

Europac triples Ebitda in the first half-year

- Half-year Ebitda totalled 34.44 million euros, 236% higher than in the previous year
- Ebitda was 22.42 million euros in the second quarter, 86% up on the first quarter of 2010
- Aggregate sales rose to 374.45 million euros, 39% up on the same period of 2009
- Consolidation of rises in the sales price of paper, the strength of the order book and the contribution of energy explain the result
- The performance of margins in the paper business and the entry into service of a new combined cycle plant in July will allow Ebitda to develop positively over the coming months

<i>(In thousands of euros)</i>	1HY 2010	1HY 2009	% 2010 / 2009
Net turnover	284,707	196,768	45%
Aggregate sales	374,454	268,951	39%
Ebitda	34,439	10,258	236%
Ebit	13,567	-14,235	-
Net profit/loss attributable	2,195	-15,598	-
Net cash flow	23,067	8,895	159%
Ebitda Margin (%)	12.10%	5.21%	

Madrid, 29 July 2009.- The Board of Directors of Europac (Papeles y Cartones de Europa, SA) approved the result corresponding to the first half of the year, in which the company obtained Ebitda of 34.44 million euros, 236% higher than in the first half of 2009. Ebit was 13.56 million euros, compared with -14.23 million euros in the first half of 2009. Aggregate sales totalled 374.45 euros, a 39% increase on the first half of 2009.

According to Enrique Isidro, Europac's Chief Executive Officer, *"the improvement in the half-year results is due to the recovery of the cardboard market in France and Portugal and the strength of the order book in kraftliner and recycled paper, which has allowed us to increase prices, improve margins and pass on to the market the rises in the raw material price in the first quarter of the year"*. In addition, he noted that *"the start of operations of the 35 MW combined cycle plant in the Dueñas factory, which operates at full output since July 2010, has also had a positive impact on half-year results"*.

Enrique Isidro also pointed out that *"the rises in the price of paper, which have been consolidated over the second quarter of the year, as well as the price rise of 60€ per ton in all paper grades announced in July that will be effective the first of September,*



and the start-up in July of another 39 MW combined cycle plant in the Portuguese factory in Viana do Castelo will have a positive impact on results in the second half of the year". Finally, he pointed out that "current market conditions, with strong order books, low stock levels and supply adjusted to demand, would allow us to pass on to the market any rises in the raw material price, thus maintaining current paper margins".

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