



SALES FOR 1st HALF YEAR 2008-2009 :
GOOD SECOND QUARTER: + 39 %
BUT GROWTH FOR FIRST HALF LOWER THAN FORECAST

Toulouse, April 30, 2009 – Alpha M.O.S., (Euronext Paris, compartiment C, *ISIN : FR0000062804-ALM*) world leader in the manufacture of electronic noses and tongues for industrial applications, generated sales of € 2,626 million during the first half of 2008-2009 ending March 31, 2009, compared to € 2,305 for the same period in the previous year.

	Consolidated sales In millions of Euros		
	2008/2009	2007/2008	Variation
First quarter	1,097	1,210	- 9,4 %
Second quarter	1,529	1,095	+ 39,6 %
First half year	2,626	2,305	+ 13,9 %

Year ending 30/09

In addition to these sales of instruments and services, the order book at March 31, 2009 amounted to 1,355 M€, compared to 1,310 M€ one year earlier.

After a slow start to the year, sales picked up significantly in line with expectations during the second quarter. However, for the half year taken as a whole, which historically represents 35-40% of annual sales, growth was limited to 13,9%, which is below our expectations. It should be noted that Périchrom was not consolidated for the first half 2007-08.

High added-value service and engineering revenues performed strongly (+ 43.8%) over the period thanks to the growth of the customer base and the emphasis on long-term development projects. Geographically, Asia was commercially dynamic whereas the European and US markets remained morose. The opening of a new subsidiary in Japan in April will allow the group to capitalize on the enormous potential within this market. The majority of sales by segment continued to be in the food and environmental sectors, which are at the heart of the Group's development and commercial strategy.



According to Jean-Christophe MIFSUD, CEO of Alpha Mos, « We are satisfied with the reaction observed during the second quarter and the strength of the order book in the face of a difficult economic climate. However, even if the commercial outlook for the second half-year is good, the profitability of the Group will be lower than expected, adversely affected by the level of investment made at the end of last year and the beginning of 2009.

We will continue to promote and sell our technology, looking to exploit those sectors which appear the most promising in the short term while at the same time bringing into line our operating structure and level of fixed costs. We will continue to work on the important opportunities for high volume and value sales already identified but for which the lead-times are more difficult to ascertain in the current climate of affairs».

Full audited results for the first half year will be published on May 29, 2009.

About Alpha M.O.S.

Founded in 1993 by Jean-Christophe MIFSUD, Alpha M.O.S., specializes in the digitalization of tastes and odours. It is the world leader in the manufacture of electronic noses and tongues for industrial applications, with over 700 machines sold worldwide and consolidated sales of 5,667 M€ in 2007-08.

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