

PRESS RELEASE

**SOGEFI GROUP GROWTH CONTINUES IN FOURTH QUARTER
2007 PROFITS AND REVENUES INCREASE**

Consolidated results for Q4 2007

*Revenues € 274.4 million (+8.4%)
EBITDA € 27.7 million (+7.8%)
EBIT € 16.3 million (+5.5%)
Net income € 10.3 million (-9.7%)*

Consolidated preliminary results for FY 2007

*Revenues € 1,071.8 million (+5.2%)
EBITDA € 134.6 million (+4.7%)
EBIT € 89.9 million (+7.7%)
Net income € 52.2 million (+2.8%)
Net indebtedness € 92.4 million (-26.9%)*

The Board of Directors of SOGEFI SpA, chaired by Mr. Rodolfo De Benedetti, met today in Milan to examine the group results for the last quarter of 2007 and the preliminary results for the whole of FY 2007.

TRENDS AND RESULTS FOR FOURTH QUARTER 2007

As in the previous quarter, in the last quarter of the financial year Sogefi Group recorded significant growth (+8.4%) against the same period of 2006. **Consolidated sales** for Q4 came to Euro 274.4 million, against 253.1 million for the previous-year period, thanks in particular to positive performance by the Suspension Components Division and to growth in Latin America in both Suspension Components and the Filtration Division.

Group **operating profits** in the quarter improved on the same period of 2006, as costs remained substantially unchanged from the first half of 2007.

Consolidated EBITDA was Euro 27.7 million (10.1% of sales), up 7.8% on the 25.7 million (10.2%) of Q4 2006, notwithstanding the Euro 5.9 million budgeted for restructuring in FY 2008.

Consolidated operating income in Q4 2007 amounted to Euro 29.2 million (10.6% of sales), an increase of 9.8% on the Euro 26.6 million (10.5%) in the last quarter of 2006.

Consolidated EBIT was Euro 16.3 million (5.9% of sales), up 5.5% on the 15.5 million (6.1%) in Q4 2006.

Consolidated profit before taxes also improved, reaching Euro 13.9 million from 12.8 million in 2006, while **consolidated net profit**, at Euro 10.3 million, fell by 9.7% from 11.5 million in the previous year due to higher taxes.

In the fourth quarter of 2007, SOGEFI Group confirmed its capacity for cash generation, bringing **net indebtedness** down to Euro 92.4 million at 31 December 2007 (-26.9% from 126.3 million at 31 December 2006 and -10.1% from 102.8 million at 30 September 2007).

2007 PRELIMINARY RESULTS

Despite higher costs of raw materials and energy combined with significant extraordinary and reorganisation costs, in 2007 SOGEFI Group achieved record results both in revenues and earnings.

Consolidated revenues grew 5.2% to reach Euro 1,071.8 million from 1,018.6 million in 2006.

Consolidated operating income rose 6.6% to reach Euro 113.6 million (10.6% of sales), against 106.6 million (10.5%) in 2006.

Consolidated EBITDA was Euro 134.6 million, an increase of 4.7% from 128.5 million in 2006, remaining at 12.6% of revenues, while **consolidated EBIT** grew by 7.7% to Euro 89.9 million (8.4% of sales) compared with 83.5 million (8.2%) in 2006.

In 2007 SOGEFI Group **Consolidated net profit** came to Euro 52.2 million (4.9% of sales), up 2.8% on the 50.8 million (5%) of 2006.

The Board of Directors will meet on 26 February to examine the Statutory Accounts of SOGEFI SpA and the Consolidated Accounts of the Group for the financial and accounting year 2007.

Despite a worsening international economic outlook, SOGEFI Group expects to see positive trends continue in the first half of FY 2008, with business growth in the Mercosur area, in industrial vehicles and the French car manufacturers, as well as in the Group's marginal presence in North America where the market is likely to contract.

The manager responsible for preparing the Group financial reports, Euro Trapani, declares, pursuant to paragraph 2 of Article 154-*bis* of the Consolidated Law on Finance, that the accounting information contained in this press release corresponds to the document results, books and accounting records.

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CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET OF THE SOGEFI GROUP (PRELIMINARY DATA)
(in millions of Euro)

ASSETS	12.31.2007	12.31.2006
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	63.7	51.5
Other financial assets	1.0	0.2
<i>Working capital</i>		
Inventories	113.2	111.7
Trade receivables	220.1	227.0
Other receivables	6.0	6.0
Tax receivables	10.7	10.9
Other assets	2.5	2.4
TOTAL WORKING CAPITAL	352.5	358.0
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	417.2	409.7
NON-CURRENT ASSETS		
Fixed assets		
Land	11.3	15.6
Property, plant and equipment	224.3	229.3
Other tangible fixed assets	4.4	4.5
<i>Of wich: leases</i>	<i>12.7</i>	<i>18.3</i>
Intangible assets	118.7	117.4
TOTAL FIXED ASSETS	358.7	366.8
OTHER NON-CURRENT ASSETS		
Equity investments in associated companies	0.1	0.1
Other financial assets available for sale	0.5	0.4
Financial receivables	-	0.3
Other receivables	5.0	5.3
Deferred tax assets	25.2	26.8
TOTAL OTHER NON-CURRENT ASSETS	30.8	32.9
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS	389.5	399.7
NON-CURRENT ASSETS HELD FOR SALE	6.8	2.6
TOTAL ASSETS	813.5	812.0

LIABILITIES	12.31.2007	12.31.2006
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Bank overdrafts and short-term loans	12.4	13.3
Current portion of medium/long-term financial debts and other loans	13.7	18.6
<i>Of which: leases</i>	1.3	1.2
TOTAL SHORT-TERM FINANCIAL DEBTS	26.1	31.9
Other short-term liabilities for cash flow hedge	0.5	-
TOTAL SHORT-TERM FINANCIAL DEBTS AND CASH FLOW HEDGES	26.6	31.9
Trade and other payables	228.9	234.5
Tax payables	11.8	8.2
Other current liabilities	3.0	2.4
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	270.3	277.0
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		
MEDIUM/LONG TERM FINANCIAL DEBTS AND CASH FLOW HEDGES		
Financial debts to bank	118.0	128.4
Other medium/long-term financial debts	12.5	18.0
<i>Of which: leases</i>	9.1	15.3
TOTAL MEDIUM/LONG-TERM FINANCIAL DEBTS	130.5	146.4
TOTAL MEDIUM/LONG-TERM FINANCIAL DEBTS AND CASH FLOW HEDGES	130.5	146.4
OTHER LONG-TERM LIABILITIES		
Long-term provisions	58.8	68.4
Other payables	-	-
Deferred taxation	27.2	24.5
TOTAL OTHER LONG-TERM LIABILITIES	86.0	92.9
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES	216.5	239.3
SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY		
Share capital	59.6	58.8
Reserves and retained earnings (accumulated losses)	199.1	170.0
Group net profit (loss) for the year	52.2	50.8
TOTAL SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE HOLDING COMPANY	310.9	279.6
Minority interests	15.8	16.1
TOTAL SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY	326.7	295.7
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	813.5	812.0

CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT OF THE SOGEFI GROUP FROM 01.01.2007 TO 12.31.2007 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

(in millions of Euro)

	Period		Period		Variation	
	01.01 – 12.31.2007		01.01 – 12.31.2006			
	Amount	%	Amount	%	Amount	%
Sales revenues	1,071.8	100.0	1,018.6	100.0	53.2	5.2
Variable cost of sales	699.4	65.3	653.2	64.1	46.2	7.1
CONTRIBUTION MARGIN	372.4	34.7	365.4	35.9	7.0	1.9
Manufacturing and R&D overheads	115.2	10.7	114.3	11.2	0.9	0.8
Depreciation and amortization	44.7	4.2	45.0	4.4	(0.3)	(0.8)
Distribution and sales fixed expenses	38.4	3.6	37.7	3.7	0.7	1.9
Administrative and general expenses	60.5	5.6	61.8	6.1	(1.3)	(2.0)
OPERATING INCOME	113.6	10.6	106.6	10.5	7.0	6.6
Restructuring costs	7.6	0.7	5.2	0.5	2.4	44.4
Losses (gains) on disposal	(4.6)	(0.4)	(4.0)	(0.4)	(0.6)	(16.5)
Exchange (gains) losses	0.9	0.1	0.9	0.1	-	-
Other non-operating expenses (income)	19.8	1.8	21.0	2.1	(1.2)	(5.7)
EBIT	89.9	8.4	83.5	8.2	6.4	7.7
Financial expenses (income), net	9.4	0.9	10.2	1.0	(0.8)	(7.5)
Losses (gains) from equity investments	(0.1)	-	(1.6)	(0.2)	1.5	93.2
PROFIT BEFORE TAXES AND MINORITY INTERESTS	80.6	7.5	74.9	7.4	5.7	7.6
Income taxes	25.4	2.4	21.5	2.1	3.9	17.9
NET PROFIT BEFORE MINORITY INTERESTS	55.2	5.1	53.4	5.3	1.8	3.4
Losses (income) attributable to minority interests	(3.0)	(0.2)	(2.6)	(0.3)	(0.4)	15.5
GROUP NET PROFIT FOR THE YEAR	52.2	4.9	50.8	5.0	1.4	2.8

NET FINANCIAL POSITION OF THE SOGEFI GROUP (PRELIMINARY DATA)

(in millions of Euro)

	12.31.2007	12.31.2006
A. Cash	63.7	51.5
B. Other cash at bank and on hand	0.9	-
C. Financial instruments held for trading	0.1	0.2
D. Liquid funds (A) + (B) + (C)	64.7	51.7
E. Current financial receivables	-	-
F. Current payables to banks	(12.4)	(13.3)
G. Current portion of non-current indebtedness	(13.7)	(18.6)
H. Other current financial payables	(0.5)	-
I. Current financial indebtedness (F) + (G) + (H)	(26.6)	(31.9)
J. Current financial indebtedness, net (I) - (E) - (D)	38.1	19.8
K. Non-current payables to banks	(118.0)	(128.4)
L. Bonds issued	-	-
M. Other non-current payables	(12.5)	(18.0)
N. Non-current financial indebtedness (K) + (L) + (M)	(130.5)	(146.4)
O. Net indebtedness (J) + (N)	(92.4)	(126.6)
Long term financial receivables	-	0.3
Financial indebtedness, net including non-current financial receivables	(92.4)	(126.3)

CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT OF THE SOGEFI GROUP FOR THE FOURTH QUARTER

(in millions of Euro)

	Period 10.01 - 12.31.2007		Period 10.01 - 12.31.2006		Variation	
	Amount	%	Amount	%	Amount	%
Sales revenues	274.4	100.0	253.1	100.0	21.3	8.4
Variable cost of sales	180.6	65.8	165.0	65.2	15.6	9.5
CONTRIBUTION MARGIN	93.8	34.2	88.1	34.8	5.7	6.5
Manufacturing and R&D overheads	28.2	10.3	26.9	10.6	1.3	4.8
Depreciation and amortization	11.4	4.1	10.2	4.0	1.2	11.2
Distribution and sales fixed expenses	9.6	3.6	9.2	3.6	0.4	4.0
Administrative and general expenses	15.4	5.6	15.2	6.0	0.2	1.8
OPERATING INCOME	29.2	10.6	26.6	10.5	2.6	9.8
Restructuring costs	5.9	2.1	1.9	0.8	4.0	204.4
Losses (gains) on disposal	0.1	-	(0.1)	(0.1)	0.2	135.0
Exchange (gains) losses	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.1	-	-
Other non-operating expenses (income)	6.7	2.5	9.1	3.6	(2.4)	(26.3)
EBIT	16.3	5.9	15.5	6.1	0.8	5.5
Financial expenses (income), net	2.4	0.8	2.5	1.0	(0.1)	(3.5)
Losses (gains) from equity investments	-	-	0.2	0.1	(0.2)	(100.0)
PROFIT BEFORE TAXES AND MINORITY INTERESTS	13.9	5.1	12.8	5.0	1.1	8.9
Income taxes	2.7	1.0	0.7	0.3	2.0	290.0
NET PROFIT BEFORE MINORITY INTERESTS	11.2	4.1	12.1	4.7	(0.9)	(7.0)
Losses (income) attributable to minority interests	(0.9)	(0.3)	(0.6)	(0.2)	(0.3)	(43.1)
GROUP NET PROFIT	10.3	3.8	11.5	4.5	(1.2)	(9.7)