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FIRST HALF RESULTS 2012

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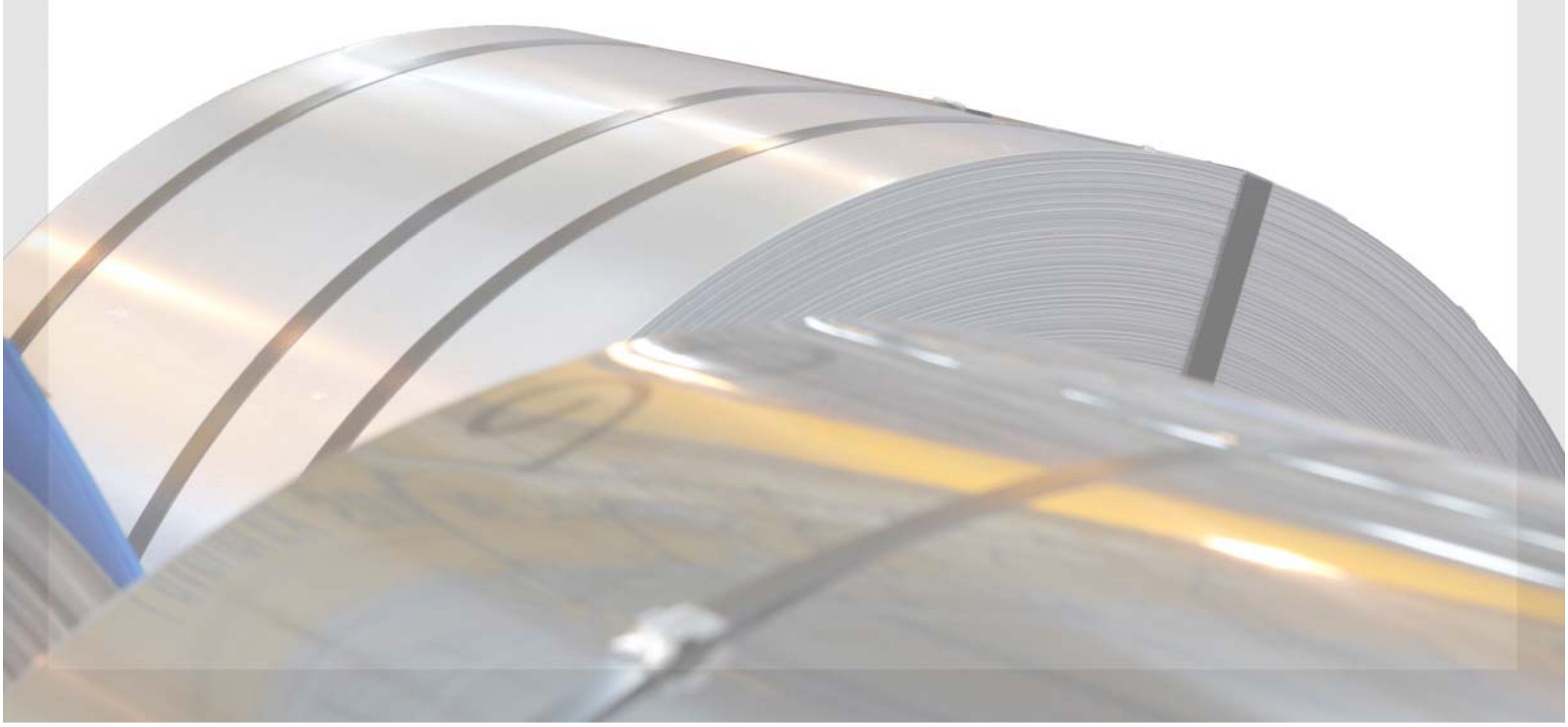
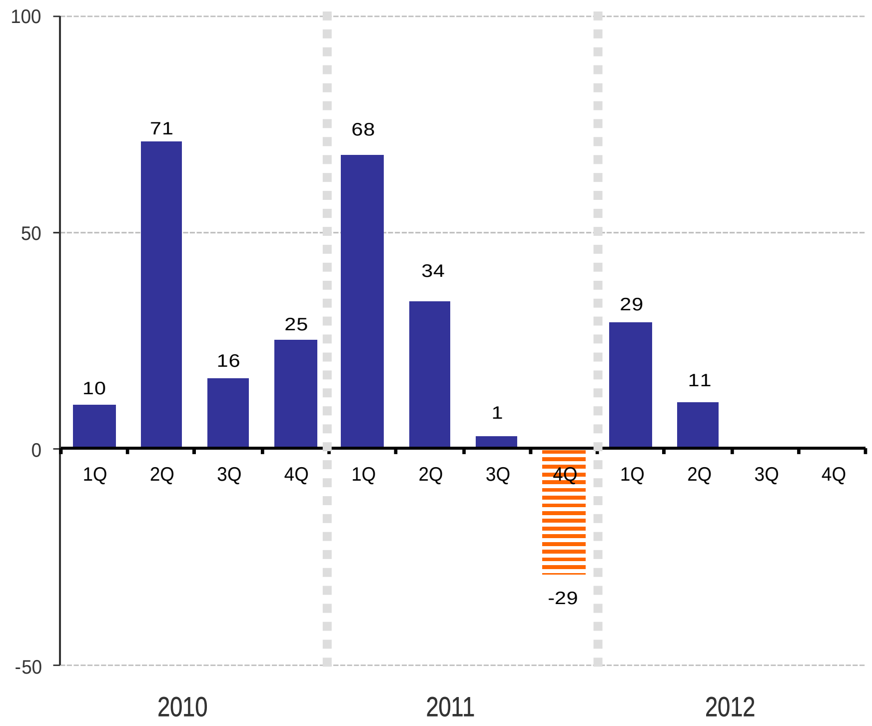


First half-year results 2012

- Profits after taxes and minorities total Euros 40.2 million. This result reflects an improvement of Euros 68 million compared with the second half of 2011, although it is down 60.5% compared with the first six months of that year
- EBITDA for the first six months, amounting to Euros 165.9 million, is down 35% compared with the first half of 2011, although it is double the amount obtained in the second half of 2011
- In the second quarter the EBITDA is Euros 69.3 million and the profit after taxes and minorities Euros 10.8 million
- The current Acerinox financial structure guarantees the liquidity position of the Group for the coming years
- The strength of the North-American market and the good performance of North American Stainless has enabled us to post these results despite the weak European market and the tense prices on the Asian market
- Inventories on all markets are at very low levels which will help to reactivate demand once the economic and financial uncertainties have been clarified
- The start-up of Phase 1 at Bahru Stainless is proving to be highly satisfactory and the construction of Phase II continues at a good pace

Results after taxes and minorities

Million euros



Stainless Steel Market

The stainless steel market continues to be affected by the international economic crisis and its performance reflects the intensity of the crisis in each geographical region.

The market recovered in the first quarter, but was hit again in the second quarter by macroeconomic factors which aggravated the effects of the weak performance of nickel. This rapid adjustment impeded surplus deliveries and the replenishment of inventories.

Stainless steel manufacturers are adjusting their production to market conditions without generating stock increases within the industry. Inventories in end customers and distributors have fallen to historic lows across the globe, leading the Company to anticipate a rapid recovery as soon as the current economic turmoil subsides and visibility and confidence improve.

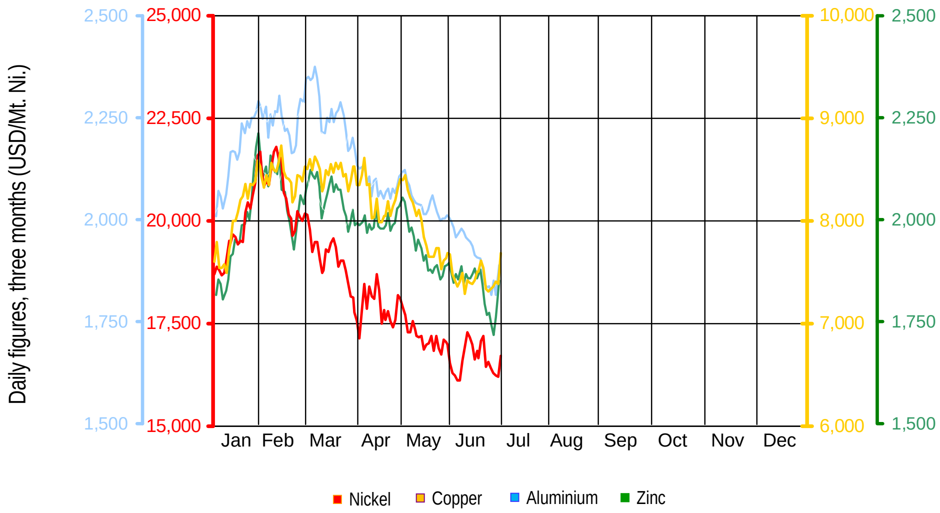
Nickel on the London Metal Exchange underwent a price correction of 26% from the peak reached on 8 February. The current price levels are under the yield threshold of many of the new nickel projects.

Official nickel Price in the LME

Years 2011 – June 2012

Raw material prices in the LME

Year 2012 (until 29 June)



The North American market continues to be the most robust, consolidating the levels of recovery achieved since the third quarter of 2011. This robustness allowed for a rise in prices in January and April, although the risk represented by imports and the weakness of other markets prevented new price increases, creating tensions in this respect.

The European market reflects the severity of the economic crisis and the lack of liquidity, visibility and confidence, which combined with the fierce competition between manufacturers has led to a general decline in prices.

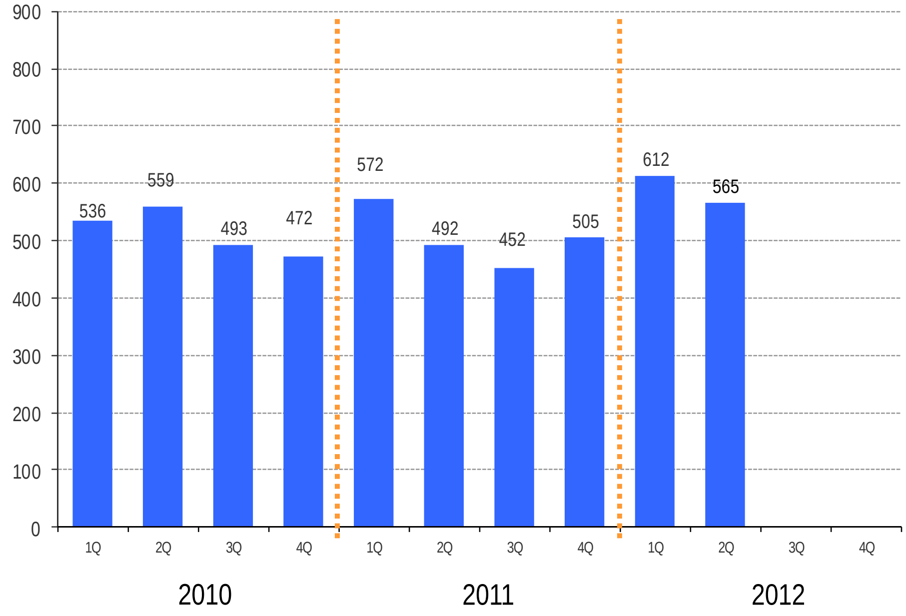
The Asian market continues to perform well in terms of sales but prices, affected by the global economic situation and the presence of strong competitors, are very low. China continues to be the driver of growth, with an increase in production in the first six quarter of the year of approximately 10% (source ISSF).

Production

Acerinox's steel production for the period, amounting to 1,177,398 tonnes, is up 10.6% compared with the first six months of the prior year. The Group has utilised 89% of its total capacity to achieve these production levels.

Evolution of the Acerinox melting production

Thousand Mt



Cold rolling production (736,886 tons) was up by 12.6% compared with the first half year of 2011.

Acerinox production

Thousand Mt

		2012					2011
		1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	Accumulated	Jan - Jun
Melting shop	Thousand Mt	612.2	565.2			1,177.4	1,065.0
Hot rolling shop		539.0	490.5			1,029.5	938.3
Cold rolling shop		379.2	357.7			736.9	654.2
Long product (Hot rolling)		60.2	62.6			122.8	103.2

This increased use of the Group's capacity was the case at all the plants, but was particularly notable at North American Stainless, which was running close to full capacity.

Acerinox melting production
Thousand Mt

		1st Q. 12	2nd Q. 12	3rd Q. 12	4th Q. 12	2012	% over 2011
Acerinox Europa	Thousand Mt	200.2	181.3			381.6	13.5%
NAS		270.7	262.0			532.7	11.0%
Columbus		141.2	121.9			263.1	5.8%
Acerinox Group		612.2	565.2			1,177.4	10.6%

Results

The Group's revenues, which amount to Euros 2,419 million, are down 5.5% on the same period of the prior year despite the higher volume of tonnes sold. Prices were down by 15% and had been greatly hit by the drop in the nickel price and the international economic situation.

The North American market in the first half year consolidated its position as the most important for Acerinox Group with over half of the sales.

The ongoing drop in nickel prices and the resulting downturn in alloy surcharges meant that inventory adjustments to net realizable value were carried out to the tune of Euros 14.8 million at 30 June.

EBITDA for the first six months, amounting to Euros 165.9 million, is down 35% compared with the first half of 2011, although it is double the amount obtained in the second half of 2011.

Condensed profit & loss account
Million euros

			January- June		
Million €	1º Q. 11	2º Q. 11	2012	2011	Variation
Net sales	**1,230.42**	**1,188.72**	**2,419.15**	**2,560.48**	**-5.5%**
Gross margin	341.86	320.85	662.71	718.65	-7.8%
% over sales	27.8%	27.0%	27.4%	28.1%	
Gross operating result / EBITDA	96.62	69.29	165.90	257.39	-35.5%
% over sales	7.9%	5.8%	6.9%	10.1%	
EBIT	**60.00**	**30.61**	**90.61**	**183.91**	**-50.7%**
% over sales	4.9%	2.6%	3.7%	7.2%	
Result before taxes	45.80	14.05	59.84	156.64	-61.8%
Result after taxes and minorities	**29.36**	**10.80**	**40.16**	**101.79**	**-60.5%**
Depreciation	36.89	37.56	74.45	73.28	1.6%
Net cash flow	66.25	48.36	114.61	175.08	-34.5%

Profits after taxes and minorities, Euros 40.6 million, is 60% lower than that of the same period of 2011.

Condensed balance sheet

Million euros

ASSETS Million €	Jun 12	2011	Variation
Non-current assets	**2,297.59**	**2,251.44**	**2.1%**
Current assets	**2,009.89**	**1,819.78**	**10.4%**
- Inventories	1,211.34	1,119.43	8.2%
- Debtors	644.18	510.54	26.2%
Trade debtors	*597.30*	*476.98*	*25.2%*
Other debtors	*46.88*	*33.56*	*39.7%*
- Cash and other current asset	154.37	189.82	-18.7%
TOTAL ASSETS	**4,307.49**	**4,071.22**	**5.8%**

LIABILITIES Million €	Jun 12	2011	Variation
Equity	**1,872.48**	**1,881.19**	**-0.5%**
Non-current liabilities	**1,307.77**	**988.32**	**32.3%**
- Interest-bearing loans and borrowings	1,011.18	707.20	43.0%
- Other non-current liabilities	296.59	281.12	5.5%
Current liabilities	**1,127.24**	**1,201.71**	**-6.2%**
- Interest-bearing loans and borrowings	315.14	344.03	-8.4%
- Trade creditors	572.35	636.92	-10.1%
- Other current liabilities	239.75	220.76	8.6%
TOTAL EQUITY AND LIABILITIES	**4,307.49**	**4,071.22**	**5.8%**

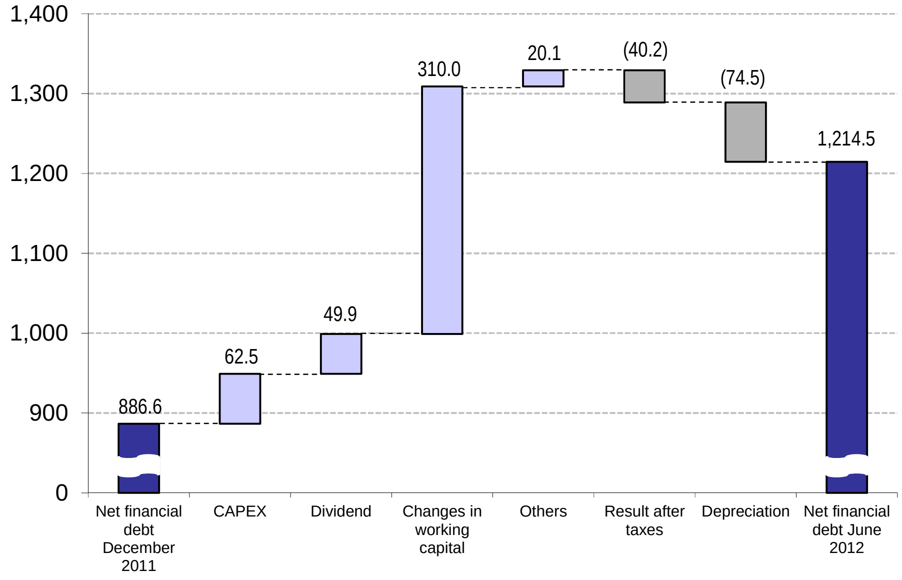
The condensed balance sheet testifies the strength of Acerinox. The following points should be highlighted:

- The net debt of the Group stood at Euros 1,214 million. 83% of which is long term.
- The financial debt of the Group refers mostly to finance the operating working capital (stock + customers + suppliers), which came to Euros 1,236 million.
- The good management of the working capital enables to balance customers and trade payables.

The net financial debt of the Group increased by Euros 328 million, due to the greater funding required for the working capital (Euros 310 million). We expect the working capital to decrease over the coming months, as was the case in the second half of last year, and therefore a reduction of debt.

Net financial debt

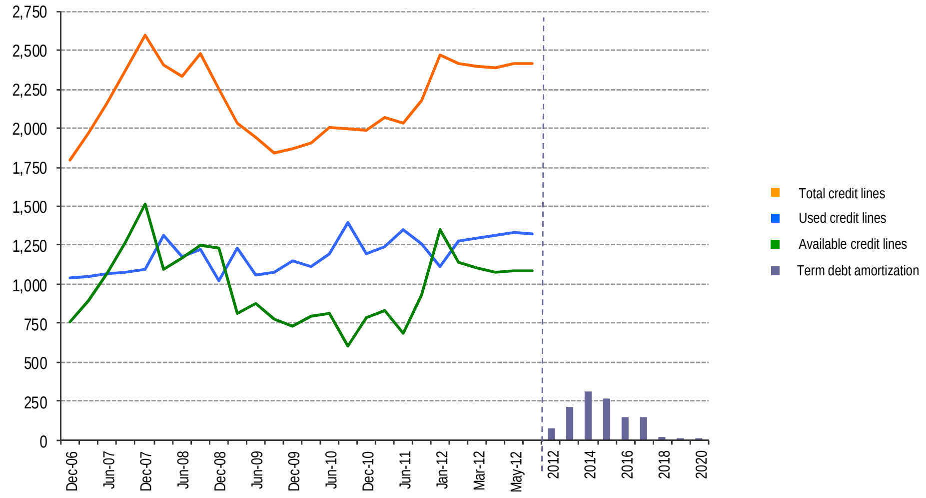
Million euros



Acerinox is in a comfortable position to face any possible liquidity pressure: 83% of the net financial debt is long term and 45% of the current credit facilities (2,413 million) is available.

Credit lines evolution and future term debt amortization

Million euros



The investments in the quarter, concentrated at the Bahru factory, totalled Euros 62.5 million.

Condensed cash flow statement

Million euros

	Jan - Jun 2012	Jan - Dec 2011	Jan - Jun 2011
Result before taxes	**59.8**	**132.6**	**156.6**
Adjustments for:	**118.8**	**231.6**	**119.1**
Depreciation and amortisation	*74.4*	*146.8*	*73.3*
Changes in provisions and impairments	*2.0*	*11.2*	*21.8*
Other adjustments in the result	*42.3*	*73.6*	*24.0*
Changes in working capital	**-310.0**	**205.8**	**-309.0**
Changes in operating working capital (1)	*-276.8*	*267.9*	*-195.9*
Others	*-33.2*	*-62.0*	*-113.1*
Other cash-flow from operating activities	**-64.6**	**-132.0**	**-62.2**
Income tax	*-38.4*	*-76.4*	*-34.9*
Financial expenses	*-26.2*	*-55.6*	*-27.3*
NET CASH-FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	**-195.9**	**438.1**	**-95.5**
Payments for investments on fixed assets	**-62.5**	**-176.6**	**-91.2**
Others	**-0.3**	**-4.7**	**-1.2**
NET CASH-FLOW FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES	**-62.8**	**-181.3**	**-92.5**
NET CASH-FLOW GENERATED	**-258.7**	**256.7**	**-188.0**
Acquisition of treasury shares	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0.0**
Dividends payed to shareholders and minorities	**-49.9**	**-112.2**	**-49.9**
Changes in net debt	**252.0**	**-129.2**	**179.4**
Changes in bank debt	*275.1*	*-145.9*	*149.8*
Conversion differences	*-23.1*	*16.8*	*29.6*
Attributable to minority interests	**0.0**	**34.6**	**11.6**
Others	**0.1**	**0.6**	**0.2**
NET CASH-FLOW FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES	**202.2**	**-206.1**	**141.3**
NET INCREASE/(DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	**-56.5**	**50.6**	**-46.6**
Opening cash and cash equivalents	**164.6**	**113.6**	**113.6**
Effect of the exchange rate fluctuations on cash held	**3.7**	**0.4**	**-6.2**
CLOSING CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	**111.8**	**164.6**	**60.8**

(1) Inventories + trade debtors - trade creditors

Human Resources

- ## Acerinox, S.A.

At the general meeting held on 7 June the shareholders endorsed the decision adopted by the board of directors to freeze the remuneration of the directors, senior management and all other Company.

- ## Acerinox Europa

The employees of the Campo de Gibraltar plant agreed a new, three-year collective labour agreement, which was signed on 5 July.

The aforementioned agreement represents a step forward in the understanding between employees and management and is a clear demonstration of their shared commitment to the future of the Company and the achievement of common goals.

In this respect the linking of pay increases to productivity and profits has been of crucial importance, having added a greater flexibility to production, which is essential to adapting to an environment as volatile as the current market.

The agreed measures will clearly contribute to the success of the plans of excellence and will make this plant more competitive, as it is already one of the most competitive worldwide in the manufacturing of stainless steel.

Other measures include a wage rise of 0.5% in the first year, 0.6% in the second year and 1.0% in the final year of application, provided that the plant remains profitable.

Besides the economic measures, has agreed to develop an ambitious training plan in the safety, environmental management and operational excellence areas.

- ## Roldán, S.A.

On Friday 22 June 2012 Roldan, S.A. submitted a further temporary workforce restructuring plan for the Ponferrada factory, which will allow it the necessary flexibility to adapt its production to demand. The plan will be applied on the basis of the orders received, and could affect up to 86% of the headcount for a maximum period of 15 days per month. The plan is for an eight-month period running from July 2012 to February 2013.

- ## Commercial Network

During April the Group adjusted the headcount of the Spanish sales network to bring it into line with the current conditions of the local market. This measure has affected 73 employees.

Bahru Stainless

Phase I continued to be implemented successfully. The good quality of the production and the good judgement in the equipment allocation was proved. Production continued its upward trend and had churned out 25,790 tons of cold rolling at 30 June.

Bahru Stainless is already regularly receiving hot rolled coils from the rest of the Group at its own port.

Construction of Phase II is continuing at a good pace. The first equipment has already been received and Phase II is expected to be commissioned at the end of the first quarter of 2013.

Commercial Network

Acerinox continued to expand commercially on markets with significant growth in consumption such as the Asian one. The company is thus already operating effectively in Vietnam and Indonesia. Furthermore, permission has been given to open an office in Saint Petersburg in Russia, another market with great potential for growth.

Shareholder Remuneration

The Ordinary General Shareholders Meeting held on 7 June 2012 approved the distribution of a complement dividend of Euros 0.15 per share against the 2011 financial year, to be paid on 5 July. In addition, a Share Premium Refund of Euros 0.10 per share was also approved and is to be paid on 5 October.

The total remuneration received by the shareholders in 2012 will come to Euros 0.45 per share (Euros 112.2 million), as per last year:

SHAREHOLDER REMUNERATION 2012	€112,187,046
• DIVIDENDS	€87,256,591
• SHARE PREMIUM REFUND	€24,930,455

Syndicated Credit Facility

Last 11th January, 2012, Acerinox, S.A. and North American Stainless closed a syndicated credit facility for an amount of USD 482M. With this facility, the Group achieves a triple objective: to reduce its exposure to the European banking system, to reduce its average financing cost, and to extend the maturity dates of its debt.

The entities which have led the operation are: BB&T Capital Markets, JP Morgan Chase Bank, Wells Fargo Bank and Fifth Third Bank. In the transaction have participated 10 American Banks: BB&T Capital Markets, JP Morgan Chase Bank, Wells Fargo Bank, Fifth Third Bank, Regions Bank, US Bank National Association, BMO Harris Bank, The Huntington National Bank, PNC Bank National Association and The Bank of Kentucky Inc.

European consolidation

In January, two of the main competitors of Acerinox, Inoxum (ThyssenKrupp stainless) and Outokumpu, announced their merger agreement. It establishes that the latter will absorb the former by paying a significant amount to its shareholders, aimed at offsetting part of the debts incurred, while at the same time as undertaking to close different factories.

Acerinox views this operation favourably and very positive for the industry, as it does not negatively affect the free market. It likewise considers that this concentration process will clarify the European scenario and will reduce the current overcapacity existing in Europe.

Investor's Day

Acerinox will celebrate its annual Investor and Analyst's Day next October 3, at Campo de Gibraltar factory. The event will be structured in presentations and a plant tour to the facilities.

Excellence Plan

The 2011-12 Excellence Plan continues to progress and 51% (Euros 46 million) of the targets were achieved in first 18 months, compared with the average of 35% at 31 December 2011

It should be noted that this important improve is due to that the average of the first half of 2012 is 83%. This shows that the progress reached guarantee the consecution of the objectives.

Outlook

The financial tensions and the uncertainty related to the global reach of the European crisis limit the visibility and make us feel cautious regarding the third quarter of the year. The level of prices is still very low and the volumes will be affected by the low seasonal activity.

We have been optimistic expecting that the American market strength would be transferred to the European one and it would improve the activity and prices from September on, but the problems of the European Union could alter this situation, which prevents us from making forecasts.

Notwithstanding, the caution in the management of our inventories and the higher stability in the raw material prices, make us not to expect big corrections regarding the fourth quarter, unlike which happened last year.

Main financial-economic indicators

CONSOLIDATED GROUP	Year 2012 Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Accumulated	2011 Jan - Jun
Production (Mt.)						
Melting shop	612,155	565,242			1,177,398	1,063,902
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Net cash flow (million €)	66.25	48.36			114.61	175.08
Number of empoyees	7,340	7,261			7,261	7,455
Net financial debt (million €)	1,027.51	1,214.53			1,214.53	1,286.14
Debt to equity (%)	54.1%	64.9%			64.9%	71.4%
Number of shares (million)	249.30	249.30			249.30	249.30
Return to shareholders (per share)	0.10	0.10			0.20	0.20
Return to shareholders (million €)	24.93	24.93			49.86	49.86
Daily average shares traded (nº of shares, million)	1.02	0.94			0.99	1.35
Result after taxes and minorities per share	0.12	0.04			0.16	0.41
Net cash flow per share	0.27	0.19			0.46	0.70