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HALF-YEAR REPORT 2023

SOLID FIRST HALF YEAR 2023 DESPITE DIFFICULT
MARKET ENVIRONMENT AND NEGATIVE CURRENCY EFFECTS

NET SALES IN LOCAL CURRENCIES SLIGHTLY BELOW
STRONG PRIOR-YEAR PERIOD

MEASURES TO INCREASE EARNINGS PROVE EFFECTIVE

EBIT MARGIN INCREASED

CONFIRMATION OF GUIDANCE FROM SPRING 2023

The Forbo Group – a leading manufacturer of floor coverings, building and construction adhesives, as well as power transmission and conveyor belt solutions – reported net sales of CHF 615.2 million in the first half of 2023 (prior-year period: CHF 667.3 million), representing a decrease of 2.2% in local currencies (7.8% in the corporate currency). Operating profit (EBIT) declined by 4.3% to CHF 75.2 million (prior-year period: CHF 78.6 million). The EBIT margin rose to 12.2% (prior-year period: 11.8%). Group profit saw a decline of 4.8% to CHF 57.4 million (previous year: CHF 60.3 million). Cash flow from operating activities improved significantly and came to CHF 33.0 million (prior-year period: CHF – 10.0 million).

Dear Shareholders,

As expected, the first half of 2023 was affected by geopolitical and macroeconomic challenges that also had an impact on our businesses. Compared with the strong performance in the first half of 2022, there was a significant slump in demand and an associated decline in volumes. In addition, strong negative currency effects and significant rises in personnel and energy cost had to be offset. We focused on realizing measures previously announced to improve profitability and implementing operational and strategic projects. We aligned our operating structures to the lower volumes, reduced inventories, and applied the necessary sales price increases. This resulted in an increase in cash inflow. The first half of 2023 showed some improvements over the final months of 2022, especially in terms of volume and margin development.

We overcame the challenges faced in an extremely demanding environment, and increased profitability slightly in comparison to the strong first half of 2022.

Major impact of currency effects on net sales and earnings

The conversion of local results into the corporate currency exposed us to considerable currency-related negative impacts in the areas of net sales (CHF 37 million) and EBIT (CHF 5 million). Both divisions were affected to a similar degree. The Japanese yen, the Chinese renminbi, the Swedish krona, and the pound sterling all contributed, along with the euro and the US dollar. The euro was the main driver for the majority of the impact.

Net sales in local currencies down slightly in comparison with strong first half of 2022

With net sales of CHF 615.2 million in the first half of 2023 (prior-year period: CHF 667.3 million), Forbo registered a slight decrease in local currencies of 2.2% (– 7.8% in the corporate currency). Compared with a strong first half year in 2022, the net sales development in local currencies for the regions were as follows: Asia/Pacific + 3.1%, Europe – 2.0%, and the Americas – 6.3%. It was not possible to fully offset the clearly discernible downturn in demand and volumes through price adjustments.

Flooring Systems reported a decline in net sales of 3.4% in local currencies (– 8.8% in the corporate currency). Demand continues to be affected by the shift away from renovation projects to energy-saving projects in response to the energy crisis. In addition, the construction industry remains generally sluggish due to the effects of inflation on construction cost and higher interest rates.

Movement Systems achieved net sales at the previous year's level in local currencies (+0.3%, – 5.6% in the corporate currency). Following some years of growth, demand in the logistics segment is still at a reduced level, as the requirement for new e-commerce and parcel centers is not as strong as during the time of the pandemic. Processing belts for the food industry, for industrial production segments, and for processing raw materials were increasingly in demand. On the other hand, there was no sign yet of a discerning recovery in China, a key market for Movement Systems.

Profitability increased despite decline in volumes and strong negative currency effects

Operating profit before depreciation and amortization (EBITDA) came to CHF 102.8 million (prior-year period: CHF 106.3 million), corresponding to a decline of 3.3%. The EBITDA margin increased to 16.7% (prior-year period: 15.9%). Operating profit (EBIT) reduced by CHF 4.3% to CHF 75.2 million (prior-year period: CHF 78.6 million) and the EBIT margin rose to 12.2% (prior-year period: 11.8%).

Despite the decrease in volumes (–8%) due to continuing muted demand (especially in Flooring Systems), negative currency effects, and significantly higher personnel and energy cost, profitability increased slightly in comparison with the first half of 2022. This was the result of adjusting operating structures, optimizing sales and production planning processes, introducing measures to increase efficiency, and implementing sales price increases (+6%). Furthermore, inventories were reduced.

Group profit

On the basis of the lower operating profit, a slightly higher financial result, and a more or less unchanged tax rate, Forbo posted a Group profit of CHF 57.4 million (prior-year period: CHF 60.3 million), corresponding to a decline of 4.8%. Earnings per share (undiluted) reduced by 4.8% to CHF 40.54 (prior-year period: CHF 42.60).

Equity ratio remains strong

Equity at the end of June 2023 stood at CHF 545.3 million (year-end 2022: CHF 550.1 million), corresponding to a decrease of 0.9%. The equity ratio was 55.9% (year-end 2022: 57.3%).

Solid balance sheet

At the end of June 2023, Forbo had net cash amounting to CHF – 17.6 million (year-end 2022: CHF + 21.4 million). The decline was mainly due to the dividend payout and share purchases. In addition, Forbo holds treasury shares worth CHF 106.6 million, based on the share price at end-June 2023. Cash flow from operating activities improved significantly and, due to optimized management of the operating working capital, came to CHF 33.0 million (prior-year period: CHF – 10.0 million).

Performance of the divisions

The **Forbo Flooring Systems** division reported net sales of CHF 415.9 million in the first half of 2023 (prior-year period: CHF 456.2 million). In a very challenging market environment for the construction industry, where construction activity is being held back by inflationary cost and higher interest rates, the distribution of sales in local currencies among the three regions was as follows: Asia/Pacific +6.0%, Europe –3.4%, and the Americas –7.9%. In Europe, some core markets such as France, Germany, Switzerland, and Sweden recorded a decline in net sales to some extent. The Netherlands and the United Kingdom remained more or less at the previous year's level. Southern and Eastern Europe contributed positively to net sales. In the Americas, the key US market mainly impacted the decline in net sales, which was due in particular to muted demand in the education segment. In Asia/Pacific, net sales presented a mixed picture. Australia, South Korea, and Southeast Asia were growth drivers; however, Japan and China saw a decline.

The building and construction adhesives activity reported healthy sales growth in an increasingly challenging market environment.

Operating profit (EBIT) reduced by CHF 9.8% to CHF 52.5 million (prior-year period: CHF 58.2 million). The main reasons for this decrease lay in the market-driven negative volume growth and the corresponding decline in capacity utilization, the significantly higher personnel and energy cost, and negative currency effects. The sales price adjustments were sufficient to cover the inflation-related cost increases but not to the full extent of the decline in volumes. As far as the price of raw materials is concerned, a slight easing of pressure has been discernible in the meantime. The EBIT margin decreased accordingly to 12.6% (prior-year period: 12.8%). Along with continued improvements to profitability, the focus for the second half of 2023 will be on the introduction of innovative collections coupled with marketing activities via the well-established digital channels, as well as on the construction of the Flotex manufacturing plant in the USA.

The **Forbo Movement Systems** division reported net sales of CHF 199.3 million in the first half of 2023 (prior-year period: CHF 211.1 million). The three regions recorded the following changes in local currencies: Europe + 3.5%, Asia/Pacific + 1.3%, and the Americas – 5.0%. In Europe, Germany, Scandinavia, France, and Southern Europe were the growth drivers, whereas Switzerland, the United Kingdom, and the Netherlands registered declining demand. In the Americas, the USA mainly impacted the decline, especially as a result of reduced orders in the logistics segment, with its above-average importance for the country. Asia/Pacific showed a mixed trend. Growth drivers were Japan, Southeast Asia, and Australia. India and South Korea recorded a slight downturn.

Operating profit (EBIT) decreased slightly by CHF 0.7% to CHF 27.2 million (prior-year period: CHF 27.4 million). The decline in volumes coupled with the negative currency effects were key factors along with the significantly higher personnel and energy cost. These were mitigated by the optimized alignment of sales and production planning as well as sales price adjustments. The EBIT margin improved accordingly to 13.6% (prior-year period: 13.0%). The focus for the second half of the year will be on optimizing operational processes and inventory, commissioning the additional production line in China, launching the modernization of the production plant in Japan, and expanding the new Fullsan product line (homogenous belts).

Systematic implementation of proven strategy

Our activities focus on clearly defined business areas and market segments in which we are or aspire to be globally leading. This is achieved through our clear customer focus, an excellent standard of service, innovation, sustainability, digital transformation, and a strong global brand. We will continue to remain committed to this proven strategy and gauge our medium- and long-term prospects to be positive.

On this basis, we contribute to the reduction of the global carbon footprint with sustainable, high-quality products and innovative solutions in both divisions, and, thanks to our technical expertise and global presence, we are well placed to forge ahead with the strategic focus areas.

Confirmed outlook for 2023

In view of our solid and healthy financial foundation, proven strategy, and leading market positions, we are well equipped with the successfully implemented measures to reaffirm the outlook presented in the spring of 2023. This is despite the very negative currency effects and ongoing muted demand. By contrast with the striking downturn in volumes experienced in the fourth quarter of 2022, a slight recovery has been noted since the beginning of 2023, which should lead to a moderate increase in net sales in local currencies for 2023 as a whole.

Assuming there is no significant change in the geopolitical and economic environments, we anticipate slightly higher net sales in local currencies for the full year 2023 compared with the previous year, and a Group profit in the magnitude of CHF 130 million, if foreign exchange rates remain at the levels seen in the first half of 2023.



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Chairman



Jens Fankhänel
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Forbo Holding Ltd

Baar, July 28, 2023

Consolidated balance sheet and income statement

Condensed consolidated balance sheet		
Unaudited, CHF m	June 30, 2023	December 31, 2022
Assets		
Current assets	601.2	571.6
Cash and cash equivalents	45.9	46.7
Trade and other receivables and accrued income	250.0	208.7
Inventories	305.3	316.2
Non-current assets	374.6	388.6
Property, plant, and equipment, intangible assets, and goodwill	340.7	352.5
Deferred tax assets	32.1	34.3
Non-current financial assets	1.8	1.8
Total assets	975.8	960.2
Shareholders' equity and liabilities		
Current liabilities	308.6	291.6
Current financial liabilities	78.2	39.0
Trade payables	68.1	102.5
Current provisions, accrued expenses, current tax, and other liabilities	162.3	150.1
Non-current liabilities	121.9	118.5
Non-current financial liabilities	26.1	26.6
Employee benefit obligations, non-current provisions, and deferred tax liabilities	95.8	91.9
Total liabilities	430.5	410.1
Shareholders' equity	545.3	550.1
Total shareholders' equity and liabilities	975.8	960.2
Condensed consolidated income statement		
Unaudited, CHF m	First half 2023	First half 2022
Net sales	615.2	667.3
Cost of goods sold	-399.4	-434.3
Gross profit	215.8	233.0
Operating expenses	-140.6	-154.4
Operating profit	75.2	78.6
Financial result	-1.2	-0.7
Group profit before taxes	74.0	77.9
Income taxes	-16.6	-17.6
Group profit	57.4	60.3
Group profit attributable to shareholders of Forbo Holding Ltd	57.4	60.3
<i>Earnings per share, total</i>		
Basic earnings per share in CHF	40.54	42.60
Diluted earnings per share in CHF	40.54	42.60

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the half-year report.

Consolidated comprehensive income statement and statement of changes in equity

Consolidated comprehensive income statement		
Unaudited, CHF m	First half 2023	First half 2022
Group profit	57.4	60.3
Items that will not be reclassified to the income statement:		
Remeasurements of employee benefit obligations, net of taxes	-3.5	21.8
Items that were or may be subsequently reclassified to the income statement:		
Translation differences	-12.9	-13.5
Other comprehensive income, net of tax	-16.4	8.3
Total comprehensive income	41.0	68.6
Total comprehensive income attributable to the shareholders of Forbo Holding Ltd	41.0	68.6

Consolidated statement of changes in equity first half 2023					
Unaudited, CHF m	Share capital	Treasury shares	Reserves	Translation differences	Total
January 1, 2023	0.1	-0.0	947.3	-397.3	550.1
Group profit			57.4		57.4
Other comprehensive income, net of tax			-3.5	-12.9	-16.4
Total comprehensive income			53.9	-12.9	41.0
Share-based payments			2.3		2.3
Treasury shares			-15.5		-15.5
Dividend payment			-32.6		-32.6
June 30, 2023	0.1	-0.0	955.4	-410.2	545.3

Consolidated statement of changes in equity first half 2022					
Unaudited, CHF m	Share capital	Treasury shares	Reserves	Translation differences	Total
January 1, 2022	0.2	-0.1	882.7	-361.0	521.8
Group profit			60.3		60.3
Other comprehensive income, net of tax			21.8	-13.5	8.3
Total comprehensive income			82.1	-13.5	68.6
Share-based payments			2.0		2.0
Treasury shares	-0.1	0.1	-24.7		-24.7
Dividend payment			-35.3		-35.3
June 30, 2022	0.1	-0.0	906.8	-374.5	532.4

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Consolidated cash flow statement

Condensed consolidated cash flow statement		
Unaudited, CHF m	First half 2023	First half 2022
Group profit	57.4	60.3
Depreciation of property, plant, and equipment, and amortization of intangible assets	27.6	27.7
Increase in net operating working capital	-61.0	-106.8
Other adjustments for non-cash items	9.0	8.8
Net cash flow from operating activities	33.0	-10.0
Purchase of property, plant, and equipment, and intangible assets	-10.7	-8.7
Other cash flows from investing activities	0.6	0.6
Net cash flow from investing activities	-10.1	-8.1
Payment of lease liabilities	-9.5	-8.4
Increase in current financial debt	38.5	50.1
Purchase of treasury shares	-16.6	-27.5
Dividend payment	-32.6	-35.3
Net cash flow from financing activities	-20.2	-21.1
Increase/Decrease (-) in cash and cash equivalents	2.7	-39.2
Translation differences on cash and cash equivalents	-3.5	0.6
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	46.7	93.3
Total cash and cash equivalents as at June 30	45.9	54.7

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the half-year report.

Notes to the condensed consolidated half-year financial statements (unaudited)

01 General information

This condensed consolidated interim report of Forbo Holding Ltd and its subsidiaries (hereinafter 'the Group') covers the six-month period from January 1, 2023 to June 30, 2023 (hereinafter 'reporting period') and was drawn up in accordance with International Accounting Standard 34 (IAS 34) 'Interim Financial Reporting'. The consolidated half-year financial statements do not include all information reported in the consolidated full-year financial statements and should therefore be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements as at December 31, 2022. During the prior-year period, the two sales organizations Forbo Tema S.r.l. and Realbelt GmbH in the Movement Systems division were absorbed by their parent companies Forbo Siegling Italia S.p.A. and Forbo Siegling GmbH, respectively, for the purpose of simplifying the Group structure.

The consolidated half-year financial statements have not been audited by the auditors. They were approved for publication by the Board of Directors on July 27, 2023.

Standards, interpretations or amendments that have been published but are not yet mandatory have not been adopted early. The first-time adoption of the above-mentioned revised standards and interpretations had no material impact on the half-year report presented here.

The preparation of the consolidated half-year financial statements requires management to use estimates and assumptions that may affect reported revenues, expenses, assets, liabilities, and contingent liabilities at the date of the financial statements. If the estimates and assumptions used by management to the best of its knowledge at the date of the financial statements happen to differ from subsequent actual facts, the original estimates and assumptions will be adjusted in the reporting period in which the facts have changed. The consolidated half-year financial statements do not contain any significant new discretionary decisions and estimates used by management compared with the consolidated financial statements as at December 31, 2022.

Income tax expenditure is predicted on the basis of average actual tax rates during the current business year.

02 Group accounting principles

The accounting principles applied in the consolidated half-year report are in line with the accounting policies set out in the 2022 Annual Report with the following exceptions:

The following new and amended relevant standards and interpretations of the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB) were applied for the first time in the business year that began on January 1, 2023:

- IFRS 17 'Insurance Contracts'
- Amendments to IAS 8 'Definition of Accounting Estimates'
- Amendments to IAS 1 and IFRS Practice Statement 2 'Disclosure of Accounting Policies'
- Amendments to IAS 12 'Deferred Tax related to Assets and Liabilities arising from a Single Transaction'

03 Segment information

The Group is a global producer of Flooring Systems and Movement Systems. The divisions correspond to the internal management structure and are run separately because the products that they manufacture, distribute, and sell differ fundamentally in terms of production, distribution, and marketing.

Flooring Systems develops, produces, and sells linoleum, vinyl floor coverings, entrance flooring systems, carpet tiles, needle felt floor coverings, Flotex – the washable textile flooring –, building and construction adhesives, as well as various accessory products required for installing, processing, cleaning, and care of flooring. Movement Systems develops, produces, and sells high-quality conveyor and processing belts, as well as plastic modular belts and drive, timing, and flat belts made of synthetic materials. Corporate includes the costs of the Group headquarters and certain items of income and expenses that are not directly attributable to a specific segment.

The Flooring Systems and Movement Systems divisions are reportable segments. The identification of reportable segments is based on internal management reporting to the Chairman of the Board of Directors and to the Chief Executive Officer of the Group, and hence on the financial information used to review the performance of the operational units in order to reach a decision on the allocation of resources.

The Chairman of the Board of Directors and the Chief Executive Officer assess the performance of the segments based on their operating result (EBIT). The net financial result is not allocated to the segments since it is Corporate Treasury that exercises central control over the financial result.

First half 2023

Unaudited, CHF m	Flooring Systems	Movement Systems	Corporate/ Elimination	Total
Total sales	415.9	199.3	-0.0	615.2
Inter-segment sales		-0.0	0.0	
Net sales to third parties	415.9	199.3		615.2
Operating profit (EBIT)	52.5	27.2	-4.5	75.2
EBITDA ¹⁾	68.9	38.1	-4.2	102.8
Operating assets	528.1	340.8	28.9	897.8
Capital expenditure ²⁾	4.1	6.6	0.0	10.7
Number of employees (June 30)	2,881	2,438	38	5,357

1) Operating profit before depreciation and amortization

2) Purchase of property, plant, and equipment, and intangible assets (excluding leasing)

First half 2022

Unaudited, CHF m	Flooring Systems	Movement Systems	Corporate/ Elimination	Total
Total sales	456.2	211.2	-0.1	667.3
Inter-segment sales		-0.1	0.1	
Net sales to third parties	456.2	211.1		667.3
Operating profit (EBIT)	58.2	27.4	-7.0	78.6
EBITDA ¹⁾	75.0	38.0	-6.7	106.3
Operating assets	578.1	335.4	22.6	936.1
Capital expenditure ²⁾	6.5	2.2	0.0	8.7
Number of employees (June 30)	3,134	2,564	38	5,736

1) Operating profit before depreciation and amortization

2) Purchase of property, plant, and equipment, and intangible assets (excluding leasing)

Reconciliation of segment information to the income statement and balance sheet:

Unaudited, CHF m	First half 2023	First half 2022
Total segment result (EBIT)	75.2	78.6
Financial result	-1.2	-0.7
Group profit before taxes	74.0	77.9

Unaudited, CHF m	June 30, 2023	December 31, 2022
Total operating assets	897.8	879.2
Non-operating assets	78.0	81.0
Total assets	975.8	960.2

Operating assets include 'Trade and other receivables', 'Inventories' and 'Property, plant, and equipment, intangible assets, and goodwill' and 'Non-current financial assets'. Non-operating assets include 'Cash and cash equivalents' and 'Deferred tax assets'.

The following table shows revenue broken down by geographic region and by the two product groups that are identical with the reportable segments.

Net sales per segment by region

Unaudited, CHF m	Flooring Systems		Movement Systems	
	First half 2023	First half 2022	First half 2023	First half 2022
<i>Regions</i>				
Europe	313.5	342.4	85.6	87.5
Americas	66.0	75.2	64.5	69.9
Asia/Pacific and Africa	36.4	38.6	49.2	53.7
Total net sales to third parties	415.9	456.2	199.3	211.1

04 Balance sheet

The change in cash and cash equivalents can be found in the consolidated cash flow statement.

Trade and other receivables and accrued income showed an increase compared with year-end 2022. Trade receivables increased as a result of seasonally higher net sales. Inventories declined, primarily due to improved production and sales planning.

Property, plant, and equipment decreased from CHF 267.6 million to CHF 257.3 million in the first half of 2023 (of which CHF 42.6 million for leased property, plant, and equipment). Investments in property, plant, and equipment of CHF 19.6 million (of which CHF 8.9 million for leased property, plant, and equipment) were offset by depreciation of CHF 25.4 million (of which CHF 8.2 million for leased property, plant, and equipment). Intangible assets and goodwill declined with amortization of CHF 2.2 million (prior-year period: CHF 2.1 million) to CHF 83.4 million (end of previous year: CHF 84.9 million).

Due to the sanctions and other measures against Russia taken in connection with the situation in Ukraine, a large proportion of assets, including goodwill, was written down during the 2022 reporting year. The respective assets in Russia were retested for impairment in the first half of 2023. No significant need to adjust the existing valuation allowance was evident as a result of this review.

The total current financial liabilities of CHF 78.2 million (end of previous year: CHF 39.0 million) mainly include leasing liabilities of CHF 14.7 million (end of previous year: CHF 13.8 million), and money market financing of CHF 58.6 million (end of previous year: CHF 19.7 million). The non-current financial liabilities include leasing liabilities only.

Trade payables reduced by CHF 34.4 million. This change was primarily timing related. The other items in the remaining current liabilities increased by CHF 12.2 million. This raise is largely attributable to higher accrued expenses.

Employee benefit obligations, non-current provisions, and deferred tax liabilities rose by CHF 3.9 million, of which CHF 3.7 million was accounted for by the pension liabilities contained therein. The net liability from defined benefit pension plans increased, primarily because of the lower valuation of assets of the plan in the United Kingdom. The revaluation of the net liability was charged to the consolidated comprehensive income statement.

Equity decreased by CHF 4.8 million to CHF 545.3 million compared with December 31, 2022. Due to this reduction and the higher total assets, the equity ratio saw a decline from 57.3% on December 31, 2022, to 55.9% on June 30, 2023. The increase in shareholders' equity by the amount of total comprehensive income of CHF 41.0 million was offset mainly by the dividend payout of CHF 32.6 million and the increase in treasury shares amounting to CHF 13.2 million.

05 Income statement

Net sales decreased by 7.8% to CHF 615.2 million in the corporate currency. In local currencies, the decline came to 2.2%, which was attributable to lower sales volumes. The Asia/Pacific and Africa region saw slight growth, however Europe and America recorded decreases in net sales.

The manufacturing costs of the products sold reduced as a result of the lower sales volume and slightly lower prices for materials. It was possible to achieve a significant reduction in operating expenses compared with the same period last year due to improvements to operating procedures.

Operating profit (EBIT) in the reporting period came to CHF 75.2 million, which was CHF 3.4 million or 4.3% lower than in the prior-year period.

In both periods, the financial result included the interest expense for leased properties of CHF –0.4 million. The increase of the financial result in the current year is attributable to slightly higher currency losses and interest charges on current financial liabilities.

Income tax amounted to CHF 16.6 million, corresponding to a tax rate of 22.4%. This was slightly less than the same period the previous year (22.6%).

The resulting Group profit came to CHF 57.4 million and was thus CHF 2.9 million lower than in the same period the previous year.

Undiluted earnings per share on the basis of the average number of shares in circulation amounted to CHF 40.54 in the reporting period (prior-year period: CHF 42.60). Diluted earnings per share also came to CHF 40.54 (prior-year period: CHF 42.60).

06 Cash flow statement

Cash flow from operating activities came to CHF 33.0 million, which was therefore substantially higher than for the same period the previous year. The clear improvement in cash flow from operating activities stems primarily from a positive cash flow resulting from the change in inventory. This was reduced in the current year compared with the end of 2022, whereas in the prior-year period a substantial increase in inventory was recorded. In addition, a smaller increase in trade receivables had a positive effect on the cash flow from operating activities.

As in the same period the previous year, cash flow from investing activities reflects the cash outflow for investments in property, plant, and equipment and in intangible assets. This increase is attributable to strategic investment projects. However, the cash flows are always also dependent on the payment processes of the projects and therefore differ during the course of the year.

In the reporting year, in addition to the cash outflow of CHF 32.6 million for the dividend, payments of CHF 9.5 million for leasing obligations, and the purchase of treasury shares amounting to CHF 16.6 million, cash flow from financing activities also included an inflow of CHF 38.5 million from money market financing.

07 Main exchange rates applied

The following exchange rates against the CHF have been applied for the most important currencies concerned:

Exchange rates	Income statement			Balance sheet		
	Average exchange rate, 6 months			On balance-sheet date		
			2023	2022	June 30, 2023	December 31, 2022
Euro countries	EUR	1	0.9856	1.0320	0.9771	0.9841
USA	USD	1	0.9116	0.9438	0.8985	0.9234
United Kingdom	GBP	1	1.1246	1.2260	1.1338	1.1123
Japan	JPY	100	0.6759	0.7685	0.6206	0.6960
China	CNY	100	13.1583	14.5815	12.3877	13.2600
Sweden	SEK	100	8.6950	9.8448	8.2795	8.8186

08 Events after the balance sheet date

Between the balance sheet date and the date of publication of this half-year report, no events occurred that could have a significant effect on the 2023 half-year financial statements.

Calendar

Media and financial analysts' conference for the 2023 business year:	Tuesday, March 5, 2024
Ordinary General Meeting 2024:	Friday, April 5, 2024
Media and financial analysts' conference for the first half of 2024:	Friday, July 26, 2024

Our half-year report is published in German and in English translation. The German version is authoritative.