | 250 |
| -1,631 | -3,475 |
| -1,631 | -3,475 |
| | -1,588 -42 -1,631 |

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1.2 Condensed consolidated balance sheets on 30 June 2010 and 31 December 2009

| (in 000 Eur) | 30 June 2010 | 31 December 2009 |
|---|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Assets | | |
| Current assets: | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | 803 | 128 |
| Trade receivables | 29,449 | 20,195 |
| Other receivables | 224 | 376 |
| Inventories | 34,376 | 29,540 |
| Other current assets | 421 | 191 |
| Assets classified as held for sale | 0 | 26,919* |
| Total current assets | 65,273 | 77,349 |
| Non-current assets: | | |
| Other receivables | 1,500 | |
| Deferred tax assets | 1,500 | 1,500 |
| Property, plant and equipment | 13,059 | 16,039 |
| Intangible assets | 2,753 | 816 |
| Goodwill | 4,649 | 4,649 |
| Total non-current assets | 23,461 | 23,004 |
| TOTAL ASSETS | 88,734 | 100,353 |
| Liabilities and equity | | |
| Current liabilities: | | |
| Bank loans and overdrafts | 21,313 | 25,024 |
| Current portion of long-term debt | 1,827 | 1,109 |
| Trade payables | 26,918 | 22,323 |
| Accrued expenses, payroll and related taxes and deferred income | 7,347 | 6,148 |
| Income taxes | 7,577 | 0,140 |
| Provisions | 313 | 638 |
| Other current liabilities | 313 | 030 |
| Liabilities directly associated with assets classified as held for sale | 0 | 27,036 |
| Total current liabilities | 57,721 | 82,28 5 |
| Non-current liabilities: | 51,121 | 02,200 |
| Long-term debt less current portion | 16,955 | 2,379 |
| Deferred tax liability | 10,955 | 2,378 |
| Total non-current liabilities | 16,955 | 2,379 |
| Equity | 10,955 | 2,575 |
| Shareholders' capital | 430 | 430 |
| Legal reserve | 430 | 430 |
| Share premium | 43 37,214 | 43 37,214 |
| | | 4,172 |
| Retained earnings | -22,265 | |
| Current year's profit/ (loss) Cumulative translation adjustment | -1,589 | -26,437 |
| Equity attributable to equity holders of the parent | 225 14,058 | 267 15,68 9 |
| | 14,000 | 10,008 |
| Minority interests | - | 46.000 |
| | 14,058 | 15,689 |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY | 88,734 | 100,35 |

* In correct application of IFRS 5, the presentation of the 2009 figures is adjusted (see note 2.5 Change in the presentation of the condensed consolidated balance sheet for 2009).



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1.3 Condensed consolidated statement of changes in equity

| (in 000 Eur) | Number of shares outstandin g | Capital | Legal reserve | Share premium | Profit/ (loss) carried forward | Cumulative translation adjustment | Attributable to equity holders of the parent | Minority interests | Total |
|----------------------------------|--|---------|------------------|------------------|--------------------------------------|---|---|-----------------------|--------|
| 31/12/2009 | 6,934,424 | 430 | 43 | 37,214 | -22,265 | 267 | 15,689 | - | 15,689 |
| Net result | | | | | -1,589 | | -1,589 | | -1,589 |
| Other comprehensive income | | | | | | -42 | -42 | | -42 |
| Total comprehensive income | | | | | | | | | |
| 30/06/2010 | 6,934,424 | 430 | 43 | 37,214 | -23,854 | 225 | 14,058 | 0 | 14,058 |

| (in 000 Eur) | Number of shares outstandin g | Capital | Legal reserve | Share premium | Profit/ (loss) carrie d forward | Cumulative translation adjustment | Attributable to equity holders of the parent | Minority interests | Total |
|--|--|---------|------------------|------------------|---------------------------------------|---|---|-----------------------|--------|
| 31/12/2008 | 6,934,424 | 430 | 43 | 37,214 | 4.172 | 251 | 42.111 | 557 | 42,668 |
| Net result | | | | | -3,725 | | -1,589 | | -1,589 |
| Other comprehensive income | | | | | | 251 | 251 | | 251 |
| Booked out minority interest in discontinued operations | | | | | | | | -557 | -557 |
| Total comprehensive income | | | | | | | | | |
| 30/06/2010 | 6,934,424 | 430 | 43 | 37,214 | 447 | 501 | 38,636 | 0 | 38,636 |

1.4 Condensed cash flow from 1 January 2010 to 30 June 2010 and from 1 January 2009 to 30 June 2009

| (in 000 Eur) | SEM 1 2010 | SEM 1 2009 |
|---|------------|------------|
| Profit/(loss) from operations continued operations | -1,063 | 241 |
| Adjustments for: | | |
| Amortization goodwill/negative goodwill | - | - |
| Allowance for doubtful receivables and obsolete stock | -268 | 200 |
| Depreciation and amortization | 2,009 | 2,056 |
| Provisions | -325 | -176 |
| Operating profit before changes in working capital continued operations | 353 | 2,321 |
| Inventories | -4,791 | 4,406 |
| Trade receivables | -9,032 | 6,451 |
| Trade payables | 4,528 | -4,637 |
| Accrued expenses, payroll and related taxes and deferred income | 1,199 | 705 |
| Other receivables | 2 | 0 |
| Other current assets | -196 | -213 |
| Other payables | 64 | 2 |
| Cash flow from operating activities continued operations | -7,873 | 9,035 |
| Taxes | -12 | -15 |
| Exchange differences | -799 | -120 |
| Interests / Financial charges | -825 | -935 |
| Other | -42 | 250 |
| Net cash from/(used in) operating activities continued operations | -9,551 | 8,215 |
| Cash flows from investing activities | | |
| Investments in intangible assets | -151 | -104 |
| Investments in property, plant and equipment | -816 | -2,995 |
| Gain/(loss) on the sale of property, plant and equipment | - | - |
| Interest received | 16 | 15 |
| Cash flows from (used in) investing activities continued operations | -951 | -3,084 |
| Cash flows from (used in) continued operations | -10,502 | 5,131 |
| Cash flows related to operations activities of discontinued operations | -404 | -3,669 |
| Cash flows related to investing activities of discontinued operations | - | -232 |
| Total cash flows related to operations and investing activities of | -404 | 2 001 |
| discontinued operations | -404 | -3,901 |
| Cash flows from financing activities | | |
| Proceeds/(repayments) from long-term debts | 14,576 | 166 |
| Proceeds/(repayments) from current portion of long-term debt | 718 | 2,513 |
| Proceeds/(repayments) from bank loans and overdrafts | -3,711 | -3,960 |
| Net cash provided by financing activities | 11,583 | -1,281 |
| Monetary (loss)/gain on cash and cash equivalents | -2 | 3 |
| Increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents | 675 | -48 |
| Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the period | 128 | 515 |
| Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the period | 803 | 467 |

The cash flow statement as of 30.06.2009 has been restated to reflect the reclassification of the automation business as a discontinued operation.

Notes to the condensed interim consolidated financial statements 2.

2.1 Information about the company

Connect Group

Connect Group offers cost-effective, high quality production services to the professional industry. Activities include the production of cables and cable trees, PCB assembly and testing, production of semi-manufactures and final product assembly.

Connect Group's references include companies such as Alstom, ASML, Atlas Copco, Atos, Barco and Philips.

Today the company employs around 1,700 people in various facilities in Europe. The company's shares are traded on NYSE Euronext Brussels: CONN (www.euronext.com).

Updated financial calendar

| Announcement of 3rd quarter results 2010: | 10 November 2010 |
|---|------------------|
| Announcement annual results 2010: | 17 February 2011 |

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2.2 Statement of conformity

These condensed interim consolidated financial statements together with the notes for the half year ending 30 June 2010 were not audited.

The condensed interim consolidated financial statements for the six months ended June 30, 2010 comprise the financial statements of the company and its subsidiaries (hereinafter referred to collectively as the "Group").

The condensed interim consolidated financial statements were prepared in accordance with IAS 34 "Interim Financial Reporting" as adopted by the European Union. These statements do not contain all information necessary for a full financial statement and therefore should be read in conjunction with the consolidated annual financial statements for the period ended 31 December 2009, as published in the 2009 Annual Report to Shareholders.

These condensed interim consolidated financial statements were approved for publication by the Board of Directors on 9 August 2010.

2.3 <u>Seasonality</u>

Seasonality is limited (reduced deliveries during the annual holiday period (July-August)).

2.4 Changes in accounting policies and presentation rules

The accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the condensed interim consolidated financial statements are consistent with those applied in the preparation of the consolidated financial statement for the period ended 31 December 2009.

Compared to the consolidated annual report as of December 31, 2009 the following new Standards and Interpretations now apply. Their adoption had no effect on the Group's financial position and its results:

- IFRS 3 *Business Combinations* (applicable to business combinations with an acquisition date on or after the commencement of the first financial year beginning on or after 1 July 2009). This standard supersedes IFRS 3 *Business Combinations* as issued in 2004.
- Improvements to IFRS (2008-2009) (applicable for financial years starting 1 January 2010).
- Amendment to IFRS 1 *First Time Adoption of IFRS Additional exemptions* (applicable for financial years starting 1 January 2010).
- Amendment to IFRS 2 *Share-based Payments* (amendments applicable for financial years starting 1 January 2010).
- Amendment to IAS 27 *Consolidated and Separate Financial Statements* (amendments applicable for financial years starting 1 July 2009). This standard amends the 2003 version of IAS 27 *Consolidated and Separate Financial Statements.*
- Amendment to IAS 39 *Financial instruments: Recognition and Measurement-Eligible hedged items* (applicable for financial years starting 1 July 2009).
- · IFRIC 15 Agreements for the Construction of Real Estate (applicable for financial years starting 1 January 2010).
- · IFRIC 17 *Distributions of Non-Cash Assets to Owners* (applicable for financial years starting 1 July 2009).

2.5 <u>Change in the presentation of the condensed consolidated balance sheet for</u> 2009

In the Annual Report as of December 31, 2009, the provisions for transaction costs, discounting of the long-term claim against the purchaser of the activity, and the provision for a possible loss related to a sold receivable as part of the activity, were recorded under the general provisions. Under IFRS 5, these provisions should be deducted from the net value of discontinued operations classified as held for sale.

This change in the presentation was made in the balance sheet as of December 31, 2009, and also changes the presentation of note 1.3.7.y. Group assets held for sale as presented in the annual report of 31.12.2009 as follows:

Analysis of result for the year from discontinued operations

| Discontinued operations | 2009 | 2008 |
|---|--------------|--------------|
| Sales | 56,200,209 | 66,147,078 |
| Other gains | 1,043,574 | 1,194,564 |
| Expenses | (63,806,447) | (71,414,979) |
| Loss before tax | (6,562,664) | (4,073,337) |
| Attributable income tax expense | 23,003 | (295,031) |
| Minority interest | (333,146) | (166,849) |
| Gain/(loss) on remeasurement to fair value less costs to sell | - | - |
| Gain/(loss) on disposal of operation | (16,000,000) | - |
| Attributable income tax expense | - | - |
| Profit for the year from discontinued operations | (22,872,807) | (4,535,217) |

The total loss of the year of EUR 22,872,807 can be broken down into the operational loss for 2009 (EUR 5,776,869), the transaction loss (EUR 16,000,000) and the additional costs on the transaction (EUR 2,177,263), together with the recuperation of the loss of the fourth quarter (EUR 1,081,325) of the discontinued automation business that, as provided for in the contract of sale, was charged to the purchaser.

| | 2009 |
|--|--------------|
| Profit/(loss) from operations discontinued operations | (22,031,609) |
| Adjustments for: | |
| Amortization goodwill/negative goodwill | - |
| Allowance for doubtful receivables and obsolete stock | 432,000 |
| Depreciation and amortization | 1,240,195 |
| Provisions | 14,521,027 |
| Operating profit before changes in working capital discontinued operations | (5,838,387) |
| Working capital changes discontinued operations | 1,316,751 |
| Cash flow from operating activities discontinued operations | |
| Taxes | 23,003 |
| Net financial expenses | (531,054) |
| Other | 9,809 |
| Net cash from/(used in) operating activities discontinued operations | (5,019,878) |

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Assets classified as held for sale

The major classes of assets and liabilities of the discontinued business per 31/12/2009 are as follows:

| Discontinued operations | 2009 |
|---|-------------------|
| Assets | |
| Intangible assets | - |
| Goodwill | - |
| Material fixed assets | - |
| Other current assets | 134,815 |
| Inventories | 7,535,539 |
| Trade Receivables | 16,359,598 |
| Deferrals and accruals | 838,301 |
| Cash and bank balances | 2,050,969 |
| Assets classified as held for sale | <u>26,919,222</u> |
| | |
| Liabilities | |
| Other liabilities | 890,539 |
| Provisions | 1,777,513 |
| Long-term debt | 1,089,308 |
| Current portion long term debt | 285,349 |
| Bank loans and overdrafts | 3,573,000 |
| Trade payables | 7,222,863 |
| Other amounts payable | 3,576,249 |
| Liabilities directly associated with assets classified as held for sale | <u>18,414,821</u> |
| Write down of the business to net realizable value | 8,621,644 |
| | |
| Net assets of discontinued business classified as held for sale | (117,243) |

Under IFRS 5, the net value of the divested operation is thus equivalent to a loss of EUR 117,243. The previously recorded amount of EUR 2 million in the 31 December 2009 annual financial statements contained solely the price agreed with the purchaser, but did not yet take into account the sales charges included in the 31 December 2009 annual financial statements under general provisions.

2.6 <u>Segment reporting</u>

Following the divesture of the automation activity the group now consists solely of the contract manufacturing activity, with no further segmentation.

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2.7 Long term financial obligations

The long-term financial obligations have increased on the one hand by EUR 10 million as the result of an agreement with the bankers to convert EUR 10 million of short-term debt into EUR 10 million long-term debt, with level repayments over a 5-year period, and on the other hand by the issuance on 27 April 2010 of a subordinated convertible bond of EUR 5 million approved by the Extraordinary General Meeting under the following conditions:

suspension of general preferential rights, a minimum investment of EUR 50,000, a term of 6 years, an interest rate of 6 percent payable semi-annually, and a twice-yearly conversion option (following publication of annual and half-yearly figures). The bonds will be convertible at the lower of: (i) 70% of the average highest independent bid price for a Connect Group share, in the central order book of Euronext, over the 30 trading days preceding the date of exercise and (ii) EUR 2.00

The issuance of this subordinated warrant loan in an amount of EUR 5,000,000 considerably improves the Connect Group's quasi-equity. This improvement in quasi-equity was needed to boost working capital, following the divestment of the automation activity at the end of 2009.

The above-mentioned conversion option qualifies as a derivative under IAS 39, the fair value of which is required to be calculated on the date of issuance of the loan and must be shown separately from the loan in the balance sheet as a long-term derivative debt. At subsequent financial reporting dates that fair value must be recalculated and any changes in fair value recorded as a financial result of the period. The interest expenses in the income statement also take the value of the derivative into account and are thus greater than the interest cost of 6%.

The Board of Directors has calculated the fair value of the derivative at issue date and the latest reporting date, resulting in a value for the derivative on June 30, 2010 of EUR 2,359,564 and a financial gain of EUR 188,934 for the period (not recorded). The Board holds the opinion that when measuring the fair value of the derivative, account must be taken of the limited liquidity of the share and the financial instrument in order to avoid unrealistic fluctuations in the share below EUR 2.80 per share producing significant effects on the group's financial results. The Board therefore chooses to have a permanent increase in the interest expense charged in the income statement as long as the share price fluctuates below that level. Should it go above the level of EUR 2.80 per share, the Board intends to recalculate the fair value of the derivative based on the then available information and the financial costs, possibly increased, based on these higher prices.

2.8 <u>Discontinued business operations</u>

The net result of the group was positively impacted by proceeds of EUR 1.096 million, the profit from discontinued operations. In 2009, as part of the divestiture of the automation business (the discontinued operation), an impairment charge was booked for a major outstanding receivable on an automation customer, where the risk remained with the Connect group following the sale of the business. The receipt of full payment of this receivable in June 2010 meant that the impairment charge was no longer needed.

2.9 <u>Related party transactions</u>

There are no significant related party transactions.

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3. <u>Declaration of the responsible persons</u>

The undersigned declare that:

- The condensed financial statements, drawn up in accordance with applicable accounting standards, give a true view of the assets, the financial situation and the results of the issuing company and of those companies included in the consolidation;

- the interim report gives a fair overview of important events and major transactions with related parties having occurred in the first six months of the financial year and their impact on the condensed financial statements, together with a description of the principal risks and uncertainties for the remaining months of the financial year.

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