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Esprinet to approve first half consolidated results as at 30 June 2015

2015 first half:

Consolidated sales: € 1,236.4 million (+20% vs € 1,033.0 million of the first half 2014)
Gross profit: € 75.9 million (+17% vs € 65.0 million)
Operating income (EBIT): € 20.9 million (+22% vs € 17.1 million)
Net income: € 13.2 million (0% vs € 13.2 million)

Net financial position as at 30 June 2015 negative by € 28.9 million
(vs Net financial position as at 31 December 2014 positive by € 130.3 million)

2015 second quarter:

Consolidated sales: € 618.8 million (+19% vs € 520.4 million of the second quarter 2014)
Gross profit: € 38.2 million (+12% vs € 34.1 million)
Operating income (EBIT): € 10.8 million (+27% vs € 8.5 million)
Net income: € 7.0 million (+38% vs € 5.0 million)

Vimercate (Monza Brianza), 27 August 2015 - The Board of Directors of Esprinet S.p.A. (Italian Stock Exchange: PRT) met today under the chairmanship of Francesco Monti to examine and approve Group's financial results for the six-month period ending 30 June 2015 prepared in accordance to IFRS.

A) Esprinet Group's financial highlights

The Group's main economic, financial and asset results as at 30 June 2015 are hereby summarised:

(euro/000)	H1 2015	%	H1 2014	%	Var.	Var. %
Sales	1,236,389	100.00%	1,032,970	100.00%	203,419	20%
Cost of sales	(1,160,524)	-93.86%	(967,957)	-93.71%	(192,567)	20%
Gross profit	75,865	6.14%	65,013	6.29%	10,852	17%
Sales and marketing costs	(21,968)	-1.78%	(17,467)	-1.69%	(4,501)	26%
Overheads and administrative costs	(32,988)	-2.67%	(30,467)	-2.95%	(2,521)	8%
Operating income (EBIT)	20,909	1.69%	17,079	1.65%	3,830	22%
Finance costs - net	(2,135)	-0.17%	(314)	-0.03%	(1,821)	580%
Other investments expenses / (incomes)	(4)	0.00%	(15)	0.00%	11	-73%
Profit before income taxes	18,770	1.52%	16,750	1.62%	2,020	12%
Income tax expenses	(5,527)	-0.45%	(5,530)	-0.54%	3	0%
Profit from continuing operations	13,243	1.07%	11,220	1.09%	2,023	18%
Income/(loss) from disposal groups	-	0.00%	2,044	0.20%	(2,044)	-100%
Net income	13,243	1.07%	13,264	1.28%	(21)	0%
Earnings per share - continuing operations	0.26		0.22		0.04	18%
Earnings per share - basic (euro)	0.26		0.26		0.00	0%



(euro/000)	Q2	%	Q2	%	Var.	Var. %
	2015		2014			
Sales	618,839	100.00%	520,392	100.00%	98,447	19%
Cost of sales	(580,604)	-93.82%	(486,320)	-93.45%	(94,284)	19%
Gross profit	38,235	6.18%	34,072	6.55%	4,163	12%
Sales and marketing costs	(10,978)	-1.77%	(9,520)	-1.83%	(1,458)	15%
Overheads and administrative costs	(16,482)	-2.66%	(16,083)	-3.09%	(399)	2%
Operating income (EBIT)	10,775	1.74%	8,469	1.63%	2,306	27%
Finance costs - net	(557)	-0.09%	(128)	-0.02%	(429)	335%
Other investments expenses / (incomes)	-	0.00%	(15)	0.00%	15	-100%
Profit before income taxes	10,218	1.65%	8,326	1.60%	1,892	23%
Income tax expenses	(3,239)	-0.52%	(2,673)	-0.51%	(566)	21%
Profit from continuing operations	6,979	1.13%	5,653	1.09%	1,326	23%
Income/(loss) from disposal groups	-	0.00%	(612)	-0.12%	612	-100%
Net income	6,979	1.13%	5,041	0.97%	1,938	38%
Earnings per share - continuing operations	0.13		0.11		0.02	18%
Earnings per share - basic (euro)	0.13		0.10		0.03	30%

- **Consolidated sales**, equal to € 1,236.4 million showed an increase of +20% (€ 203.4 million) compared to € 1,033.0 million of the first half 2014. In the second quarter consolidated sales increased by +19% compared to the same period of the previous year (from € 520.4 million to € 618.8 million);
- **Consolidated gross profit** was equal to € 75.9 million showing an increase of +17% (€ 10.9 million) compared to the same period of 2014 as consequence of higher sales only partially counterbalanced by a decrease in the gross profit margin. In the second quarter Gross profit, equal to € 38.2 million, increased by +12% compared to same period of previous year;
- **Consolidated operating income (EBIT)** of the first half 2015, equal to € 20.9 million, showed an increase of +22% compared to the first half 2014 (€ 17.1 million), with an EBIT margin increased to 1.69% from 1.65%, notwithstanding a growth of € 7.0 million in operating costs compared to the same period of 2014. In the second quarter consolidated EBIT, equal to € 10.8 million, increased by +27% (€ 2.3 million) compared to the second quarter 2014 with an EBIT margin growth (from 1.63% to 1.74%);
- **Consolidated profit before income taxes** equal to € 18.8 million, showed an increase of +12% compared the first half 2014, notwithstanding the growth of € 1.8 million in financial costs. In the second quarter profit before income taxes increased by +23% (€ 1.9 million) reaching the value of € 10.2 million;
- **Consolidated net income from continuing operation** equal to € 13.2 million, increased by +18% (€ 2.0 million) compared to the first half 2014. In second quarter net income from continuing operation showed an increase of € 1.3 million (+23%) compared to the same period of 2014;
- **Consolidated net income** equal to € 13.2 million, in line with the first half 2014, notwithstanding a € 2.0 million in "Profit/Loss from disposal groups" booked in 2014 referred to the disposal of Monclick S.r.l. and Comprel S.r.l. subsidiaries. The latter disposals produced a further improvement of 0.6 million euro in the second quarter compared to the net income from discontinuing operation value, thus reaching an overall increase of 1.9 million euro (+38%);
- **Basic earnings per ordinary share from continuing operations** as at 30 June 2015, equal to € 0.26, showed an increase of +18% compared to the first half 2014 (€ 0,22). In the second quarter, basic earnings per ordinary share was equal to € 0.13 compared to € 0.11 of the corresponding quarter of 2014 (+18%);
- **Basic earnings per ordinary share** as at 30 June 2015, equal to € 0.26, is equal to the value referred in the first half 2014. In the second quarter Basic earnings per ordinary share was equal to € 0.13 compared to € 0.10 of the corresponding quarter in 2014 (+30%).

(euro/000)	30/06/2015	%	31/12/2014	%	Var.	Var. %
Fixed assets	99,923	32.12%	98,058	67.82%	1,865	2%
Operating net working capital	238,665	76.72%	77,431	53.55%	161,234	208%
Other current assets/liabilities	(16,014)	-5.15%	(18,804)	-13.00%	2,789	-15%
Other non-current assets/liabilities	(11,491)	-3.69%	(12,098)	-8.37%	607	-5%
Total uses	311,083	100.00%	144,588	100.00%	166,495	115%
Short-term financial liabilities	24,156	7.77%	20,814	14.40%	3,342	16%
Current financial (assets)/liabilities for derivatives	164	0.05%	51	0.04%	113	222%
Financial receivables from factoring companies	(822)	-0.26%	(690)	-0.48%	(132)	19%
Customers financial receivables	(441)	-0.14%	(506)	-0.35%	64	-13%
Cash and cash equivalents	(60,386)	-19.41%	(225,174)	-155.74%	164,788	-73%
Net current financial debt	(37,329)	-12.00%	(205,505)	-142.13%	168,175	-82%
Borrowings	59,160	19.02%	68,419	47.32%	(9,259)	-14%
Debts for investments in subsidiaries	9,697	3.12%	9,758	6.75%	(61)	-1%
Non-current financial (assets)/liab. for derivatives	88	0.03%	128	0.09%	(40)	-31%
Customers financial receivables	(2,697)	-0.87%	(3,085)	-2.13%	388	-13%
Net financial debt (A)	28,919	9.30%	(130,284)	-90.11%	159,203	-122%
Net equity (B)	282,164	90.70%	274,872	190.11%	7,292	3%
Total sources of funds (C=A+B)	311,083	100.00%	144,588	100.00%	166,495	115%

- **Consolidated net working capital** as at 30 June 2015 is equal to € 238.7 million, compared to € 77.4 million as at 31 December 2014 as consequence of a decrease in all the components (trade receivables, trade payables and inventories);
- **Consolidated net financial position** as at 30 June 2015, is negative by € 28.9 million, compared to a cash surplus of € 130.3 million as at 31 December 2014.

The rise in spot financial indebtedness was connected to the spot increase in consolidated net working capital as of 30 June 2015 which in turn is influenced both by technical events often not related to the average level of working capital and by the level of utilization of 'without-recourse' factoring programs referring to the trade receivables. This program is aimed at transferring risks and rewards to the buyer, thus receivables sold are eliminated from balance sheet according to IAS 39.

Taking into account other technical forms of cash advances other than "without-recourse assignment", but showing the same effects – such as "confirming" used in Spain –, the overall impact on financial debt was approx. € 125 million as at 30 June 2015 (approx. € 193 million as at 31 December 2014);

- **Consolidated net equity** as at 30 June 2015 equal to € 282.2 million, showing an increase of € 7.3 million compared to € 274.9 million as at 31 December 2014.

B) Financial highlights by geographical area

B.1) Subgroup Italy

The main economic, financial and asset results for the Italian subgroup (Esprinet, V-Valley and Celly Group) as at 30 June 2015 are hereby summarised:



(euro/000)	H1 2015	%	H1 2014	%	Var.	Var. %
Sales to third parties	951,492		788,341		163,151	21%
Intercompany sales	21,776		21,412		364	2%
Sales	973,268		809,753		163,515	20%
Cost of sales	(910,784)		(755,920)		(154,864)	20%
Gross profit	62,484	6.42%	53,833	6.65%	8,651	16%
Sales and marketing costs	(18,941)	-1.95%	(14,687)	-1.81%	(4,254)	29%
Overheads and administrative costs	(27,094)	-2.78%	(24,696)	-3.05%	(2,398)	10%
Operating income (EBIT)	16,449	1.69%	14,450	1.78%	1,999	14%

(euro/000)	Q2 2015	%	Q2 2014	%	Var.	Var. %
Sales to third parties	468,275		395,203		73,072	18%
Intercompany sales	11,487		11,348		139	1%
Sales	479,762		406,551		73,211	18%
Cost of sales	(448,911)		(378,431)		(70,480)	19%
Gross profit	30,851	6.43%	28,120	6.92%	2,731	10%
Sales and marketing costs	(9,370)	-1.95%	(8,079)	-1.99%	(1,291)	16%
Overheads and administrative costs	(13,552)	-2.82%	(13,025)	-3.20%	(527)	4%
Operating income (EBIT)	7,929	1.65%	7,016	1.73%	913	13%

- **Sales** were € 973.3 million, with an increase of +20% compared to € 809.8 million of the first half 2014. The second quarter registered an increase of +18% compared to the second quarter 2014;
- **Gross profit** was equal to € 62.5 million showing an increase of +16% compared to € 53.8 million of the first half 2014 due to both a gross profit margin decrease (from 6.65% to 6.42%) and higher sales. In the second quarter 2015 gross profit, equal to € 30.9 million, increased by +10% compared to the second quarter 2014;
- **Operating income (EBIT)** was equal to € 16.5 million, with an increase of +14% compared to the same period of 2014 with an EBIT margin decreased from 1.78% to 1.69% due to an increase of € 6.7 million of operating costs. EBIT in the second quarter 2015 registered an increase of +13% reaching € 7.9 million compared to € 7.0 million of 2014 with a reduction of EBIT margin (to 1.65% from 1.73% of the same period of 2014).



(euro/000)	30/06/2015	%	31/12/2014	%	Var.	Var. %
Fixed assets	108,355	38.47%	106,851	71.03%	1,504	1%
Operating net working capital	186,788	66.31%	53,792	35.76%	132,996	247%
Other current assets/liabilities	(4,361)	-1.55%	(605)	-0.40%	(3,757)	621%
Other non-current assets/liabilities	(9,090)	-3.23%	(9,606)	-6.39%	516	-5%
Total uses	281,692	100.00%	150,433	100.00%	131,259	87%
Short-term financial liabilities	23,798	8.45%	20,438	13.59%	3,360	16%
Current financial (assets)/liabilities for derivatives	164	0.06%	51	0.03%	113	222%
Financial receivables from factoring companies	(822)	-0.29%	(690)	-0.46%	(132)	19%
Financial (assets)/liab. from/to Group companies	(40,000)	-14.20%	(40,000)	-26.59%	-	0%
Customers financial receivables	(441)	-0.16%	(506)	-0.34%	64	-13%
Cash and cash equivalents	(47,749)	-16.95%	(180,194)	-119.78%	132,445	-74%
Net current financial debt	(65,050)	-23.09%	(200,901)	-133.55%	135,850	-68%
Borrowings	59,160	21.00%	68,419	45.48%	(9,259)	-14%
Debts for investments in subsidiaries	9,697	3.44%	9,758	6.49%	(61)	-1%
Non-current financial (assets)/liab. for derivatives	88	0.03%	128	0.09%	(40)	-31%
Customers financial receivables	(2,697)	-0.96%	(3,085)	-2.05%	388	-13%
Net Financial debt (A)	1,198	0.43%	(125,680)	-83.55%	126,878	-101%
Net equity (B)	280,494	99.57%	276,113	183.55%	4,381	2%
Total sources of funds (C=A+B)	281,692	100.00%	150,433	100.00%	131,259	87%

- **Operating net working capital** as at 30 June 2015 was equal to € 186.8 million, compared to € 53.8 million as at 31 December 2014;
- **Net financial position** as at 30 June 2015, was negative by € 1.2 million, compared to the cash surplus of € 125.7 million as at 31 December 2014. The impact of 'without-recourse' sale of trade receivables as at 30 June 2015 was equal to € 54 million (approx. € 70 million as at 31 December 2014).

B.2) Subgroup Iberica

The main economic, financial and asset results for the Iberica Subgroup (Esprinet Iberica and Esprinet Portugal) as at 30 June 2015 are hereby summarised:

(euro/000)	H1 2015	%	H1 2014	%	Var.	Var. %
Sales to third parties	284,896		244,628		40,268	16%
Intercompany sales	-		-		-	0%
Sales	284,896		244,628		40,268	16%
Cost of sales	(271,475)		(233,460)		(38,015)	16%
Gross profit	13,421	4.71%	11,168	4.57%	2,253	20%
Sales and marketing costs	(2,936)	-1.03%	(2,553)	-1.04%	(383)	15%
Overheads and administrative costs	(5,993)	-2.10%	(6,002)	-2.45%	9	0%
Operating income (EBIT)	4,492	1.58%	2,613	1.07%	1,879	72%



(euro/000)	Q2 2015	%	Q2 2014	%	Var.	Var. %
Sales to third parties	150,564		125,189		25,375	20%
Intercompany sales	-		-		-	0%
Sales	150,564		125,189		25,375	20%
Cost of sales	(143,157)		(119,240)		(23,917)	20%
Gross profit	7,407	4.92%	5,949	4.75%	1,458	25%
Sales and marketing costs	(1,571)	-1.04%	(1,324)	-1.06%	(247)	19%
Overheads and administrative costs	(2,970)	-1.97%	(3,177)	-2.54%	207	-7%
Operating income (EBIT)	2,866	1.90%	1,448	1.16%	1,418	98%

- **Sales** was equal to € 284.9 million, showing an increase of +16% compared to € 244.6 million of the first half 2014. In the second quarter sales increased by +20% (€ 25.4 million) compared to the same period 2014;
- **Gross profit** as at 30 June 2015 totalled € 13.4 million, with an increase of +20% compared to € 11.2 million resulting in the same period of 2014, and a gross profit margin from 4.57% to 4.71%. In the second quarter the gross profit increased by +25% compared to the previous period, with a gross profit margin from 4.75% to 4.92%;
- **Operating income (EBIT)** was equal to € 4.5 million, increased by € 1.9 million compared to the first half 2014, with an increase in EBIT margin from 1.07% to 1.58%. In the second quarter 2015 EBIT was € 2.9 million compared to € 1.4 million of the second quarter 2014 with EBIT margin to 1.90% from 1.16%.

(euro/000)	30/06/2015	%	31/12/2014	%	Var.	Var. %
Fixed assets	66,165	63.53%	65,765	95.53%	400	1%
Operating net working capital	52,039	49.97%	23,768	34.53%	28,271	119%
Other current assets/liabilities	(11,654)	-11.19%	(18,200)	-26.44%	6,546	-36%
Other non-current assets/liabilities	(2,401)	-2.31%	(2,492)	-3.62%	91	-4%
Total uses	104,149	100.00%	68,841	100.00%	35,308	51%
Short-term financial liabilities	358	0.34%	376	0.55%	(18)	-5%
Financial (assets)/liab. from/to Group companies	40,000	38.41%	40,000	58.10%	-	0%
Cash and cash equivalents	(12,637)	-12.13%	(44,980)	-65.34%	32,343	-72%
Net Financial debt (A)	27,721	26.62%	(4,604)	-6.69%	32,325	-702%
Net equity (B)	76,428	73.38%	73,445	106.69%	2,983	4%
Total sources of funds (C=A+B)	104,149	100.00%	68,841	100.00%	35,308	51%

- **Operating net working capital** as at 30 June 2015 was equal to € 52.0 million compared to € 23.8 million as at 31 December 2014;
- **Net financial position** as at 30 June 2015, was negative by € 27.7 million, compared to a cash surplus of € 4.6 million as at 31 December 2014. The impact of 'without-recourse' sale of both trade receivables and advancing cash-in of credits as at 30 June 2015 was approx. € 70 million (approx. € 123 million as at 31 December 2014).

C) Separate income statement by legal entity

Find below the separate income statement showing the contribution of each legal entities as considered significant¹:

(euro/000)	H1 2015						
	Italy				Iberica		Group
	E Spa + V-Valley	Celly*	Elim. and other	Total	E Iberica + E Portugal	Elim. and other	
Sales to third parties	939,662	11,830	-	951,492	284,896	-	1,236,389
Intersegment sales	22,443	-	(667)	21,776	-	(21,776)	-
Sales	962,105	11,830	(667)	973,268	284,896	(21,776)	1,236,389
Cost of sales	(905,550)	(5,860)	626	(910,784)	(271,475)	21,735	(1,160,524)
Gross profit	56,555	5,970	(41)	62,484	13,421	(41)	75,865
Sales and marketing costs	(14,186)	(4,781)	26	(18,941)	(2,936)	(91)	(21,968)
Overheads and admin. costs	(24,714)	(2,371)	(9)	(27,094)	(5,993)	99	(32,988)
Operating income (Ebit)	17,655	(1,182)	(24)	16,449	4,492	(33)	20,909
Finance costs - net							(2,135)
Share of profits of associates							(4)
Profit before income tax							18,770
Income tax expenses							(5,527)
Profit from continuing operations							13,243
Income/(loss) from disposal groups							-
Net income							13,243
- of which attributable to non-controlling interests							(337)
- of which attributable to Group							13,580

(euro/000)	H1 2014						
	Italy				Iberica		Group
	E Spa + V-Valley	Celly*	Elim. and other	Total	Iberica	Elim. and other	
Sales to third parties	784,447	3,894	-	788,341	244,628	-	1,032,970
Intersegment sales	21,527	-	(115)	21,412	-	(21,412)	-
Sales	805,974	3,894	(115)	809,753	244,628	(21,412)	1,032,970
Cost of sales	(754,277)	(1,758)	115	(755,920)	(233,460)	21,423	(967,957)
Gross profit	51,697	2,136	-	53,833	11,168	11	65,013
Sales and marketing costs	(13,236)	(1,451)	-	(14,687)	(2,553)	(227)	(17,467)
Overheads and admin. costs	(24,011)	(684)	(1)	(24,696)	(6,002)	231	(30,467)
Operating income (Ebit)	14,450	1	(1)	14,450	2,613	15	17,079
Finance costs - net							(314)
Share of profits of associates							(15)
Profit before income tax							16,750
Income tax expenses							(5,530)
Profit from continuing operations							11,220
Income/(loss) from disposal groups							2,044
Net income							13,264
- of which attributable to non-controlling interests							1
- of which attributable to Group							13,263

* Consisting of Celly S.p.A., Celly Nordic OY, Celly Swiss S.a.g.l. and Celly Pacific Limited.

¹ V-Valley S.r.l. and Esprinet Portugal Lda, are both not showed separately as just a "commission sales agent" of Esprinet S.p.A. and just set up in June 2015 respectively.



Italian Operating income, excluding the negative results of the controlled Celly, is equal to 17.6 million euro, with an increase of +22% compared to the previous year.

D) Significant events occurred in the period

Relevant events occurred in the period are briefly described below:

Esprinet S.p.A. Annual Shareholders Meeting

On April 30th 2015, Esprinet Shareholders' meeting approved the separated financial statements for the fiscal year ended December 31st 2014 and the distribution of a dividend of € 0.125 per ordinary share, corresponding to a pay-out ratio of 25% based on Esprinet Group's consolidated net profit.

Following the expiry of previous mandate, Shareholder's Meeting appointed the new Board of Directors and the Board of Statutory Auditors which will remain in office until approval of the financial statements for the 2017 fiscal year.

The new Board is made up as follows: Francesco Monti, Maurizio Rota, Alessandro Cattani, Valerio Casari, Marco Monti, Tommaso Stefanelli, Matteo Stefanelli, Cristina Galbusera, Mario Massari, Chiara Mauri, Emanuela Prandelli, Andrea Cavaliere.

The new Board of Statutory Auditors is made up as follows: Giorgio Razzoli (Chairman) Bettina Solimando (standing statutory auditor), Patrizia Paleologo Oriundi (standing statutory auditor), Antonella Koenig (alternate statutory auditor) and Bruno Ziosi (alternate statutory auditor).

Shareholders' Meeting approved a Long Term Incentive Plan, in relation to remuneration policies and in accordance with article 114-*bis* of legislative decree 58/1998, for the members of the Company's Board of Directors and other executives for the period 2015/2016/2017. The object of the plan is the free allocation of ordinary shares in the Company ("performance stock grant") to beneficiaries designated by the Board of Directors, up to a maximum of 1,150,000 shares in the Company already in portfolio.

Subject to prior revocation of former authorization resolved on the Shareholder's Meeting of April 30th 2014, the Shareholders' Meeting resolved also to authorise, the acquisition and disposal of own shares. The plan represents the re-iteration of the former one and comprises up to 10,480,000 ordinary shares of Esprinet S.p.A. with a nominal value of € 0.15 each, or a maximum of 10% of share capital, taking into account the own shares hold by the Company.

Esprinet Portugal established

On April 29th 2015 the new legal entity Portugal Lda was established according to the Portuguese law with the purpose of further enhance Groups' distribution activities in Portugal territory. The abovementioned company started its operating activities at the beginning of June.

New Long term incentive plan: allocation of share rights for free

On June 30th 2015 Esprinet S.p.A Board of Directors', pursuant to the Shareholders' Meeting resolution as of April 30th 2015 concerning the new 2015-17 'Long Term Incentive Plan', freely assigned n. 646.889 rights out of a maximum of 1,150,000 designed by the Shareholding Meeting – to some members of the Board of Directors as well as to other Company's executives.

The exercise of the stock plan is conditional upon the achievement of some financial targets and the beneficiary being still employed by the Group at the expiry of the vesting period which coincides with the date of presentation of the Consolidated Financial Statement of Esprinet Group as at 31 December 2017.

E) Subsequent events

Acquisition of additional 20% in Celly's share capital

On July 20th, Esprinet S.p.A acquired 20% stake in Celly S.p.A. from GIR S.r.l., a company owned by Claudio Gottero, Celly's former co-Chief Executive Officer. The transaction is part of the agreements aimed at regulating the termination of any relationships between Celly and the above-mentioned Claudio Gottero. As consequence of this acquisition, Esprinet owns 80% in Celly's share capital.



Purchase price for the 20% of shares has been equal to € 1.99 million, thus implying a 100% equity value of € 9.95 million.

Stefano Bonfanti remains as owner of remaining 20% of shares keeping its powers as Chief Executive Officer.

Share buy-back program

Pursuant to the Shareholders Meeting's resolution as of April 30th 2015 and in execution of the share buy-back program initiated on June 30th 2015, the Company purchased a total of 442.600 ordinary shares of Esprinet S.p.A. (or 0.84% of total share capital) along the period between July 22nd 2015 and August 26th 2015. The average gross purchase price was of euro 7.76 per share.

Taking into account the abovementioned operations the Company owned n. 473,400 own shares (or 0.90% of share capital) as of August 26th 2015.

Securitization of trade receivables for a maximum amount of 80.0 million euro

On July 27th 2015, Esprinet S.p.A. and its fully owned subsidiary V-Valley S.r.l. have completed as originators a securitization transaction involving the transfer of up to 80.0 million euro of their trade receivables.

The transaction, which has been structured by UniCredit Bank AG involves the assignment on a monthly "non recourse" revolving basis of trade receivables to a "special purpose vehicle" under L. n. 130/99 named Vatec S.r.l., over a maximum period of 3 years.

The purchase of trade receivables by Vatec S.r.l. is being funded through the issue of different classes of notes: class A notes (senior), subscribed by a conduit sponsored by UniCredit Group, class B notes (mezzanine) and class C notes (junior) subscribed by specialised investors.

Challenge of some resolutions of the Shareholders' Meeting and the Board of Directors

Some Esprinet's shareholders has challenged before the Court of Milan, by serving on 30th July 2015 a writ of summon, some Shareholders Meeting's resolutions as at 30 April 2015 having as object the Report on Remuneration as well as an incentive plan, to the benefit of the Directors and managers of the Company, consisting in the granting to such beneficiaries of rights to subscribe for free the shares of the Company subject to the occurrence of certain performance targets.

On 31st July and on 3rd August 2015 a Director of the Company – appointed after the slate of candidates for the Board of Directors presented by the same shareholders who have challenged the abovementioned resolutions – has challenged, by serving two writ of summons, some resolutions passed by the Board of Directors' meeting held on 4th May 2015, having as objects, respectively, the granting of delegated powers to some Directors, the appointment of the Vice-President of the Company and the approval of a non-fixed remuneration plan defined by the Shareholders' Meeting held on 30th April 2015.

The Company - supported by its legal advisories – reaffirms the full fairness and compliance to laws and articles of association of the conduct of its managerial bodies and trusts that the court will soon confirm it by rejecting any challenge.

F) Outlook

Relatively to both the economies of Italy and in particular Spain, the consensus continues to expect a positive growth, notwithstanding the current turbulences on the stock exchanges related to the worries about the growth of the Chinese economy and its potential effects on the worldwide conjuncture, even if the most recent macroeconomic data of USA and EU seem to indicate the opposite, while the doubts on the exit of Greece from the Eurozone are fading away.

In the first six months of 2015 (Source: Sirmi, July 2015), the Italian IT market decreased by -3% (to € 9.2 billion from € 9.4 billion) compared to the same period of the preceding year.

Such a decrease is more evident in the 'Hardware' segment (-7%) than in the 'Service' and 'Software' ones, both reducing by -1%. Enlarging the scope to include TLCs (-2%) and consumer electronics (-7%), the ICT market spending reduced by -3% to € 28.6 billion from € 29.4 billion of the first half of 2014).

According to GTDC-Context first half 2015 data, the Italian distribution market grew by +13% compared to the preceding year. Tablets (+24%), toner and software were the bears, whilst smartphone (+155%) and notebook (+10%) were the bulls.



The Spanish ICT market (source: GFK, July 2015) grew by +8%. The best product category was telecom (+36%), followed by small domestic appliance (+12%). Consumer electronics reduced by -8% as well as the photo category. (-6%).

The Spanish distribution grew by +20% (source: GTDC – Context, July 2015), despite the negative performance of tablets (-24%) and consumables (-28%). The main triggers were notebooks (+18%), followed by smartphones and desktops.

The very positive financial results achieved in the first half of the current year, together with the growth of the market share in both Italy and Iberic peninsula, show the Group's capability to both reinforce its own leadership and leverage on its own competitive advantages to better address the new market opportunities, first of all the mobile phone's one. It is once more confirmed the combination of constant growth of volumes - with a +15% revenue growth even during the July-August period - coupled with the pressure (more in Italy than in Spain) on product margins, originated by both the intense price-competition mainly in the 'retailer' channel and the less favourable sales mix.

A first positive contribution to Group's profitability is expected by the subsidiary Celly (mobile phone accessories) at the end of the post-acquisition physiological settlement, taking into consideration both the sales growth expected in the second part of the current year, even due to seasonality, and the favourable effects arising from some cost-reduction activities already put in place.

During the first half, thanks to the completion of a securitization transaction of up to € 80 million of trade receivables 'committed' over a maximum period of 3 years, Esprinet furtherly improved the stability and flexibility of its financial structure trough the lengthening of the average maturity of debt. Such an operation was coupled with the signature of the 5-year credit line of € 130 million, announced in the mid of 2014 to provide the Group with the necessary financial resources in terms of both quality and quantity to achieve its own target of growth and value creation, even by means of acquisitions.

In light of both the results so far achieved and the market trend, the Group confirms its expectations of a significant growth of profitability in the current year.

As per operational risks, the management sees a substantial surplus of stock in the whole technology supply chain, evident in all European geographies, mainly related to the unusual concentration of speculative purchases in the first part of the current year, generated by the favourable dollar-euro exchange.

The Group believes that contractual and extra-contractual stock protection granted by the vendors should reasonably neutralize the main economic effects of the phenomenon, while the necessary period to absorb such an exceeding stock level lets forecast temporary superior financial needs, completely sustainable in any case by the Group.

DECLARATION EX ART. 154-bis, paragraph 2 Legislative Decree n.58/1998 (T.U.F.)

The officer charged with the drawing up of the accounting documents of the company, Pietro Aglianò, declares that, in compliance with the provisions of paragraph 2 of Article 154 bis of Legislative Decree n.58/1998 (T.U.F.), the financial data shown in this press release corresponds to the findings resulting from accounting documents, books and accounting records.

Annex: Summary of economic and financial results as at 30 June 2015.

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Esprinet (Italian Stock Exchange: PRT) is engaged in the wholesale distribution of IT and consumer electronics in Italy and Spain, with ~40.000 resellers customers served and 600 brands supplied. Consolidated 2014 sales of € 2.3 billion rank the Company No. 1 in Italy and No. 2 in Spain (No. 5 in Europe). Uniquely enabled by its internet-based business model (www.esprinet.com), Esprinet is especially focused on delivering technology to resellers mainly addressing the small-to-midsize businesses (SMB).



Summary of main Group's results

(euro/000)	6 months						Q2						
	notes	2015	%	2014	notes	%	% var. 15/14	2015	%	2014	notes	%	% var. 15/14
Profit & Loss													
Sales		1,236,389	100.0%	1,032,970		100.0%	20%	618,839	100.0%	520,392		100.0%	19%
Gross profit		75,865	6.1%	65,013		6.3%	17%	38,235	6.2%	34,072		6.5%	12%
EBITDA	(1)	22,833	1.8%	19,487		1.9%	17%	11,624	1.9%	10,123		1.9%	15%
Operating income (EBIT)		20,909	1.7%	17,079		1.7%	22%	10,775	1.7%	8,469		1.6%	27%
Profit before income tax		18,770	1.5%	16,750		1.6%	12%	10,218	1.7%	8,326		1.6%	23%
Net income		13,243	1.1%	13,264		1.3%	0%	6,979	1.1%	5,041		1.0%	38%
Financial data													
Cash flow	(2)	14,843		14,833									
Gross investments		3,109		1,544									
Net working capital	(3)	222,651		58,627	(4)								
Operating net working capital	(5)	238,665		77,431	(4)								
Fixed assets	(6)	99,923		98,058	(4)								
Net capital employed	(7)	311,083		144,588	(4)								
Net equity		282,164		274,872	(4)								
Tangible net equity	(8)	205,847		198,605	(4)								
Net financial debt	(9)	28,919		(130,284)	(4)								
Main indicators													
Net financial debt / Net equity		0.1		(0.5)	(4)								
Net financial debt / Tangible net equity		0.1		(0.7)	(4)								
EBIT / Finance costs - net		9.8		54.3									
EBITDA / Finance costs - net		10.7		62.0									
Net financial debt/ EBITDA		0.6		(2.9)	(4)								
Operational data													
N. of employees at end-period		1,014		1,035									
Average number of employees	(10)	992		1,005									
Earnings per share (euro)													
- From continuing operations - basic		0.26		0.22		18%		0.13		0.11		18%	
- Basic		0.26		0.26		0%		0.13		0.10		30%	
- From continuing operations - diluted		0.26		0.21		24%		0.14		0.11		27%	
- Diluted		0.26		0.25		4%		0.14		0.10		40%	

(1) EBITDA is equal to the operating income (EBIT) gross of amortisation and depreciation and accruals for risks and charges.

(2) Sum of consolidated net profit before minority interests and amortisation and depreciation.

(3) Sum of current assets, non-current assets held for sale and current liabilities, gross of short-term net financial position.

(4) Data/indicator referring as at 31 December 2014.

(5) Sum of trade receivables, inventory and trade payables.

(6) Non-current assets net of non-current financial assets.

(7) Equal to the sum of the net working capital plus fixed assets net of non-current liabilities except of financial liabilities.

(8) Equal to net equity less goodwill and intangible assets.

(9) Sum of borrowings and short term financial liabilities net of cash and cash equivalents, assets/liabilities for financial derivatives and financial receivables.

(10) Average of the balance at period beginning and end of companies consolidated.

The 2015 first half economic and financial results and those of the relative periods of comparison have been measured by applying International Financial Standards ('IFRSs').

In the next table, in combination with IFRSs' defined measures, some 'alternative performance measures', not defined from IFRSs, are presented. These 'alternative performance measures', consistently presented in previous reports and not intended as substitute of IFRSs defined measures, are internally used by the management for measuring and controlling the Group's profitability, performance and financial position.

As required by CESR (Committee of European Securities Regulators) recommendation n. CESR/05-178b, basis of calculation adopted are defined below the table.



Consolidated statement of financial position

(euro/000)	30/06/2015	related parties	31/12/2014	related parties
ASSETS				
Non-current assets				
Property, plant and equipment	11,527		10,271	
Goodwill	75,246		75,246	
Intangible assets	1,070		1,021	
Investments in associates	41		45	
Deferred income tax assets	10,495		9,932	
Receivables and other non-current assets	4,241	1,188	4,628	1,188
	102,620	1,188	101,143	1,188
Current assets				
Inventory	328,152		253,488	
Trade receivables	231,730	8	275,983	16
Income tax assets	1,784		1,774	
Other assets	14,703	-	9,814	-
Cash and cash equivalents	60,386		225,174	
	636,755	8	766,233	16
Disposal groups assets				
	-		-	
Total assets	739,375	1,196	867,376	1,204
EQUITY				
Share capital	7,861		7,861	
Reserves	258,887		237,783	
Group net income	13,580		27,035	
Group net equity	280,328		272,679	
Non-controlling interests	1,836		2,193	
Total equity	282,164		274,872	
LIABILITIES				
Non-current liabilities				
Borrowings	59,160		68,419	
Derivative financial liabilities	88		128	
Deferred income tax liabilities	4,896		4,795	
Retirement benefit obligations	4,142		4,569	
Debts for investments in subsidiaries	9,697		9,758	
Provisions and other liabilities	2,453		2,734	
	80,436		90,403	
Current liabilities				
Trade payables	321,217	-	452,040	-
Short-term financial liabilities	24,156		20,814	
Income tax liabilities	1,955		1,361	
Derivative financial liabilities	164		51	
Provisions and other liabilities	29,283	-	27,835	-
	376,775	-	502,101	-
Disposal groups liabilities				
	-		-	
Total liabilities	457,211	-	592,504	-
Total equity and liabilities	739,375	-	867,376	-

Consolidated separate income statement

(euro/000)	H1			H1		
	2015	no n-recurring	related parties*	2014	no n-recurring	related parties*
Sales	1,236,389	-	3	1,032,970	-	6
Cost of sales	(1,160,524)	-	-	(967,957)	-	-
Gross profit	75,865	-	-	65,013	-	-
Sales and marketing costs	(21,968)	-	-	(17,467)	-	-
Overheads and administrative costs	(32,988)	(657)	(1,683)	(30,467)	(893)	(1,696)
Operating income (EBIT)	20,909	(657)	-	17,079	(893)	-
Finance costs - net	(2,135)	-	6	(314)	-	15
Other investments expenses/(incomes)	(4)	-	-	(15)	-	-
Profit before income tax	18,770	(657)	-	16,750	(893)	-
Income tax expenses	(5,527)	228	-	(5,530)	295	-
Profit from continuing operations	13,243	(429)	-	11,220	(598)	-
Income/(loss) from disposal groups	-	-	-	2,044	-	-
Net income	13,243	(429)	-	13,264	(598)	-
- of which attributable to non-controlling interests	(337)	-	-	1	-	-
- of which attributable to Group	13,580	(429)	-	13,263	(598)	-
Earnings continuing operation per share - basic	0.26	-	-	0.22	-	-
Earnings per share - basic (euro)	0.26	-	-	0.26	-	-
Earnings continuing operation per share - diluted	0.26	-	-	0.21	-	-
Earnings per share - diluted (euro)	0.26	-	-	0.25	-	-

(euro/000)	Q2			Q2		
	2015	no n-recurring	related parties*	2014	no n-recurring	related parties*
Sales	618,839	-	(1)	520,392	-	1
Cost of sales	(580,604)	-	-	(486,320)	-	-
Gross profit	38,235	-	-	34,072	-	-
Sales and marketing costs	(10,978)	-	-	(9,520)	-	-
Overheads and administrative costs	(16,482)	(657)	(841)	(16,083)	(893)	(856)
Operating income (EBIT)	10,775	(657)	-	8,469	(893)	-
Finance costs - net	(557)	-	3	(128)	-	8
Other investments expenses/(incomes)	-	-	-	(15)	-	-
Profit before income tax	10,218	(657)	-	8,326	(893)	-
Income tax expenses	(3,239)	228	-	(2,673)	295	-
Profit from continuing operations	6,979	(429)	-	5,653	(598)	-
Income/(loss) from disposal groups	-	-	-	(612)	-	-
Net income	6,979	(429)	-	5,041	(598)	-
- of which attributable to non-controlling interests	(184)	-	-	1	-	-
- of which attributable to Group	7,163	(429)	-	5,040	(598)	-
Earnings continuing operation per share - basic	0.13	-	-	0.11	-	-
Earnings per share - basic (euro)	0.13	-	-	0.10	-	-
Earnings continuing operation per share - diluted	0.14	-	-	0.11	-	-
Earnings per share - diluted (euro)	0.14	-	-	0.10	-	-



Consolidated statement of comprehensive income

(euro/000)	H1 2015	H1 2014	Q2 2015	Q2 2014
Net income	13,243	13,264	6,979	5,041
<i>Other comprehensive income:</i>				
- Changes in 'cash flow hedge' equity reserve	(14)	(161)	131	(161)
- Taxes on changes in 'cash flow hedge' equity reserve	4	(51)	(36)	(51)
- Changes in translation adjustment reserve	(10)	-	(19)	-
<i>Other comprehensive income not to be reclassified in the separate income statement</i>				
- Changes in 'TFR' equity reserve	215	(288)	324	(149)
- Taxes on changes in 'TFR' equity reserve	(59)	79	(89)	41
Other comprehensive income	135	(421)	310	(320)
Total comprehensive income	13,378	12,843	7,289	4,721
- of which attributable to Group	13,713	12,842	7,477	4,720
- of which attributable to non-controlling interests	(335)	1	(188)	1

Consolidated statement of changes in equity

(euro/000)	Share capital	Reserves	Own shares	Profit for the period	Total net equity	Minority interest	Group net equity
Balance at 31 December 2013	7,861	241,941	(13,070)	23,095	259,827	-	259,827
Total comprehensive income/(loss)	-	(421)	-	13,264	12,843	1	12,842
Increase in reserve from Celly group acquisition	-	2,704	-	-	2,704	2,704	-
Allocation of last year net income/(loss)	-	18,536	-	(18,536)	-	-	-
Dividend payment	-	-	-	(4,559)	(4,559)	-	(4,559)
Transactions with owners	-	21,240	-	(23,095)	(1,855)	2,704	(4,559)
Increase/(decrease) in 'stock grant' plan reserve	-	456	-	-	456	-	456
Variation in IAS / FTA reserve	-	(85)	-	-	(85)	(34)	(51)
Other variations	-	(12)	-	-	(12)	(5)	(7)
Variation in reserve on 40% Celly option	-	(9,691)	-	-	(9,691)	-	(9,691)
Balance at 30 June 2014	7,861	253,428	(13,070)	13,264	261,483	2,666	258,817
Balance at 31 December 2014	7,861	253,268	(13,070)	26,813	274,872	2,193	272,679
Total comprehensive income/(loss)	-	135	-	13,243	13,378	(335)	13,713
Allocation of last year net income/(loss)	-	20,410	-	(20,410)	-	-	-
Dividend payment	-	-	-	(6,403)	(6,403)	-	(6,403)
Transactions with owners	-	20,410	-	(26,813)	(6,403)	-	(6,403)
Increase/(decrease) in 'stock grant' plan reserve	-	304	-	-	304	-	304
Assignment of Esprinet own shares	-	(12,723)	12,723	-	-	-	-
Other variations	-	13	-	-	13	(22)	35
Balance at 30 June 2015	7,861	261,407	(347)	13,243	282,164	1,836	280,328



Consolidated net financial position

(euro/000)	30/06/2015	31/12/2014	Var.	30/06/2014	Var.
Short-term financial liabilities	24,156	20,814	3,342	21,376	2,780
Customer financial receivables	(441)	(506)	64	(433)	(8)
Current financial (assets)/liabilities for derivatives	164	51	113	-	164
Financial receivables from factoring companies	(822)	(690)	(132)	(1,944)	1,122
Cash and cash equivalents	(60,386)	(225,174)	164,788	(59,373)	(1,013)
Net current financial debt	(37,329)	(205,505)	168,175	(40,374)	3,053
Borrowings	59,160	68,419	(9,259)	3,892	55,268
Debts for investments in subsidiaries	9,697	9,758	(61)	9,811	(114)
Non-current financial (assets)/liabilities for derivatives	88	128	(40)	-	88
Customer financial receivables	(2,697)	(3,085)	388	(3,085)	388
Net financial debt	28,919	(130,284)	159,203	(29,756)	58,675



Consolidated statement of cash flows

(euro/000)	H1 2015	H1 2014
Cash flow provided by (used in) operating activities (D=A+B+C)	(148,455)	(97,890)
Cash flow generated from operations (A)	22,285	21,426
Operating income (EBIT)	20,909	17,079
Net income from disposal groups	-	2,081
Depreciation, amortisation and other fixed assets write-downs	1,599	1,569
Net changes in provisions for risks and charges	(281)	625
Net changes in retirement benefit obligations	(246)	(384)
Stock option/grant costs	304	456
Cash flow provided by (used in) changes in working capital (B)	(164,287)	(113,783)
Inventory	(74,664)	(39,822)
Trade receivables	44,253	16,938
Other current assets	(4,831)	(28,442)
Trade payables	(130,663)	(83,649)
Other current liabilities	1,618	21,192
Other cash flow provided by (used in) operating activities (C)	(6,453)	(5,533)
Interests paid, net	142	351
Foreign exchange (losses)/gains	(1,207)	(366)
Net results from associated companies	(1)	(12)
Gain on Monclick disposal	-	(2,452)
Comprel write-down	-	1,136
Income taxes paid	(5,387)	(4,190)
Cash flow provided by (used in) investing activities (E)	(2,856)	(5,692)
Net investments in property, plant and equipment	(2,553)	(1,065)
Net investments in intangible assets	(351)	(464)
Changes in other non current assets and liabilities	48	(836)
Celly business combination	-	(12,336)
Monclick selling	-	2,787
Net assets disposal group - Comprel	-	6,222
Cash flow provided by (used in) financing activities (F)	(13,477)	(13,938)
Medium/long term borrowing	(1,707)	(12,624)
Net change in financial liabilities	(5,406)	1,509
Net change in financial assets and derivative instruments	393	1,923
Deferred price Celly acquisition	(61)	9,811
Option on 40% Celly shares	68	(9,691)
Dividend payments	(6,403)	(4,559)
Increase/(decrease) in 'cash flow edge' equity reserve	(10)	(212)
Changes in third parties net equity	(351)	-
Other movements	-	(95)
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents (G=D+E+F)	(164,788)	(117,520)
Cash and cash equivalents at year-beginning	225,174	176,893
Net decrease/(increase) in cash and cash equivalents	(164,788)	(117,520)
Cash and cash equivalents at year-end	60,386	59,373