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VARTA AG produces and markets a large range of batteries that includes micro-batteries, household batteries, energy storage systems, customer-specific battery solutions for a variety of applications, and as a technology leader also defines industry standards in important areas. VARTA engages intensely in research and development, thereby creating global benchmarks in many areas of lithium-ion technology and micro-batteries, and is also innovation leader in key growth markets

ALUFLEXPACK AG

Aluflexpack produces flexible packaging solutions for end markets such as "Coffee & Tea, Pharma, Pet food, Confectionery and Dairy", and has over 35 years of experience in converting aluminum and plastic foils into high-quality end products. Expert know-how, flexible services and innovation are the basis for our long-standing customer relationships with both local companies and major international corporations.

MONTANA AEROSPACE AG

Montana Aerospace is one of the world's leading manufacturers of complex light-weight components and structures for the aviation industry based on its global presence in development and manufacturing, and multi-material expertise. As a highly integrated and innovative full-service provider with a strong commitment to sustainability, it has become an important partner for customers in the aviation, e-mobility and energy sectors.





KEY FIGURES OF THE MONTANA TECH COMPONENTS GROUP

(in TEUR) unaudited according to IFRS $$	1-6/2023	1-6/2022	Change in TEUR	Change in%
Net sales	1,233,857	1,120,297	113,560	10,1%
EBITDA	53,012	154,849	-101,838	-65,8%
% of net sales	4,3%	13,8%		
EBIT	-77,286	45,876	-123,162	-268,5%
% of net sales	-6,3%	4,1%		
EBT	-137,404	40,694	-178,098	-437,6%
Net income	-141,490	24,014	-165,503	-689,2%
Employees	12,765	13,011	-246	-1,9%

OVERVIEW OF THE LATEST QUARTERS

(in TEUR) unaudited according to IFRS	Q3 2021	Q4 2021	Q1 2022	Q2 2022	Q3 2022	Q4 2022	Q1 2023	Q2 2023
Net sales	501,839	573,792	505,380	614,917	634,342	715,340	616,131	617,726
EBITDA	93,953	85,813	61,893	92,956	24,514	118,611	24,160	28,852
EBIT	47,014	34,222	12,899	32,977	-37,381	-91,965	-31,128	-46,158
EBT	48,763	25,392	17,042	23,652	-45,114	-142,287	-54,953	-82,451
Net income	35,820	3,845	9,063	14,950	-44,821	-143,267	-58,044	-83,446
Employees	11,435	11,560	12,937	13,011	13,444	12,879	12,798	12,765

Management Report – Analysis of the results

Dear Shareholders, Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,

MONTANA GROUP - RESULT AS AT 30 JUNE 2023

The MONTANA TECH COMPONENTS Group and its Divisions achieved total sales of EUR 1,234 million in the first half year of financial year 2023 (+10.1 % vs H1 2022). Despite the sustained challenging macroeconomic conditions on global markets, the industrial group increased revenues again for another consecutive year since its foundation in 2006. This trend was supported mainly by the continued rise in sales at the subsidiaries Aluflexpack AG (+15.8 %) and Montana Aerospace AG (+21.6 %). The first half-year 2023 closed at an EBITDA of EUR 53 million. A comparison with the first half of 2022 shows a decrease which was due once again to the decline in sales and in EBITDA at VARTA AG. VARTA AG is facing a very challenging overall economic environment caused by multiple global crises as well as by lower customer orders. The EBITDA margin for this period was 4.3 % (H1/2022: 13.8 %).

DIVISION INFORMATION

MONTANA AEROSPACE AG reported consolidated net sales of EUR 704.0 million in H1 2023. This is a gain of 21.6 % versus the first 6 months of 2022. Regarding profitability, Montana Aerospace also reported very gratifying figures: adjusted EBITDA for H1 2023 climbed to EUR 59.3 million which is a gain of EUR 25.4 million (+75 %) versus the two first quarters of the preceding year. In Q2 2023, Montana Aerospace earned a positive free cash flow for the first time (EUR 27 million). The development in the segments Aerostructures and Energy was excellent. Aerostructures reported net sales of EUR 332.7 million in the first six months of the financial year 2023 (+29.2 %), while Energy saw net sales rise to EUR 282 million (+24 %). Adjusted EBIDTA in the segments mentioned above also developed extremely well: Aerostructures posted EUR 37.8 million (+41.6 %), while Energy attained a robust result of EUR 13.5 million (+335.5 %). In the segment of E-Mobility, there was a slight decline in net sales to EUR 90.3 million (-4.5 %) and adjusted EBITDA was EUR 7.2 million (-10 %) due to the lower demand for billets (aluminum recycling). In the U.S. legal action of Arconic Corporation versus Universal Alloy Corporation (UAC,

subsidiary of Montana aerospace AG), the jury reached a verdict and rejected the allegations of misappropriation of trade secrets. In the verdict, the jury stated that Arconic did not own any trade secrets in relation to production of "stretch formed spar chords" (SFSC), and therefore, UAC is not liable to pay damages to Arconic. Arconic has the right to appeal. Further growth is expected for the full year 2023. Montana Aerospace is optimistic about raising net sales to over EUR 1.5 billion and achieving an adjusted EBITDA of around EUR 130 to 150 million. Montana Aerospace also stands by its guidance of positive net income and free cash flow for the full year. With respect to segments, Aerostructures is forecast to achieve net sales of EUR 750 to 800 million, which would make Aerostructures the main driver of growth, followed by Energy with net sales of >EUR 550 million and E-Mobility with net sales of >EUR 200 million.

The restructuring of VARTA AG is going very well with costs decreasing across all areas and working capital improving. Nonetheless, the persistently difficult macroeconomic situation is still having a negative effect on VARTA AG. Consolidated sales for H1 2023 amounted to EUR 339 million (H1 2022: EUR 376.8 million). Adjusted EBITDA in the first six months was EUR -6.8 million (H1 2022: EUR 68.9 million). Sales for the full financial year 2023 are estimated to reach EUR 820 million with an adjusted EBITDA of EUR 40 to 60 million. The positive trends in the energy storage business, the start of customer projects as well as the traditional seasonal increase in demand during the second half of the year are factors that make VARTA AG optimistic for the coming months. Additionally, the restructuring measures are progressing according to plan and have already been completed in several areas. The necessary reduction in the global headcount has almost been completed. VARTA AG increased sales in the energy storage business by 91.5 % versus the same period of the preceding year, with adjusted EBITDA rising by EUR 8.8 million. In the other segments, the effects of the global crises are weighed on VARTA AG's business in the first half of 2023. Ebbing demand for lithium-ion button cells (CoinPower) is related to the sizable decrease in demand from a major customer caused by declining demand in the end customer market and the diversification of the supply chain. The VARTA AG Group is well positioned in its core markets despite the harsh environment and promises to benefit from long-term market trends – especially for lithium-ion batteries with their many different uses. The signals received from VARTA's customers to date – especially high volumes of orders for energy storage devices – as well as the decline in energy and commodity prices are grounds for optimism. VARTA AG expects sales to rise to at least EUR 900 million in the coming year, thus to a level significantly higher than for 2023. This forecast is based on rising demand especially for energy storage systems as well as for lithium-ion products.

Aluflexpack AG, which is listed on the Six Swiss Exchange, achieved higher net sales in H1 2023 despite a sluggish market dominated by inventory reductions at some customers and the loss of purchasing power that is making consumers more hesitant about spending money. Net sales rose by 15,8 % to EUR 190,8 million (H1 2022: EUR 164.8 million) of which 12,3 % was organic growth. The company raised net sales in all of its end markets, with growth being backed mainly by the robust business in the end markets for milk products, confectionery and "other foods", and the passing on of higher costs. In H1 2023, EBITDA before special effects rose to EUR 24,8 million which corresponds to a margin of 12,7 % (H1 2022: EUR 24.3 million and 14.7 % respectively). This decline

of the relative EBITDA margin is due primarily to the diluting effect of higher costs, which are reflected in the net sales of Aluflexpack, as well as the negative material phases effects. However, the margin achieved in H1 2023 is an increase compared to the margin in H2 2022 (11,6 %) thereby showing the progress achieved in passing on higher costs. The Group started operations at its plant in Drniš (Croatia) part of its organic expansion. For the full year 2023, the Management Board of the Group estimates net sales to reach around EUR 390 million to EUR 430 million exclusive of the effects of IAS 29 (hyperinflation accounting) and an EBITDA before special effects of EUR 50 to EUR 55 million.

OUTLOOK

MONTANA TECH COMPONENTS AG will continue its long-term growth strategy in the financial year 2023. Considering the recovery of the airline industry to pre-pandemic levels, the steadily growing packaging market, comprehensive restructuring plans as well as the targeted investments in the growth areas at VARTA AG, MONTANA TECH COMPONENTS AG is looking at a promising future. The current positioning in each of the markets will be strengthened and expanded.

Finances

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30 JUNE 2023

ASSETS (in TEUR) unaudited according to IFRS	30.06.2023	31.12.2022
Intangible assets	504,018	511,129
Property. plant and equipment	1,534,496	1,568,000
Financial assets	283,296	268,333
Other assets and receivables	138,881	139,384
NON-CURRENT ASSETS	2,460,691	2,486,846
Inventories	654,521	644,362
Trade receivables	315,444	324,913
Other assets and receivables	221,817	279,281
Cash and cash equivalents	422,801	633,215
CURRENT ASSETS	1,614,583	1,881,771
TOTAL ASSETS	4,075,274	4,368,617

LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY (in TEUR) unaudited according to IFRS	30.06.2023	31.12.2022
Equity attributable to owners of MTC AG	740,501	884,134
Non controlling interests	635,344	674,797
Shareholders´equity	1,375,845	1,558,931
Liabilities to financial institutions	862,525	682,270
Other financial liabilities	202,167	212,678
Deferred tax liabilities	101,096	105,717
Provisions	46,331	46,316
Employee benefits	73,940	73,875
Accruals	1,356	1,188
Other liabilities	139,271	133,457
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES	1,426,686	1,255,501
Liabilities to financial institutions	577,697	750,387
Other financial liabilities	53,624	50,509
Provisions	23,960	17,321
Employee benefits	54,940	53,466
Trade payables	323,852	400,346
Accruals	85,400	94,604
Other liabilities	153,269	187,552
CURRENT LIABILITIES	1,272,743	1,554,185
TOTAL LIABILITIES	2,699,429	2,809,686
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS´ EQUITY	4,075,274	4,368,617

CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT AS AT 30 JUNE 2023

(in TEUR) unaudited according to IFRS	1-6/2023	1-6/2022
NET SALES	1,233,857	1,120,297
Change in finished and unfinished goods	22,186	81,733
Own work capitalised	19,097	16,973
Other operating expenses	33,130	109,150
Cost of materials, supplies and services	-767,425	-707,653
Personnel expenses	-294,420	-276,485
Other operating expenses	-193,413	-189,166
EBITDA	53,012	154,849
Depreciation and amortisation	-130,298	-108,973
EBIT	-77,286	45,876
Interest income and expenses	-38,482	-17,097
Other financial result – net	-21,544	10,737
FINANCIAL RESULT	-60,026	-6,359
Result from joint ventures and associated companies	-91	1,177
INCOME BEFORE TAX	-137,404	40,694
Income tax expenses	-4,086	-16,680
NET INCOME	-141,490	24,014
THEREOF:		
Shareholders of MTC AG	-75,933	31,440
Non controlling interests	-65,556	-7,427

CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOW STATEMENT AS AT 30 JUNE 2023 (short form)

(in TEUR) unaudited according to IFRS	1-6/2023	1-6/2022
Cash flow from operating activities	-71,678	-100,352
Cash flow from investing activities	-108,859	-253,749
Cash flow from financing activities	-27,546	247,728
NET CHANGE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	-208,084	-106,373
Cash and cash equivalents as of 1 January	633,215	621,982
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents	-2,330	5,106
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AS AT 30 JUNE	422,801	520,716

Information about the Company

FINANCIAL CALENDAR 2023/2024

November 23, 2023	Report on the 3 rd quarter of 2023
April 30, 2024	Report on the 4 th quarter of 2023
May 31, 2024	Report on the 1st quarter of 2024
August 23, 2024	Report on the 2 nd quarter of 2024

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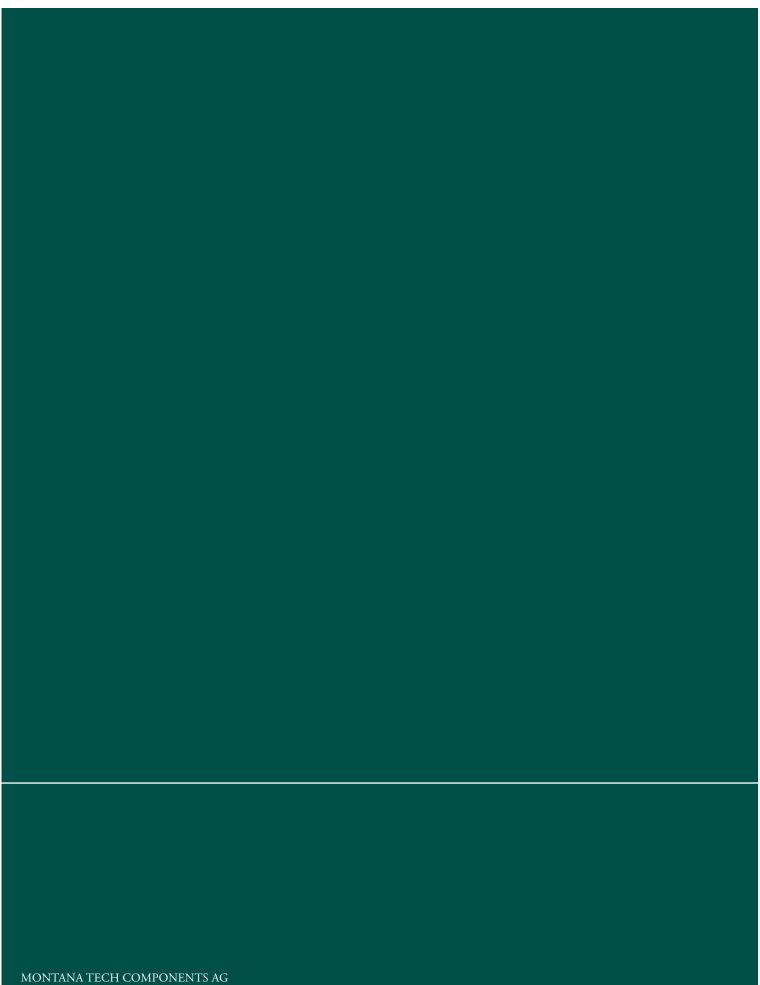
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