

FIRST HALF-YEAR REPORT 2007/08.

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HIGHLIGHTS.

- > Group sales increased by 30.6 % to EUR 115,1 million.
- > Earnings temporarily impacted by disproportionate sales growth.
- > Numerous large scale projects just before end of realisation.
- > Improved operating cash flow.
- > Positive market environment and momentum for Bene's further business development.

ECONOMIC ENVIRONMENT.

In the second quarter of 2007, the development of the world economy was characterised by an increasing attention with regard to the growing global inflation. For this reason, the European Central Bank (ECB) as well as the central banks of England and Japan have increased the prime interest rates. Especially in the euro zone, the economy continued to develop strongly, so that the ECB raised the interest rate to 4 % in June 2007. This was the eighth consecutive prime interest rate increase since December 2005 and at the same time this means a doubling of the prime rate within 18 months.

The outlook for the Austrian economy has further improved. Accordingly, the economic research institutes have again revised upwards their forecasts for 2007 and 2008. Thanks to the substantial upswing in the euro area and the dynamic investment demand, the real gross domestic product is expected to expand this year by 3.1 % (IHS) to 3.2 % (WIFO). In the coming years, the economic slowdown in the USA, the increase in long-term interests and the strong Euro will slow the economic development in the euro zone. In Austria, the economic growth probably will slow to 2.5 % (WIFO) up to 2.75 % (IHS).

During the entire forecasting horizon, the global basic conditions remain relatively favourable. The impacts of the real estate crisis in the USA and its lasting consequence on Europe cannot yet be estimated in detail. In the coming year, the strong expansion of the world economy will slow down marginally. Due to the strong investment growth and the resulting employment expansion, in the meantime, the upwards trend in the euro zone has become self-supporting and thus in 2007, the old continent shows a significantly higher dynamic than the United States. According to the WIFO, in the current year, the real gross domestic product of the euro countries will increase by 2.9 %. With 2.25 % in the next year, the eurozone should still grow a little quicker than the US-economy. The recovery of its main trading partners Germany and Italy as well as the excellent economic situation in the new EU-member countries are particularly relevant to Austria.

Sources: WIFO, IHS, RZB, BAWAG

BUSINESS PERFORMANCE IN THE FIRST HALF-YEAR OF 2007/08.

SALES DEVELOPMENT.

In the first half-year, the good overall economic environment reflected in important sales increases of the Bene Group in all its relevant markets. As a result, in the first two quarters of 2007/08, compared to the first half-year of 2006/07, Bene increased its sales by 30.6 % to EUR 115.1 million (first half-year 2006/07: EUR 88.2 million).

This significant improvement mainly resulted from an ongoing strong organic growth as well as to a smaller extent from the acquisitions of the last twelve months such as for example the TILL Group in Germany. Overall, the markets relevant to Bene developed even stronger than expected at the beginning of the year. Bene benefited from this positive momentum and with its strong direct sales organisations could achieve an above the industry's average growth and gained additional market shares.

The generally very positive investment attitude of the Austrian economy as well as numerous large scale projects such as with Andritz and with the Austrian Airlines, which Bene could acquire in the first half-year despite strong competition, led to a sales increase in the home market of 9.3 % to EUR 36.1 million (first half-year 2006/07: EUR 33.0 million). Thus, Bene has impressively confirmed its position as market leader in Austria.

Likewise in Germany, the most important European office furniture market, the Bene Group has further strengthened its market position in the first half-year of 2007/08 and could acquire large scale projects as for example in Essen (project volume about EUR 2.0 million) and in Munich (project volume: TEUR 830). Having the largest direct sales net at its disposal, compared to the previous year's period, Bene could improve sales by 38.0 % from EUR 21.3 million to EUR 29.4 million.

As already in the past, the UK segment has an essential and stable share of sales. As a result of the satisfying daily business and the acquisition of some large scale projects such as Structurtone, Capital International and First Serviced Offices GP, the segment achieved a sales

increase of 36.0 % to EUR 17.7 million (first half-year 2006/07: EUR 13.0 million).

Also the Russia segment continued its good performance of the first quarter 2007/08 during the second quarter. Compared to the first six months of 2006/07, sales increased by EUR 4.7 million to EUR 13.4 million or by 53.9 % (first half-year 2006/07: EUR 8.7 million). The overall economic situation in Russia, particularly in the greater Moscow area is still very favourable. Projects in Russia worth mentioning were realised with Sowkomflot, Mercury, Captive Software and Novartis Pharma.

Similarly, the Bene Group's segment "Other markets" achieved an impressive sales growth. Compared to EUR 12.1 million in the first six months of the business year 2006/07, sales rose by 53.0 % to EUR 18.5 million in the first half-year of 2007/08. Beside Poland, Switzerland, Slovenia, Croatia and France, above all, the two new points of sale – Ireland and Belgium – contributed to this significant increase.

EARNINGS DEVELOPMENT.

The first half-year 2007/08 was characterised by a competitive price situation and thanks to its dense distribution network, the Bene Group was able to generate high revenues. However, with earnings before interest and tax (EBIT) in the amount of EUR 5.1 million after EUR 7.1 million in the first half-year of the previous business year, earnings-wise Bene could not yet follow up the extraordinary profitable first half-year of 2006/07. But earnings figures for the first half-year of the current business year have to be qualified insofar as the strong volume increase realised by the Bene Group, led to an extraordinary intense capacity utilisation of the entire production and the overall organisation. This resulted in temporary additional expenditures, which negatively impacted the EBIT-margin. This effect was even intensified by numerous projects, which at the end of the first half-year were just before the finalisation of implementation so that the costs are already included in the first half-year result but the project's contribution margins will only show in the third and fourth quarter figures. Despite the adjustment to the capacity requirement, all in all, the Bene Group's

fixed cost structure remained relatively constant. The Bene Group has already reacted on the significant sales increase and among others has successfully implemented investments for the site's capacity expansion in Waidhofen/Ybbs.

Against this background, in the first half-year of the current business year, the Bene Group generated an EBIT-margin of 4.4 % after 8.1 % in the previous year's reference period.

Due to the strong sales growth and the competitive price situation in Austria, compared to the prior year, the Austria segment's EBIT, which includes the major part of the administrative expenses, was not fully maintained. Altogether, in the first two quarters of 2007/08 Bene reported an EBIT of EUR 1.1 million (first half-year 2006/07: EUR 2.2 million).

In Germany, increased personnel and material costs, both a result of the acquisitions and the focused expansion of the existing distribution structures, led to an EBIT in the amount of TEUR -294 and thus remained below the previous year's value of TEUR – 14.

Bene achieved considerable improvements in the already previously highly profitable segments UK and Russia. As for the sales development, these two segments were the determining growth engines for the earnings development. The UK's EBIT of EUR 1.6 million (first half-year 2006/07: EUR 1.1 million) exceeded the previous year's value by 42.7 %. Russia improved by 19.3 % to EUR 2.1 million (first half-year 2006/07: EUR 1.7 million).

In both markets, this development was the result of a good direct sales structure, which immediately recognises the customer requirements and quickly and efficiently processes projects by the global organisation. The favourable economic environment with a strong demand for the office furniture industry made a further contribution that Bene was able to obtain good results in these markets in the first half-year of 2007/08.

After EUR 2.1 million in the comparison period of the prior year, the segment "Other markets" reports an EBIT of EUR 0.6 million for the first half-year of the current financial year. In this segment, the countries Switzerland, France, Slovakia and Ireland accounted for the positive result. Sales of the United Arab Emirates (UAE) remained below the expectations. However, a good contribution to earnings is expected for the second half-year.

As a result of the optimised dept positions and the income from securities, the financial result of the Bene Group improved by EUR 0.6 million to EUR 0.1 million. The Group's EBT amounted to EUR 5.3 million (first half-year 2006/07: EUR 6.7 million).

ASSETS AND CAPITAL STRUCTURE.

As of July 31, 2007 the equity ratio was 40.8 % (January 31, 2007: 45.6 %). Despite the expansive business development in the first half-year, there was no increase in working capital. On the reference date it amounted to EUR 31.5 million (July 31, 2006: EUR 33.5 million)

INVESTMENTS.

In the first half-year of 2007/08, the Group invested a total of EUR 9.1 million (first half-year of 2006/07: EUR 2.4 million). The positive business performance underlines the necessity to further expand the capacities of the Austrian site in Waidhofen/Ybbs. With the acquisition of a piece of land at the site. Bene now has provided the basis for the necessary capacity increase. A considerable share of the Bene Group's remaining investments arises from the expansion and the modernisation of the production site as well as from the adaptation and modernisation of the distribution sites.

CASH FLOW & FINANCES.

Compared to the first half-year of 2006/07, in the first six months of the current business year, the operating cash flow significantly improved. In the current first half-year, Bene generated an operating cash flow of EUR 2.8 million (first half-year 2006/07: EUR – 9.0 million).

Expenditures in fixed assets (CAPEX) amounting to EUR – 9.1 million (first half-year 2006/07: EUR -2.4 million) were financed by sales of securities. Cash flow from investment activity totalled EUR 3.5 million in the first half-year 2007/08 (first half-year 2006/07: EUR – 1.6 million).

The cash flow from financing activities reported a payout of EUR – 7.9 million (first half-year 2006/07: EUR 0.2 million), which in the first instance is resulting from the payment of dividends and bank repayments.

The total changes in cash (including cash flow from investing and financing activities) amounted to EUR -1.6 million (first half-year 2006/07: EUR – 10.5 million).

The company's financing potentials are still very positive. As of July 31, 2007, net debt amounts to EUR - 8.9 million (July 31, 2006: EUR 18.3 million). At the same time, net gearing (net debt / equity) a figure, which illustrates the Company's leverage potential significantly improved to – 14.3 % (July 31, 2006: 57.1 %).

EMPLOYEES.

On the reporting date July 31, 2007, the Bene Group occupied 1,446 employees, which is an increase of 235 persons or 19.4 % compared to July 31, 2006. The personnel increase takes account of the Group's growth. All segments report a rise in the number of employees, whereas Germany due to the acquisition of the TILL group in the last year (+27.5 %) and the "Other markets" (+59.7 %) are particularly standing out. In Austria, the headcount grew by 13.6 % or 114 persons.

BUSINESS TRANSACTIONS WITH RELATED PARTIES.

With regard to transactions with related parties in the first half-year of 2007/08 we refer to the notes to the abridged version of the interim statements according to IFRS.

RISKS IN THE REMAINING MONTHS OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR AND RISK MANAGEMENT.

In the context of its business activities as internationally operating company, the Bene Group is exposed to a variety of risks. These risks basically relate to the economic development of the target markets, since a weak economy with a low investment activity of the companies have a major influence on the Group's sales situation.

As a result of the longstanding international experience in the core business as well as the Company's significant market position, risks can be detected at an early stage and can be evaluated appropriately. Due to the geographical diversification, specific market or product risks never threaten the entire Group but only local partial organisations. Thus, the Bene business model contributes to a natural balancing of risks.

The control and the management of finance risks constitute important elements of Bene's group-wide controlling, accounting and treasury systems. Permanent controlling and regular reporting shall ensure the identification of major risks at a very early stage and – if necessary – initiate counter measures.

For a major part of business transactions, the payment risk is minimised by an active and permanent credit monitoring of the customers.

A group-wide financial and liquidity planning ensures that sufficient liquidity is available or that a necessary financing is guaranteed by an adequate credit line to fulfil the Group's financial obligations.

OUTLOOK.

After the good first two quarters of 2007/08, the Management Board likewise positively appraises the business performance for the second half-year of 2007/08. All segments show a satisfying demand development, which for the time being gives no signs of slowing down.

Based on its strategy of controlled expansion, the Bene Group will continue to take opportunities to widen its distribution strength through building up staff in the existing units but also through short-term acquisition possibilities of dealers.

With two further upcoming strong quarters, the Management of the Bene Group is optimistic to significantly increase sales of the business year 2007/08. Measures with regard to profitability are permanently taken in order to successfully meet the hard price competition.

DECLARATION OF THE MANAGEMENT BOARD ACCORDING TO § 87 STOCK EXCHANGE ACT (BÖRSEGESETZ).

The Management Board of the Bene AG declares that a) the condensed consolidated interim financial statements compiled according to the International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) applicable in the EU, to the best knowledge, are a fair representation of the financial and earnings situation of the Bene Group and b) the half-year status report gives a fair picture of the financial and earnings situation in accordance with § 87 Abs. 1 Z. 3 b) of the Austrian stock exchange act.

Waidhofen, September 24, 2007

The Management Board of the Bene AG

Note

Among others, this report contains statements on potential future developments, which were made on the basis of currently available information. Such statements, which reflect the current assessment of future developments by our Management, cannot be construed as guarantees for future performance and bear unforeseeable risk and uncertainty. There may be a variety of reasons for actual results and conditions to diverge from the assumptions, on which the statements were based.

Key figures Q1-Q2 2007/08

in €'000 and %	Q1-Q2 2007/08	Q1-Q2 2006/07	Changes in %	Q2 2007/08	Q2 2006/07	Changes in %
Revenue	115,124	88,159	30.6%	60,627	47,596	27.4%
EBITDA	8,181	9,964	-17.9%	4,266	7,207	-40.8%
EBITDA margin	7.1%	11.3%	-	7.0%	15.1%	-
EBIT	5,109	7,125	-28.3%	2,654	5,816	-54.4%
EBIT margin	4.4%	8.1%	-	4.4%	12.2%	-
Employees (as of the reporting date)	1,446	1,211	19.4%	1,446	1,211	19.4%
Additions*	9,184	2,328	294.4%	6,948	1,373	406.0%
Cash Flow from operating activities	2,833	-9,025	-131.4%	3,648	-4,574	-179.8%

*Capital expenditure in tangible fixed assets and intangible assets (according to assets analysis)

**INTERIM FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE BENE GROUP AS OF
JULY 31, 2007 (COMPARISON PERIOD AS OF JULY 31, 2006).**

**CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET.
AS OF JULY 31, 2007 (UNAUDITED) AND JANUARY 31, 2007 (AUDITED).**

in €'000	2007/08 as of July 31, 2007	2006/07 as of Jan. 31, 2007
Asstes		
Intangible assets	6,475	5,730
Property, plant and equipment	32,429	27,230
Investments in affiliated companies	281	210
Non-current financial assets	386	1,850
Deferred tax assets	7,406	7,720
Non-current asstes	46,978	42,740
Inventories	21,751	14,688
Receivables and other assets	53,337	41,532
Current financial assets	9,039	18,385
Cash and cash equivalents	21,214	22,807
Current assets	105,341	97,412
Totals assets	152,319	140,152
Equity and liabilities		
Capital stock	24,347	24,347
Capital reserves	26,854	26,822
IAS 39 reserve	229	112
Currency translation reserves	-625	-635
Accumulated profit / loss	10,722	12,356
Stockholders equity	61,528	63,003
Minority interests	652	896
Equity	62,181	63,900
Liabilities to employees	12,877	12,168
Long-term financial liabilities	10,880	12,687
Long-term provisions	47	50
Long-term government grants and subsidies	750	821
Deferred tax liabilities	118	47
Non-current liabilities	24,673	25,772
Trade payables	30,580	23,055
Current financial liabilities	10,508	10,627
Current provisions	235	214
Current tax provisions	593	873
Other liabilities	23,407	15,569
Current government grants and subsidies	141	141
Current liabilities	65,465	50,479
Total equity and liabilities	152,319	140,152

CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT.

FOR THE FIRST HALF-YEAR 2007/08 (UNAUDITED) AND THE FIRST HALF-YEAR 2006/07 (UNAUDITED).

in €'000	Q1-Q2 2007/08	Q1-Q2 2006/07	Changes in %	Q2 2007/08	Q2 2006/07	Changes in %
Continuing operations						
Revenue	115,124	88,159	30.6%	60,627	47,596	27.4%
Inventory changes finished / semi-finished goods	1,113	642	73.3%	400	308	29.7%
Other capitalised services	902	303	197.5%	451	152	197.1%
Other income	1,457	1,528	-4.7%	565	964	-41.3%
Materials and supplies	-57,952	-39,095	48.2%	-31,411	-20,340	54.4%
Personnel expenses	-34,337	-28,034	22.5%	-17,952	-14,605	22.9%
Other operating expenses	-18,126	-13,540	33.9%	-8,414	-6,868	22.5%
Earnings before interest and taxes, depreciation and amortisation (EBITDA)	8,181	9,964	-17.9%	4,266	7,207	-40.8%
Depreciation and amortisation	-3,072	-2,839	8.2%	-1,612	-1,391	15.9%
Earnings before interest and taxes (EBIT)	5,109	7,125	-28.3%	2,654	5,816	-54.4%
Interest expense	-505	-576	-12.3%	-253	-367	-31.1%
Income from interest	146	92	58.5%	57	48	18.9%
Other financial result	428	-79	-641.2%	259	-89	-390.3%
Result from affiliated companies	71	97	-26.8%	-21	82	-125.4%
Financial result	141	-466	-130.3%	42	-326	-112.8%
Earnings before taxes (EBT)	5,250	6,659	-21.2%	2,695	5,490	-50.9%
Taxes on income	-1,745	-1,671	4.5%	-1,024	-1,284	-20.2%
Result from continuing operations	3,505	4,988	-29.7%	1,671	4,206	-60.3%
Thereof:						
Shareholders of parent company	3,224	4,713	-31.6%	1,596	3,969	-59.8%
Minority interests	281	275	2.1%	76	236	-67.9%
	3,505	4,988	-29.7%	1,671	4,206	-60.3%
Earnings per share (diluted = basic) in €'000:						
from continuing operations	0.13	0.25	-47.3%	0.07	0.21	-69.0%

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY.

FOR THE FIRST HALF-YEAR 2007/08 (UNAUDITED) AND THE FIRST HALF-YEAR 2006/07 (UNAUDITED).

in €'000	July 31, 2007	July 31, 2006
Result included in equity	127	-143
Consolidated net income/loss	3,505	4,988
Total of included revenues and expenditures	3,632	4,846
thereof shareholders of parent company	3,362	4,568
thereof minority interests	270	278
	3,632	4,846

in €'000	Capital stock	Capital reserves	IAS 39 reserves	Currency translation reserves	Consolidated net income/loss	Shareholders' equity	Minority interests	Equity
as of Feb. 01, 2006	18,750	3,913	82	-125	6,039	28,658	690	29,348
Payment of dividends					-1,894	-1,894	-345	-2,239
Revenues and expenditures*			-51	-92	4,711	4,568	278	4,846
as of July 31, 2006	18,750	3,913	31	-217	8,856	31,333	622	31,955
as of Feb. 01, 2007	24,347	26,822	112	-635	12,356	63,003	896	63,900
Payment of dividends					-4,869	-4,869	-514	-5,383
Share based payments		32				32	0	32
Revenues and expenditures*			117	10	3,235	3,362	270	3,632
as of July 31, 2007	24,347	26,854	229	-625	10,722	61,528	652	62,181

* Total of revenues and expenditures accounted for

CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOW STATEMENT.

FOR THE FIRST HALF-YEAR 2007/08 (UNAUDITED) AND THE FIRST HALF-YEAR 2006/07 (UNAUDITED).

in €'000	Q1-Q2 2007/08	Q1-Q2 2006/07
Earnings before tax from continuing and discontinued operations (EBT)	5,250	6,659
Depreciation and amortisation	3,072	2,839
Net interest income and income from securities	-21	454
Profit/loss from disposal of property, plant & equipment and intangible assets	-45	-61
Profit/loss from disposal of financial assets	-203	111
Result from affiliated companies	-71	-97
Other non-cash expenses/income	-60	-148
Changes in inventory	-6,947	-4,451
Changes in receivables and other assets	-10,634	-7,484
Changes in trade payables	6,083	-3,005
Changes in other liabilities	7,239	-3,134
Changes in long-term provisions (incl. employees)	680	622
Changes in short-term provisions	-3	-201
Cash Flow from continuing operations	4,340	-7,897
Taxes paid on income	-1,507	-1,129
Withholding taxes paid	0	0
Cash Flow from operating activities	2,833	-9,025
Proceeds from assets disposals	473	281
Expenditures for property, plant & equipment and intangible assets	-9,122	-2,362
Proceeds from financial assets	19,738	1,179
Expenditures for financial assets	-8,350	-803
Proceeds from the acquisition of subsidiaries	207	0
Interests received	146	92
Income from securities	379	30
Cash Flow from investing activities	3,472	-1,583
Share based payments	32	0
Raising of interest-bearing financial liabilities	0	5,631
Repayments of interest-bearing financial liabilities	-2,026	-2,815
Interests paid	-505	-576
Payment of dividends	-4,869	-1,894
Payments to minority shareholders	-514	-196
Cash Flow from financing activities	-7,882	150
Changes in cash and cash equivalents	-1,577	-10,458
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	22,807	17,927
Adjustment from foreign currency translation	-16	-75
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	21,214	7,395
Cash and cash equivalents according to balance sheet	21,214	7,395

SEGMENT REPORTING.

FOR THE FIRST HALF-YEAR 2007/08 (UNAUDITED)
AND THE FIRST HALF-YEAR 2006/07 (UNAUDITED).

REVENUE.

in €'000 and %	Q1-Q2 2007/08	Q1-Q2 2006/07	Changes in %	Q2 2007/08	Q2 2006/07	Changes in %
Austria	36,083	33,013	9.3%	19,548	17,502	11.7%
Germany	29,362	21,284	38.0%	15,619	10,978	42.3%
UK	17,709	13,020	36.0%	8,934	8,354	6.9%
Russia	13,432	8,726	53.9%	6,671	4,379	52.4%
Other markets	18,538	12,117	53.0%	9,856	6,384	54.4%
Total Group	115,124	88,159	30.6%	60,628	47,596	27.4%

EBIT.

in €'000 and %	Q1-Q2 2007/08	Q1-Q2 2006/07	Changes in %	Q2 2007/08	Q2 2006/07	Changes in %
Austria	1,082	2,176	-50.3%	367	1,961	-81.3%
Germany	-294	-14	2000.0%	-57	238	-123.9%
UK	1,594	1,117	42.7%	968	964	0.4%
Russia	2,078	1,742	19.3%	1,415	1,331	6.3%
Other markets	649	2,103	-69.1%	-39	1,322	-102.9%
Total Group	5,109	7,125	-28.3%	2,654	5,817	-54.4%

NOTES TO THE INTERIM CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ACCORDING TO IFRS.

1.1 COMPANY INFORMATION.

The Bene AG is a company according to Austrian law, with its headquarters in Schwarzwiesenstraße 3 in 3340 Waidhofen/Ybbs. The Company is registered in the commercial register of St. Pölten under FN 89102h.

The Bene Group develops, produces and sells office furniture and integrated office concepts, primarily for the European market. In its Austrian home market, the Company is market leader and on the European market it is one of the leading suppliers.

The present interim report of the Bene AG and its subsidiaries for the first half-year of 2007/08 (as of July 31, 2007) has been compiled under the responsibility of the Management Board with the date of signing and was released for publication on September 24, 2007.

1.2 PRINCIPLES OF ACCOUNTING, FINANCIAL REPORTING AND VALUATION METHODS.

1.2.1 Principles of accounting

The interim report as of July 31, 2007 was compiled in compliance with the principles of the International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS), regulations for interim reports (IAS 34) applicable in the European Union. It was neither subject to a full audit nor to an auditor's review.

The interim report does not contain all information and notes of the balance sheet date and thus should be read in combination with the consolidated financial statements of the Bene Group as of January 31, 2007.

1.2.2 Principles of consolidation

As a result of the acquisition of the Office Technology BVBA, Zaventem, in the reference period January 31, 2007 until July 31, 2007, the scope of consolidation increased from 23 (January 31, 2007) to 24 fully consolidated companies (July 31, 2007).

There were no further changes (e. g. changes in the method of consolidation of individual companies).

1.2.3 Judgemental decisions and uncertainties from estimates

With regard to judgemental decisions and uncertainties from estimates we refer to the consolidated financial statements of the Bene Group as of January 31, 2007.

1.2.4 Accounting and valuation principles

The valid accounting and valuation principles of January 31, 2007 were applied unchanged. For further information with regard to the accounting and valuation principles we refer to the consolidated financial statements as of January 31, 2007, which constitute the basis for the present interim report.

1.3 SEASONALITY.

Seasonal variations of sales and EBIT may arise from the different progress of large-scale projects. Due to the generally positive demand situation sales of all segments increased compared to the previous year's period.

1.4 ACQUISITIONS.

With the contract dated April 5, 2007, retroactively as of April 1, 2007, 100 % of the shares of the former specialist dealer Office Technology BVBA with its headquarters in Zaventem (Belgium) were acquired. The company is engaged in the sales and planning of office furnishings.

The fair value of the identifiable assets and liabilities of the Office Technology BVBA at the time of acquisition and the corresponding book values shortly before the time of acquisition are as follows:

in €'000	Fair market value at time of acquisition	Book value
Intangible assets	120	0
Property, plant and equipment	131	131
Inventories	115	115
Trade receivables	1,349	1,349
Receivables and other assets	42	42
Cash and cash equivalents	299	299
	2,057	1,937
Liabilities to employees	24	24
Long-term financial liabilities	82	82
Deferred tax liabilities	40	0
Trade payments	1,465	1,465
Current provisions	21	21
Current financial liabilities	18	18
Other liabilities	279	279
	1,929	1,889
Acquired net assets	128	48
	2,057	1,937

TEUR 120 for acquired customer relations were capitalised in the context of initial recognition of Office Technology BVBA. After consideration of deferred taxes, goodwill came to TEUR 49 for existing contacts and the market presence.

The acquisitions costs of the Office Technology BVBA amounted to a total of TEUR 177 (including the fixed and variable price components and directly attributable acquisition costs).

There was an outflow of funds in the amount of TEUR 92 for the fixed purchase price component and the directly attributable acquisition costs. The variable purchase price components (TEUR 85) were stated as liabilities ("other liabilities").

The comparison of the liquid funds acquired with the subsidiary with the paid purchase price is as follows:

in €'000	
Funds acquired together with subsidiary	299
Outflow of funds	-92
Actual inflow of funds	207

The reported consolidated result increased by the profit of the Office Technology BVBA totalling TEUR 26. If the acquisition had been realised already on February 1, 2007, sales would have been higher by TEUR 641 and the consolidated result would have been higher by TEUR 12.

1.5 PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT AND INTANGIBLE ASSETS.

Additions to and disposals of assets

Until July 31, 2007, the Bene Group's capital expenditure for fixed and intangible assets amounted to TEUR 9,184 (July 31, 2006: TEUR 2,328) whereas the acquisition of a property in Waidhofen/Ybbs in the first half-year of 2007/08 represented the biggest individual investment. A large part of the remaining investments was dedicated to the expansion and the modernisation of the production site in Waidhofen/Ybbs.

During the first half-year 2007/08, the Bene Group disposed of property, plant and equipment and intangible assets with a net book value of TEUR 428 (July 31, 2006: TEUR 221). The realised net profit from sale amounts to TEUR 45 (July 31, 2006: 61).

1.6 LONG-TERM AND CURRENT FINANCIAL ASSETS.

During the first half-year of 2007/08, long-term and current financial instruments available for sale with a net book value of TEUR 19,058 were sold. The realised profit from disposal amounts to TEUR 203.

In the reporting period, previously in the IAS 39 reserve recognised accumulated losses amounting to TEUR 85 were stated with effect on net income in the income statement.

1.7 LONG-TERM AND CURRENT FINANCIAL LIABILITIES.

Long-term financial liabilities

Beside the regular repayment of existing loans, there were no further changes in the first half-year of 2007/08.

Current financial liabilities

Likewise, in the first half-year of 2007/08, there were no changes of agreed credit lines, conditions and other terms.

1.8 DIVIDEND PROPOSED AND DISTRIBUTED.

in €'000	as of July 31, 2007	as of July 31, 2006
<i>Proposed and paid dividend during the first half-year</i>		
Dividend per ordinary share:		
Dividend for 2006/07: 0.20 EUR (2005/06: 0.10 EUR)	4,869	1,894

The proposed dividend for the financial year 2006/07 was authorised for distribution by the shareholders' meeting on June 6, 2007 and paid out on June 14, 2007 (financial year 2005/06: May 30, 2006).

The calculation of earnings per share is based on the following earnings attributable to the bearer of ordinary shares of the parent company:

in thousands	2007/08	2006/07
Weighted average number of common shares	24,347	18,750

1.9 BUSINESS TRANSACTIONS WITH RELATED PARTIES.

in €'000	Sales proceeds from associated companies and persons	Acquisitions from associated companies and persons	Amounts due from associated companies and persons	Amounts due to associated companies and persons
Companies with significant influence within the Group	29,969	0	20,827	34
Joint ventures	215	0	208	98
Associated persons	42	172	28	5
Persons in key functions	1	0	1	0
as of July 31, 2007	30,226	172	21,063	137

in €'000	Sales proceeds from associated companies and persons	Acquisitions from associated companies and persons	Amounts due from associated companies and persons	Amounts due to associated companies and persons
Companies with significant influence within the Group	19,447	45	13,641	399
Joint ventures	52	0	47	52
Associated persons	0	9	0	0
Persons in key functions	0	0	0	0
as of July 31, 2006	19,499	54	13,688	452

1.10 CONTINGENCIES AND OTHER OBLIGATIONS.

1.10.1 Litigation

The provision in the amount of TEUR 100 for the title of contract termination of a former distribution partner for the region Serbia and Montenegro built already on January 31, 2007 still was in place in the unchanged amount on July 31, 2007, since there were no new findings during the first half-year of 2007/08.

The provision from the title of contract termination of an external assembly and logistics partner (Jan. 31, 2007: TEUR 63) was no longer in place on July 31, 2007 since the court hearing on June 6, 2007 brought a mutual

consent between the two parties. The amount exceeding the settlement amount was recognised with effect on net income under the item „other income“.

As of July 31, 2007, there are no further major pending legal proceedings (i. e. lawsuits resulting from ordinary business activities, legal disputes concerning product liability, legal actions due to delivery contracts or other contracts as well as patent issues).

1.11 SUBSEQUENT EVENTS.

There were no essential subsequent events after July 31, 2007 with regard to the present consolidated interim financial statements.

BENE SHARE.

The Bene share is listed at the Vienna stock exchange since November 3, 2006 and it is part of the ATX prime market and of the Vienna stock index since November 20, 2006. Thus, the Bene AG is the only office furniture

manufacturer quoted at the Vienna stock exchange and in Europe it belongs to a handpicked choice of listed office furniture suppliers.



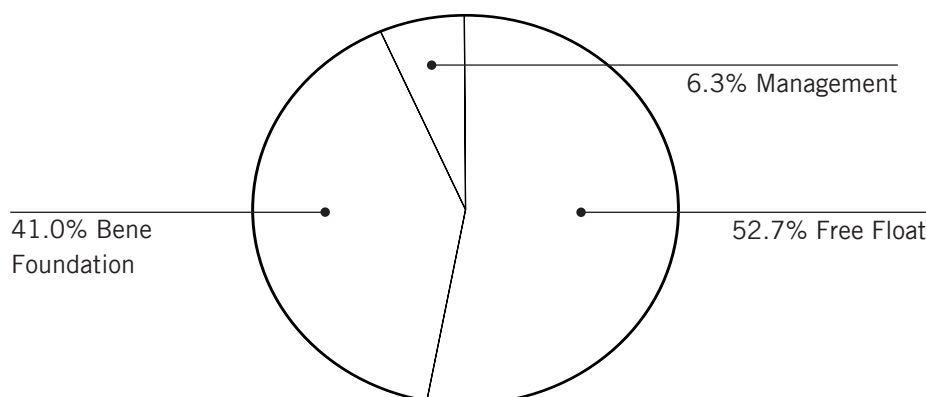
SHARE PERFORMANCE.

During the second quarter of 2007/08, the price of the Bene share basically performed in line with the ATX prime. It recorded a slight decrease of -1.8 % in the first half-year. In the reporting period, the highest closing price amounted to EUR 7.00 (April 18, 2007), the lowest closing price was EUR 6.10 (March 14, 2007).

TRADING VOLUME.

In the course of the first half-year of 2007/08, the average trading volume amounted to 45,601 shares. The highest daily trading volume of 256,318 shares was realised on February 1, 2007, the lowest number of shares traded was 2,440 shares on May 15, 2007.

INVESTOR RELATIONS.



ISIN code: AT00000BENE6
Market issued: Vienna Stock exchange, Prime Market
Type of shares: Ordinary no-par value voting bearer shares
Total number of shares: 24,347,352

Authorised capital: keines
International dual listings: none
Indices: ATX Prime, WBI
Ticker symbols: Bene
Free float: 52.7%

INVESTOR RELATIONS.

Active and transparent communication with the financial community is of central importance to the Management of the Bene AG. The Bene Group will continue to build up an intense exchange of thoughts and information between the Company and interested shareholders by involving relevant finance market participants. Moreover, such communication is regarded to be an essential part of the communication policy.

The Management Board and the Investor Relations Department will be readily available for road shows, investor conferences and individual meetings.

FINANCIAL CALENDAR.

Third quarter 2007/08

December 17, 2007

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