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# **EUROTECH: APPROVAL OF CONSOLIDATED QUARTERLY REPORT AT 30.09.11**

Slight growth in revenues over nine months and marked improvement in third-quarter EBITDA.

## Amaro (Italy), November 14th, 2011

- Consolidated revenues: from €65.76 million to €66.20 million (+0.7%)
- Consolidated gross profit: from €33.75 million to €34.16 million
- Consolidated EBITDA: from €1.71 million to €1.84 million
- Consolidated EBIT: from €-4.25 million to €-3.75 million
- Consolidated pre-tax result: from €-6.30 million to €-5.27 million
- Net financial debt: €15.4 million
- Group shareholders' equity: €131.2 million

Today the Board of Directors of Eurotech SpA reviewed and approved the results for the first nine months of 2011 and for the third guarter of 2011.

#### FIRST NINE MONTHS OF 2011

In the first nine months of the year, Group revenues registered a slight growth, increasing by 0.7% to €66.20 million, compared with €65.76 million in the same period of 2010.

However, the sales performance in the first nine months of the year was influenced by the global economic climate, that has been effecting the regions in which the Group operates albeit to differing extents in the various market segments. Management continues to closely monitor trends in local economies, profiting as much as possible from the Group's international presence and exploiting opportunities wherever these present themselves.

The gross profit margin came in at 51.6% for the first nine months of 2011, in line with previous quarters and just over the figure recorded for the same period of 2010. The margin's stability in percentage terms, aside from some small variations due to the mix of products sold according to the application sectors and the end markets, confirms the Group's ability to maintain its set margins and its continuing focus on curbing costs of purchased items.

During the nine months just ended, the Group continued to focus on optimum use of synergies between associated companies, reducing operating costs, which decreased from €35.67 million in 2010 to €34.08 million in 2011, an improvement of 4.5%. Operating costs as a percentage of revenues also improved markedly, decreasing from 54.2% in the first nine months of 2010 to 51.5% in the same period this year. This reduction is expected to continue over 12



months, given that Group revenues are usually concentrated in the fourth quarter. The efforts to find synergies launched in recent years have not, however, restricted continual investment in business activities that will generate financial returns in the coming reporting periods.

EBITDA rose from €1.71 million in the first nine months of 2010 to €1.84 million in the same period of 2011. This improvement reflects lower operating costs achieved despite a higher headcount, confirming management's aim of building an efficient overall structure. The improvement in EBITDA was partly limited by a decrease in other revenues, which totalled €1.6 million in the first nine months of 2011, compared with €2.3 million in the same period of 2010. EBITDA as a percentage of revenues was largely stable in the two reporting periods, coming in at 2.8%.

EBIT totalled €-3.75 million, at -5.7% of revenues, representing an improvement on the first nine months of 2010 (€-4.25 million and -6.5% of revenues). The ratio of EBIT to revenues continues to be affected by sales, which remain lower than the structure's real potential, as well as depreciation and amortisation charged to the income statement in the first nine months of 2011, which arose both from operating assets that became subject to depreciation during this period and from the non-monetary effects of PPA (purchase price allocation), which in the first nine months of 2011 amounted to €2.44 million (versus €2.51 million in the same period of 2010).

The pre-tax result for the nine months under review was €-5.27 million (versus €6.30 million in the first nine months of 2010). This performance was affected by the factors mentioned above and by the results of financial operations, which in turn were affected by the net financial position, as well as exchange rate differences caused by foreign currency trends.

The Group net loss decreased from €7.23 million in the first nine months of 2010 to €6.44 million in the same period this year. Total PPA effects had a €1.43 million impact on the Group net loss in 9M11 (vs. €2.65 million in 9M10).

At 30 September 2011, the Group had net financial debt of €15.38 million, compared with €8.64 million at 31 December 2010. Cash and cash equivalents totalled €12.90 million at the end of September 2011.

Net working capital at the same date totalled €31.41 million, up on the €30.21 million registered at 31 December 2010 and up in absolute terms on the figure of €28.02 million recorded at 30 September 2010, mainly due to growth in inventory to meet delivery requests for the end of the year.

### THIRD QUARTER 2011

Group revenues in the third quarter 2011 rose by 4.6% on the same period of 2010, from €23.93 million to €25.04 million. This performance reflects more orders at the start of the year in the various sectors and markets in which the Group operates.

As in the first nine months of the year, in the third quarter the different sales mix led to a slight increase in the gross profit margin, which came in at 51.8% of revenues in 2011 compared with 51.2% in the third quarter of 2010.

EBITDA came in at €2.43 million (9.7% of sales) in the third quarter of 2011, compared with €1.21 million in the same period a year previously (5.0% of sales). The EBITDA performance was positively influenced by trends in both turnover and operating costs, as previously mentioned.





EBIT improved in the third quarter of 2011, rising to €579 thousand (2.3% of revenues), from €-860 thousand (-3.6% of revenues) in the same period of 2010. PPA had a negative effect on EBIT of €814 thousand in the third quarter of 2011 and €877 thousand in the same period a year previously.

The pre-tax result was €0.1 million, compared with €-1.54 million in the third quarter of 2010, owing to the EBIT performance mentioned above combined with the trend of the currencies and the resulting exchange rate differences accounted for.

The Group net loss came to €1.03 million in the third quarter, compared with €2.26 million in the same period a year previously.

We advise the public that, as required by the CONSOB (Italian securities & exchange commission), the Consolidated Quarterly Report at 30.09.11 is available to anyone on request at the company's registered headquarters as well as at the headquarters of Borsa Italiana SpA. The Report is also available on Eurotech's website, at www.eurotech.com.

Pursuant to Article 154-bis, Paragraph 2, of the Italian Consolidated Finance Act (Legislative Decree 58/1998), the Financial Reporting Manager of Eurotech SpA, Sandro Barazza, herewith declares that the financial disclosure contained in this press release corresponds to documentary evidence, corporate books, and accounting records.



### THE EUROTECH GROUP

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## ANNEXES - FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

# **CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT**

| CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT         | 3rd Qtr  | %      | 3rd Qtr<br>2010 | %      | 9 months<br>2011 (a) | %      | 9 months<br>2010 (b) | %      | change (b-a) |        |
|---------------------------------------|----------|--------|-----------------|--------|----------------------|--------|----------------------|--------|--------------|--------|
| (€ '000)                              | 2011     |        |                 |        |                      |        |                      |        | amount       | %      |
| Sales revenue                         | 25,035   | 100.0% | 23,932          | 100.0% | 66,199               | 100.0% | 65,755               | 100.0% | 444          | 0.7%   |
| Cost of material                      | (12,068) | -48.2% | (11,672)        | -48.8% | (32,041)             | -48.4% | (32,009)             | -48.7% | (32)         | 0.1%   |
| Gross profit                          | 12,967   | 51.8%  | 12,260          | 51.2%  | 34,158               | 51.6%  | 33,746               | 51.3%  | 412          | 1.2%   |
| Services costs                        | (4,160)  | -16.6% | (4,374)         | -18.3% | (12,133)             | -18.3% | (12,980)             | -19.7% | 847          | -6.5%  |
| Lease & hire costs                    | (601)    | -2.4%  | (605)           | -2.5%  | (1,786)              | -2.7%  | (1,779)              | -2.7%  | (7)          | 0.4%   |
| Payroll costs                         | (6,248)  | -25.0% | (6,618)         | -27.7% | (19,095)             | -28.8% | (19,910)             | -30.3% | 815          | -4.1%  |
| Other provisions and costs            | (166)    | -0.7%  | (407)           | -1.7%  | (1,066)              | -1.6%  | (997)                | -1.5%  | (69)         | 6.9%   |
| Other revenues                        | 641      | 2.6%   | 950             | 4.0%   | 1,757                | 2.7%   | 3,629                | 5.5%   | (1,872)      | 51.6%  |
| EBITDA                                | 2,433    | 9.7%   | 1,206           | 5.0%   | 1,835                | 2.8%   | 1,709                | 2.6%   | 126          | 7.4%   |
| Depreciation & Amortization           | (1,836)  | -7.3%  | (2,066)         | -8.6%  | (5,570)              | -8.4%  | (5,943)              | -9.0%  | 373          | 6.3%   |
| Asset impairment                      | (18)     | -0.1%  | 0               | 0.0%   | (18)                 | 0.0%   | (12)                 | 0.0%   | (6)          | 50.0%  |
| EBIT                                  | 579      | 2.3%   | (860)           | -3.6%  | (3,753)              | -5.7%  | (4,246)              | -6.5%  | 493          | 11.6%  |
| Share of associates' profit at equity | 0        | 0.0%   | 0               | 0.0%   | (139)                | -0.2%  | (898)                | -1.4%  | 759          | -84.5% |
| Finance expense                       | (2,266)  | -9.1%  | (1,516)         | -6.3%  | (5,864)              | -8.9%  | (4,275)              | -6.5%  | (1,589)      | 37.2%  |
| Finance income                        | 1,790    | 7.1%   | 841             | 3.5%   | 4,490                | 6.8%   | 3,120                | 4.7%   | 1,370        | 43.9%  |
| Profit before tax                     | 103      | 0.4%   | (1,535)         | -6.4%  | (5,266)              | -8.0%  | (6,299)              | -9.6%  | 1,033        | -16.4% |
| Income tax                            | (1,134)  | -4.5%  | (681)           | -2.8%  | (1,174)              | -1.8%  | (944)                | -1.4%  | (230)        | 24.4%  |
| Net profit before minority            |          |        |                 |        |                      |        |                      |        |              |        |
| interest                              | (1,031)  | -4.1%  | (2,216)         | -9.3%  | (6,440)              | -9.7%  | (7,243)              | -11.0% | 803          | 11.1%  |
| Minority interest                     | 0        | 0.0%   | 47              | 0.2%   | 0                    | 0.0%   | (17)                 | 0.0%   | 17           | 100.0% |
| Group net profit (loss)               | (1,031)  | -4.1%  | (2,263)         | -9.5%  | (6,440)              | -9.7%  | (7,226)              | -11.0% | 786          | 10.9%  |
| Base earnings per share               |          |        |                 |        | (0.183)              |        | (0.206)              |        |              |        |
| Diluted earnings per share            |          |        |                 |        | (0.183)              |        | (0.206)              |        |              |        |



# **CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET & STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION**

|                                                                                        | at September 30, | at December 31,  |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| (€'000)                                                                                | 2011             | 2010             |
|                                                                                        |                  |                  |
| ASSETS                                                                                 |                  |                  |
| Intangible assets                                                                      | 122,759          | 120,328          |
| Property, Plant and equipment                                                          | 5,861            | 6,582            |
| Investments in affiliate companies                                                     | 319              | 308              |
| Investments in other companies                                                         | 262              | 230              |
| Deferred tax assets                                                                    | 1,419            | 1,658            |
| Other non current financial assets                                                     | 226              | 236              |
| Medium/long term borrow ing allow ed to affiliates companies and other Group companies | 1,259            | 636              |
| Other non-current assets                                                               | 1,041            | 1,018            |
| Total non-current assets                                                               | 133,146          | 130,996          |
| Inventories                                                                            | 26,758           | 21,587           |
| Contracts in progress                                                                  | 3,321            | 257              |
| Trade receivables                                                                      | 20,110           | 28,97            |
| Income tax receivables                                                                 | 1,463            | 1,879            |
| Other current assets                                                                   | 2,734            | 3,305            |
| Cash & cash equivalents                                                                | 12,903           | 23,75            |
| Total current assets                                                                   | 67,289           | 79,750           |
| Total assets                                                                           | 200,435          | 210,746          |
| Share premium reserve                                                                  | 8,879<br>136,400 | 8,879<br>136,400 |
| Other reserves                                                                         | (14,087)         | (13,761)         |
| Group shareholders' equity                                                             | 131,192          | 131,518          |
| Equity attributable to minority interest                                               | 0                | 3,966            |
| Total shareholders' equity                                                             | 131,192          | 135,484          |
| Medium-/long-term borrow ing                                                           | 19,007           | 22,873           |
| Employee benefit obligations                                                           | 1,641            | 1,681            |
| Deferred tax liabilities                                                               | 12,383           | 12,307           |
| Other non-current liabilities                                                          | 2,479            | 2,225            |
| Total non-current liabilities                                                          | 35,510           | 39,080           |
| Trade payables                                                                         | 15,315           | 18,824           |
| Short-term borrowing                                                                   | 10,147           | 8,98             |
| Derivative instruments                                                                 | 406              | 339              |
| Income tax liabilities                                                                 | 509              | 1,214            |
| Other current liabilities                                                              | 7,147            | 5,748            |
| Business combination liabilities                                                       | 209              | 1,066            |
| Total current liabilities                                                              | 33,733           | 36,176           |
| Total liabilities                                                                      | 69,243           | 75,262           |
| Total liabilities and equity                                                           | 200,435          | 210,746          |



# **STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY**

| (€'000)                                                           | Share capital | Legal<br>reserve | Share<br>premium<br>reserve | Conversion reserve | Other reserves | Cash flow<br>hedge<br>reserve | rate<br>differences<br>reserve | Treasury<br>shares | Profit (loss)<br>for period | Group<br>shareholders'<br>equity | Minority<br>interest<br>capital &<br>reserves | Profit<br>(loss) of<br>third<br>parties | Equity<br>attributable<br>to Minority<br>interest | Total<br>shareholders<br>equity |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|----------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Balance as at December 31, 2010                                   | 8,879         | 39               | 136,400                     | 25,938             | ( 31,203)      | ( 339)                        | ( 777)                         | ( 1,340)           | ( 6,079)                    | 131,518                          | 3,900                                         | 66                                      | 3,966                                             | 135,48                          |
| 2010 Result allocation                                            | -             | -                | -                           | -                  | ( 6,079)       | -                             | -                              | -                  | 6,079                       |                                  | 66                                            | ( 66)                                   | -                                                 |                                 |
| Profit (loss) as at September 30,<br>2011                         | -             | -                | -                           | -                  | -              | -                             | -                              | -                  | ( 6,440)                    | ( 6,440)                         | -                                             | -                                       | -                                                 | ( 6,440                         |
| Comprehensive other profit (loss)                                 |               |                  |                             |                    |                |                               |                                |                    |                             |                                  |                                               |                                         |                                                   |                                 |
| - Hedge transactions                                              | -             | -                | -                           | -                  | -              | ( 67)                         | -                              | -                  | -                           | ( 67)                            |                                               | -                                       | -                                                 | ( 67                            |
| - Foreign balance sheets<br>conversion difference                 | -             | -                | _                           | 4,836              |                |                               | _                              | -                  | _                           | 4,836                            | -                                             | -                                       | -                                                 | 4,83                            |
| - Exchange differences on equity method                           | _             | -                | _                           |                    | ( 43)          | -                             | _                              | -                  | -                           | ( 43)                            | -                                             | -                                       | -                                                 | ( 43                            |
| - Exchange differences on equity investments in foreign companies | -             |                  | -                           |                    | -              | -                             | ( 209)                         | _                  |                             | ( 209)                           | -                                             | -                                       |                                                   | ( 209                           |
| Comprehensive result                                              | -             | -                | -                           | 4,836              | ( 43)          | ( 67)                         | ( 209)                         | -                  | ( 6,440)                    | ( 1,923)                         | -                                             | -                                       |                                                   | ( 1,923                         |
| Minority purchase                                                 | -             | -                | -                           | -                  | 1,597          | -                             |                                |                    | -                           | 1,597                            | ( 3,966)                                      | -                                       | ( 3,966)                                          | ( 2,369                         |
| Balance as at September 30, 2011                                  | 8,879         | 39               | 136,400                     | 30,774             | ( 35,728)      | ( 406)                        | ( 986)                         | ( 1,340)           | ( 6,440)                    | 131,192                          |                                               |                                         |                                                   | 131,1                           |



# **NET FINANCIAL POSITION**

| (€'000)                                                      |           | at September 30,<br>2011 | at December 31,<br>2010 | at September 30,<br>2010 |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|--------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|
|                                                              |           |                          |                         |                          |
| Cash & cash equivalents                                      | Α         | (12,903)                 | (23,751)                | (17,189)                 |
| Cash equivalent                                              | B=A       | (12,903)                 | (23,751)                | (17,189)                 |
| Other current financial assets                               | С         | 0                        | 0                       | 0                        |
| Derivative instruments                                       | D         | 406                      | 339                     | 523                      |
| Short-term borrowing                                         | E         | 10,147                   | 8,985                   | 8,976                    |
| Business aggregation liabilities                             | F         | 209                      | 1,066                   | 1,778                    |
| Short-term financial position                                | G=C+D+E+F | 10,762                   | 10,390                  | 11,277                   |
| Short-term net financial position                            | H=B+G     | (2,141)                  | (13,361)                | (5,912)                  |
| Medium/long term borrow ing allow ed to affiliates companies | 1         | (1,259)                  | (636)                   | (972)                    |
| Business aggregation liabilities                             | J         | 0                        | 0                       | 0                        |
| Other non current financial assets                           | K         | (226)                    | (236)                   | (236)                    |
| Medium/long term borrowing                                   | L         | 19,007                   | 22,873                  | 18,022                   |
| Medium-/long-term net financial position                     | M=I+J+K+L | 17,522                   | 22,001                  | 16,814                   |
| (NET FINANCIAL POSITION) NET DEBT                            | N=H+M     | 15,381                   | 8,640                   | 10,902                   |

# **WORKING CAPITAL**

| (€'000)                   | at September<br>30, 2011<br>(b) | at December 31,<br>2010<br>(a) | at September<br>30, 2010 | Changes<br>(b-a) |
|---------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------|
| Inventories               | 26,758                          | 21,587                         | 22,933                   | 5,171            |
| Contracts in progress     | 3,321                           | 257                            | 319                      | 3,064            |
| Trade receivables         | 20,110                          | 28,971                         | 22,526                   | (8,861)          |
| Income tax receivables    | 1,463                           | 1,879                          | 2,026                    | (416)            |
| Other current assets      | 2,734                           | 3,305                          | 4,115                    | (571)            |
| Current assets            | 54,386                          | 55,999                         | 51,919                   | (1,613)          |
| Trade payables            | (15,315)                        | (18,824)                       | (16,866)                 | 3,509            |
| Income tax liabilities    | (509)                           | (1,214)                        | (900)                    | 705              |
| Other current liabilities | (7,147)                         | (5,748)                        | (6,128)                  | (1,399)          |
| Current liabilities       | (22,971)                        | (25,786)                       | (23,894)                 | 2,815            |
| Net working capital       | 31,415                          | 30,213                         | 28,025                   | 1,202            |