

Half-year financial report 2015



Increase of revenue and earnings after tax

- 5.0% organic revenue growth
- Better performance of the Industrial Sector
One-off effects negatively influence Medical Sector
- Continuation of the investment program
- Satisfactory business performance for the full year 2015 anticipated

Earnings key figures

in EUR million	H1 2015 (Jan.–Jun.)	Change	H1 2014 (Jan.–Jun.) restated ¹⁾	Q2 2015 (Apr.–Jun.)	Change	Q2 2014 (Apr.–Jun.) restated ¹⁾	2014 (Jan.–Dec.) restated ¹⁾
Revenue	450.8	+1.6%	443.6	233.4	+10.7%	210.9	858.3
EBITDA	53.2	-16.7%	63.8	28.4	-8.8%	31.1	101.9
EBITDA margin	11.8%	-2.6 PP	14.4%	12.2%	-2.6 PP	14.8%	11.9%
EBIT	39.1	-11.4%	44.1	20.9	-7.1%	22.5	63.8
EBIT margin	8.7%	-1.2 PP	9.9%	9.0%	-1.7 PP	10.7%	7.4%
Earnings after tax	25.3	+0.3%	25.2	12.7	-20.2%	16.0	37.8
Earnings per share (EPS) ²⁾ , in EUR	1.23	+0.1%	1.23	0.62	-20.3%	0.78	1.85
Gross cash flow	32.7	-48.6%	63.8	15.7	-58.1%	37.5	89.9
Return on equity ³⁾	14.0%	2.0 PP	12.0%	14.1%	-1.1 PP	15.2%	17.1%

Balance sheet key figures

in EUR million	30.6.2015	Change	30.6.2014 restated ¹⁾	31.3.2015 restated ¹⁾	Change	31.3.2014 restated ¹⁾	31.12.2014 restated ¹⁾
Balance sheet total	928.1	+17.6%	789.5	892.9	+12.5%	793.7	826.3
Equity ²⁾	363.0	-13.7%	420.9	493.2	+16.1%	424.9	443.8
Equity ratio	39.1%	-14.2 PP	53.3%	55.2%	+1.7 PP	53.5%	53.7%
Investments in tangible and intangible assets	32.3	+64.4%	19.6	14.5	+46.0%	9.9	67.4
Employees (at balance sheet date)	7,311	+18.4%	6,175	6,889	+15.9%	5,944	6,888

Sector and segment key figures

in EUR million	H1 2015 (Jan.–Jun.)	Change	H1 2014 (Jan.–Jun.) restated ¹⁾	Q2 2015 (Apr.–Jun.)	Change	Q2 2014 (Apr.–Jun.) restated ¹⁾	2014 (Jan.–Dec.) restated ¹⁾
Medical Sector = Sempermed							
Revenue	191.5	-4.2%	199.9	100.1	+16.7%	85.8	380.8
EBITDA	13.7	-43.8%	24.4	6.9	-26.2%	9.4	33.5
EBIT	7.6	-50.5%	15.3	3.7	-41.0%	6.2	17.6
Industrial Sector = Semperflex + Sempertrans + Semperform							
Revenue	259.3	+6.4%	243.7	133.2	+6.5%	125.1	477.5
EBITDA	51.7	+4.1%	49.6	29.0	+9.9%	26.4	88.0
EBIT	44.0	+12.6%	39.0	24.9	+18.5%	21.0	66.2
Semperflex							
Revenue	107.9	+1.1%	106.7	52.5	-2.4%	53.8	202.1
EBITDA	27.2	-1.4%	27.5	13.8	-4.4%	14.4	48.5
EBIT	23.2	+5.6%	21.9	11.8	+2.0%	11.5	36.8
Sempertrans							
Revenue	77.9	+9.6%	71.0	39.0	+8.3%	36.0	146.4
EBITDA	10.6	+3.3%	10.2	5.1	-5.5%	5.4	20.9
EBIT	9.0	+10.1%	8.2	4.3	-1.4%	4.4	16.8
Semperform							
Revenue	73.5	+11.6%	65.9	41.7	+18.2%	35.3	129.0
EBITDA	13.9	+17.6%	11.8	10.1	+53.7%	6.6	18.6
EBIT	11.8	+32.0%	8.9	8.9	+72.8%	5.1	12.7

Note: Rounding differences in the totalling of rounded amounts and percentages may arise from the use of automatic data processing.

¹⁾ 2014 values restated (see notes page 26ff. in this report). ²⁾ Attributable to the shareholders of Semperit AG Holding. ³⁾ Based on a full-year projection.

Revenue and earnings of Semperit Group

FIRST HALF OF 2015

Revenue of the Semperit Group rose from EUR 443.6 million in the first half of 2014 to EUR 450.8 million in the first half of 2015, an increase of 1.6%. The figures and comparisons in the present report (unless otherwise stated) are based on the inclusion of the Siam Sempermed Corp. Ltd. (SSC) in the consolidated financial statements using the equity method since 31 March 2014 (instead of since 31 December 2014, as in the past)¹. The figures for the first quarter of 2015 and the first to fourth quarter 2014 accordingly required adjustment.

The stated increase in revenue in the first half of 2015 was primarily due to an increase in revenue in the Industrial Sector. A strong sales performance and a good utilisation of capacity compensated for declining price levels caused by reduced raw material prices in comparison with the first half of 2015. In addition, the inclusion of Leeser GmbH & Co. KG (Leeser) in the consolidated financial statements since 1 May 2015 as a fully consolidated subsidiary has had a positive effect.

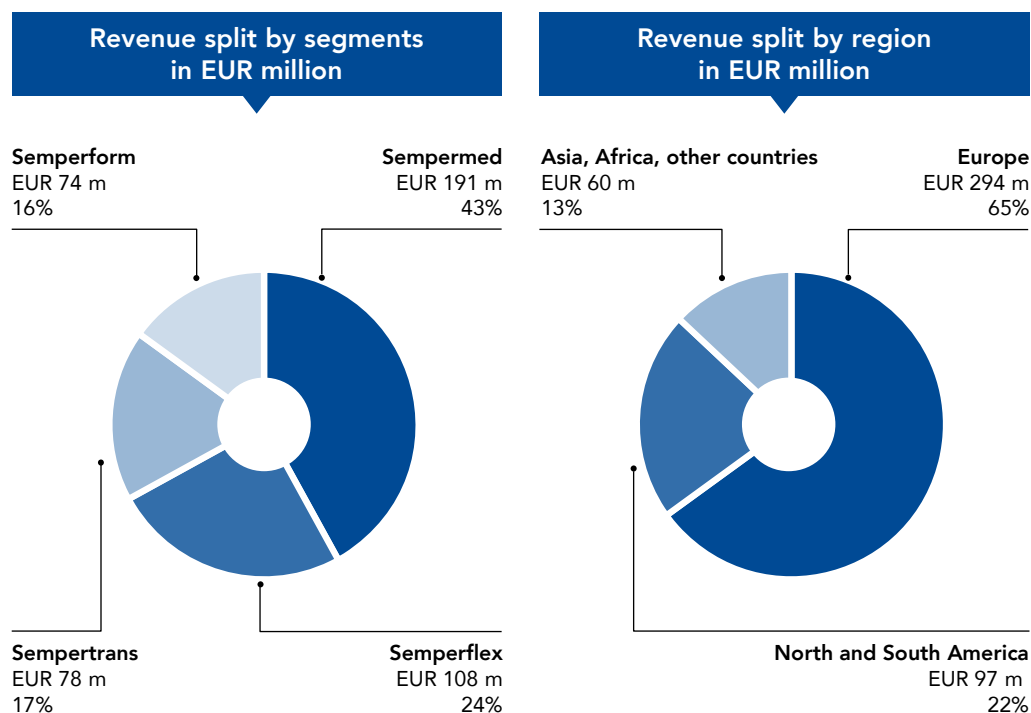
On a like-for-like basis – that is without the acquisition of Leeser and taking into account the at-equity consolidation of Siam Sempermed Corp. Ltd. (SSC) since January 2014 – revenue even shows an organic increase of more than 5.0%.

The decline in the Medical Sector's revenue resulted from the change in the method of consolidation and lower raw material prices resulting in lower sales prices. Revenue in the Semperflex segment was slightly higher year-on-year. The Sempertrans segment boosted its revenue by almost 10%, while the Semperform segment grew by nearly 12%, partly due to the first-time consolidation of Leeser.

The split of total revenue by segment in the first half of 2015 was as follows: 43% is attributable to Sempermed, 24% to Semperflex, 17% to Sempertrans and 16% to Semperform. Due to the change in the method of consolidation the share of the Sempermed Segment declined, while the shares of the Industrial Sector's segments increased in comparison with the first half of 2014.

The regional distribution of revenue for the first half of 2015 shows an increase to 65% in Europe, compared to 60% in the first half of 2014. While revenue shares in North and South America remained unchanged compared to the previous year, Asia recorded a slight decrease from 18% in the previous year to 13% in the first half-year of 2015.

¹ See note page 26ff. in this report.



In the first half of 2015 the change in inventories was positive at EUR 3,0 million (EUR -13.9 million in the first half of 2014). The decline in inventories in the first half of 2014 is largely attributable to the following change: Products acquired from Siam Sempermed Corp. Ltd. by 31 March 2014 are recognised as finished products and their sale as changes in inventories (under the item "Changes in inventories"). Products acquired since 1 April 2014 are shown as goods and materials employed (under the item "Cost of material and purchased services"). This presentation led to a decline in inventories in the first half of 2014.

Other operating income increased from EUR 9.3 million to EUR 19.4 million. An important reason for this increase was the higher foreign currency gains and the income of EUR 3.4 million from the acquisition of Leeser, Germany (purchase price lower than market value).

Cost of materials increased to a higher degree than revenue, growing by 17.6% from EUR 232.4 million to EUR 273.3 million. In addition to the volatile development of the price level for raw material, exchange rate effects led to higher costs of material in the reporting currency euro. A further effect is the change described above in the value chain from the purchase of gloves from SSC and the resulting carrying value for material costs.

Personnel expenses grew by 6.8% to EUR 83.6 million, in congruence with the increased number of employees and due to increases in salaries in wages.

Other operating expenses increased by 9.7% to EUR 73.2 million compared with the first half of 2014. This increase is mainly resulting from a project for strategic development of the Semperit Group and from expenses for litigation with the joint venture partner. Additionally, this item also shows losses from foreign currency transactions. In total, operational foreign currency hedges resulted in a significant profit.

EBITDA (earnings before interest, tax, depreciation and amortisation) totalled EUR 53.2 million (-16.7%) in the first half of 2015. Higher operating revenue (+6.2%) was up against increases in cost of materials (+17.6%) as well as in personnel costs (+6.8%) and other operating expenses (+9.7%). As a result, the EBITDA margin fell from 14.4% to 11.8%.

Key figures Semperit Group

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EBIT	39.1	44.1	-11.4%	-5.0	63.8
EBIT margin	8.7%	9.9%	-1.2 PP	–	7.4%
Earnings after tax	25.3	25.2	+0.3%	+0.1	37.8
Investments in tangible and intangible assets	32.3	19.6	+64.4%	+12.6	67.4
Employees (at balance sheet date)	7,311	6,175	+18.4%	+1,136	6,888

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Depreciation decreased by 28.6% to EUR 14.1 million. The reduction results from the change in the method of consolidation of SSC and average life-adjustments.

EBIT declined from EUR 44.1 million to EUR 39.1 million (-11.4%), with the EBIT margin falling too, edging lower from 9.9% to 8.7%.

The negative financial result in the first half of 2015 totalled EUR 7.0 million, following EUR 7.5 million in the comparable period of the previous year. This was due partly to lower allocations of the group's profit to redeemable non-controlling interests because of the change in the method of consolidation, and partly to higher financial expenses resulting from increased borrowing and the results of an interest swap not recognised in profit and loss. The item "Profit/loss attributable to redeemable non-controlling interests", which is mostly related to companies in the Sempermed and Semperflex segments, fell sharply to EUR 2.8 million in the first half of 2015, following EUR 5.7 million in the previous year. Financial expenses increased from EUR 2.5 million to EUR 4.7 million.

Income tax expense decreased by EUR 4.6 million or 40.5% to EUR 6.7 million. The tax ratio as a percentage of earnings before tax and redeemable non-controlling interests fell from 26.6% to 19.3%.

Earnings after tax (profit for the period) remained nearly unchanged at EUR 25.3 million resulting to earnings per share of EUR 1.23 for the first half of 2015.

SECOND QUARTER 2015

Semperit Group performed well in the second quarter of 2015 and increased revenue by 10.7% to EUR 233.4 million compared with the second quarter 2014, reversing the trend in the first quarter 2015.

The Medical Sector reported a significant 16.7% increase in revenue due to a good sales performance. The Industrial Sector increased its revenue by 6.5%. While the Semperflex segment reported a decrease in revenue of 2.4% with sustained high profitability, the Sempertrans segment showed an organic growth of 8.3%. Semperform additionally benefited from the acquisition of Leeser in Germany and reached a revenue growth of 18.2% in a quarter-on-quarter comparison.

As a result of higher expenses for material, purchased services, personnel and other operating expenses, EBITDA declined by 8.8% to EUR 28.4 million. EBIT fell by 7.1% to EUR 20.9 million. Thus, EBITDA and EBIT margins declined still as well, decreasing to 12.2% and 9.0%, respectively. At these levels, both values are within the targeted margin ranges of 12% to 15% for the EBITDA margin and 8% to 11% for the EBIT margin.

Earnings after tax decreased to EUR 12.7 million, and earnings per share fell to EUR 0.62.

Second quarter 2015

in EUR million	Q2 2015 (Apr.–Jun.)	Q2 2014 (Apr.–Jun.) restated ¹⁾	Change	Change in EUR million	2014 (Jan.–Dec.) restated ¹⁾
Revenue	233.4	210.9	+10.7%	+22.5	858.3
EBITDA	28.4	31.1	–8.8%	–2.7	101.9
EBITDA margin	12.2%	14.8%	–2.6 PP	–	11.9%
EBIT	20.9	22.5	–7.1%	–1.6	63.8
EBIT margin	9.0%	10.7%	–1.7 PP	–	7.4%
Earnings after tax	12.7	16.0	–20.2%	–3.2	37.8
Investments in tangible and intangible assets	17.8	9.7	+83.2%	+8.1	67.4
Employees (at balance sheet date)	7,311	6,175	+18.4%	+1,136	6,888

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BALANCE SHEET AND FINANCIAL POSITION

Compared with the balance as of 31 December 2014, the balance sheet total rose in the first half of 2015 by 12.3% to EUR 928.1 million. On the asset side of the balance sheet, the main reason for this increase was a rise in tangible assets caused by expansion investments and the acquisition of Leeser, as well as an increase in trade receivables and inventories. In addition, the item "Investments in joint ventures and associated companies" rose, because it contains the current net profit of the companies accounted for using the equity method. In addition, this item increased by EUR 6.7 million due to the development of the exchange rate. These increases were offset by lower cash and cash equivalents.

On the liabilities side, there were increases in the amounts due to liabilities to banks, currency translation reserves, trade payables as well as to a lesser extent in liabilities from redeemable non-controlling interests. Revenue reserves decreased mainly due to the dividend payment to shareholders of the Semperit AG Holding amounting to EUR 123.4 million by almost EUR 100 million.

Trade working capital (inventories plus trade receivables minus trade payables) rose from EUR 163.0 million at the end of 2014 to EUR 189.2 million, and therefore constituted 21.9% of the rolling 12-month revenue of EUR 865.5 million (year-end 2014: 19.0%). The increase is mostly attributable to higher trade receivables and an increase in inventories up against a lower increase in trade payables.

Cash and cash equivalents decreased from EUR 115.6 million by the end of 2014 to EUR 97.9 million as of 30 June 2015.

As of 30 June 2015, the Semperit Group's equity (without non-controlling interests) stood at EUR 363.0 million, EUR 80.7 million lower than at the end of 2014 (EUR 443.8 million). The change was due to the distribution of dividends amounting to EUR 123.4 million as well as earnings after tax and the currency translation reserve.

The group's reported equity ratio as of 30 June 2015 amounted to 39.1% (year-end 2014: 53.7%), which is still considerably above the sector average. The capital structure of the Semperit Group therefore remains very solid. The return on equity stood at 14.0%, following 12.0% in the first half of 2014. The return on equity is calculated based on the earnings after tax as extrapolated for the full year in relation to the equity of EUR 363.0 million (each both in respect to the portion attributable to the shareholders of Semperit AG Holding).

Debt is significantly higher at EUR 562.9 million compared with the end of 2014. Liabilities from the corporate Schuldschein loan and to financial institutions total EUR 283.3 million (at the end of 2014: EUR 137.5 million). Taking into consideration cash and cash equivalents, this resulted in an overall net debt of EUR 185.4 million (year-end 2014: EUR 22.0 million). The net debt/EBITDA ratio (net debt versus EBITDA of the last four quarters) at the end of June 2015 is therefore 2.03 (year-end 2014: 0.22). The liabilities from redeemable non-controlling interests rose by EUR 6.0 million to EUR 43.3 million primarily because of currency effects. Provisions including social capital were slightly lower at EUR 75.8 million. Other liabilities including deferred taxes increased by EUR 28.4 million to EUR 165.0 million.

The gross cash flow amounted to EUR 32.7 million, a year-on-year decline of EUR 31.0 million or 48.6%. This change was caused by the item "Dividend received from associated companies", a decline in depreciation and the changes in the items "Share of profit from joint ventures and associated companies" and "Profit/loss attributable to redeemable non-controlling interests".

INVESTMENTS

At EUR 32.3 million, cash-relevant investments in tangible and intangible assets in the first half of 2015 were considerably higher than in the first half of 2014. The group's investment priorities were on expansion and improvement in the segments Sempermed (expansion of the plant in Kamunting, Malaysia), Semperflex (expansion of the plant in Odry, Czech Republic), Sempertrans (expansion of the plant in Bełchatów, Poland) and Semperform (new installation at the plant in Wimpassing, Austria).

EMPLOYEES

As at 30 June 2015 the group's total headcount stood at 7,311 employees, 18.4% above the level at 30 June 2014 (6,175 people). While the number of employees slightly decreased in the Semperflex segment, it rose sharply in the Sempermed segment due to additional personnel for the construction of the new glove factory and due to insourcing of employees for packaging services in Malaysia. The number of employees in the Sempertrans and Semperform segments rose accordingly due to the expansion of the plant in Poland and the acquisition of Leeser in Germany.

Economic environment

The International Monetary Fund (IMF) forecasts a gradual economic recovery in the industrial nations and a decelerated growth in emerging and developing economies in 2015. The global economy expected to expand by 3.3%, reaching last year's level.

After a weak first quarter due to weather conditions, economic forecasts for the USA were lowered from 3.1% to 2.5% for the full year 2015. The forecasts anticipate a growth rate of 6.8% for China, and 7.5% for India in 2015. Due to continuing international sanctions, Russia's economic output is expected to decrease by 3.4% in 2015.

In its 2015 forecast, the European Commission anticipates a further economic recovery in the member states of the European Union. In 2015, an economic growth of 1.8% after 1.4% in the previous year is expected. With GDP rising by 1.5% from 0.9% in 2014, the forecasts for the euro zone are more cautious due to the unsolved financial crisis in Greece. Compared to the average of the European Union and the euro zone, the Austrian economy is again weak. Current forecasts expect an economic growth of 0.8% with an inflation of 0.8%.

These macroeconomic conditions have different effects on the business sectors of the Semperit Group. While the energy, construction, machine-building and industrial equipment industries, which are relevant for the Semperit Group's Industrial Sector, are more sensitive to the overall economic situation, the market for medical products tends to evolve largely independently of economic cycles.

Developments in the raw materials markets

The sub-markets for raw materials that are important for the rubber industry, such as the market for natural rubber and natural latex as well as the market for synthetic latex, experienced a decline in prices during the first half of 2015, albeit to varying degrees. The development of these markets in the natural rubber field is influenced by production conditions, while the fields of synthetic rubber and carbon black are impacted by supplier behaviour costs for basic raw materials, which are again affected by the price of crude oil. Demand is impacted primarily by the main buyers of rubber products, that is the tyre and automobile industry.

In the first months of 2015 prices for natural latex have moved sideways compared with the end of 2014. In May and June 2015 a slight increase was recorded. However, already in early July 2015 prices fell again to the level at the end of April. The average prices in the first half of 2015 were nearly 20% lower than the average prices in the first half of 2014. While synthetic rubber is manufactured globally, by far the largest share of natural rubber and natural latex is produced in Southeast Asia, above all in Thailand, Indonesia, Vietnam and Malaysia.

In the first half of 2015 the average prices for synthetic rubber and synthetic latex were around 20% lower than the average prices in the first half of 2014. In May and June 2015 prices increased slightly, though at the end of June they fell again reaching the level at the beginning of the second quarter 2015.

Prices for the filling material carbon black decreased in the first half of 2015 due to the sharp drop in the crude oil price that set in at the end of 2014. In the second quarter of 2015 the prices for carbon black rose temporarily, but decreased again since the beginnings of July. There is strong correlation between the price of carbon black and the price of crude oil. Depending on the type, the prices for wire in the different regions have remained relatively stable with slight declines.

Performance of the sectors and segments

MEDICAL SECTOR: SEMPERMED SEGMENT

In the first half of 2015 the revenue of the Medical Sector, which consists of the Sempermed segment, declined by 4.2% to EUR 191.5 million in the First half of 2015 due to two reasons: first, the full consolidation of the 50% share of Siam Sempermed Corp. Ltd. (SSC), a joint venture in Thailand was replaced by the equity method as at 31 March 2014 retrospectively, and second, because of lower raw material prices.

In a like-for-like comparison, i.e. after deducting SSC in the first quarter of 2014, revenue grew 6.3%.

The EBITDA of the Sempermed segment of EUR 13.7 million decreased compared with the prior year, EBIT fell to EUR 7.6 million. This led to an EBITDA margin of 7.1% in the first half of 2015, following 12.2% in the prior year period, and an EBIT margin of 4.0%, down from 7.7%. Both EBITDA and EBIT were affected by the change in the method of consolidation of SSC described above, heavy price competition and increased expenses. Thus personnel expenses increased, because of the technical personnel necessary for construction of the new glove factory in Malaysia, the insourcing of packaging employees in Malaysia, and for sales employees for expanding the market in China and Southeast Asia. The comparison of the second quarters of 2015 and 2014 shows an increase in revenue, but a decrease in EBITDA and EBIT.

The production capacity in Malaysia was slightly lower than in the prior year. For increasing the capacity and quality of existing facilities refurbishment work was carried out on individual production lines in the first half of 2015. In addition, necessary adaptations of the infrastructure for the new glove factory were made. Overall, capacity utilisation was high at the production facilities. Therefore further growth is currently only possible by buying in gloves from other manufacturers and the joint venture company SSC; however, the resulting margin is lower than on the sale of the group's own production, which narrows the EBIT margin.

In the examination gloves sector, demand for both medical and industrial gloves (consumer goods industry) grew strongly, particularly in Europe and Latin America. This development is in line with the strategic focus for sales. Sales in the US were weaker, and the segment is currently building up its market presence in Asia. Sales of surgical gloves, which are produced in Wimpassing, Austria, declined in the first half of 2015 compared with the previous year.

**Key figures Medical Sector
(consisting of the Sempermed segment)**

in EUR million	H1 2015 (Jan.–Jun.)	Change	H1 2014 (Jan.–Jun.) restated¹⁾	Q2 2015 (Apr.–Jun.)	Change	Q2 2014 (Apr.–Jun.) restated¹⁾	2014 (Jan.–Dec.) restated¹⁾
Revenue	191.5	–4.2%	199.9	100.1	+16.7%	85.8	380.8
EBITDA	13.7	–43.8%	24.4	6.9	–26.2%	9.4	33.5
EBITDA margin	7.1%	–5.1 PP	12.2%	6.9%	–4.0 PP	10.9%	8.8%
EBIT	7.6	–50.5%	15.3	3.7	–41.0%	6.2	17.6
EBIT margin	4.0%	–3.7 PP	7.7%	3.6%	–3.6 PP	7.2%	4.6%
Investments in tangible and intangible assets	12.6	>+100.0%	3.9	8.1	>+100.0%	0.5	17.2
Employees (at balance sheet date)	3,630	31.5%	2,761	3,630	+31.5%	2,761	3,428

¹⁾ 2014 values restated (see notes page 26ff. in this report).

Expansion of glove factory in Malaysia

In order to meet the growing demand and improve productivity, Sempermed is expanding and modernising its production capacity at the manufacturing plant in Kamunting, Malaysia by around 70%, from more than 4 billion units of gloves, to more than 10 billion units. A total of around EUR 50 million are being invested in the construction of a new glove factory between 2014 and 2016.

INDUSTRIAL SECTOR

The Industrial Sector comprises the segments Semperflex, Sempertrans and Semperform. Despite a challenging economic environment the Industrial Sector succeeded in growing its revenue by 6.4% to EUR 259.3 million. The Industrial Sector was able to further increase its good level of profitability. EBITDA rose by EUR 2.0 million or 4.1% to EUR 51.7 million, EBIT increased by EUR 4.9 million or 12.6% to EUR 44.0 million. At 53%, the Semperflex segment contributed the largest share of EBIT, followed by Semperform with 27% and Sempertrans with 20%.

The sector's EBITDA margin in the first half of 2015 was 19.9% down from 20.4%, the EBIT margin was 17.0% up from 16.0% in the first half of 2014. Semperflex reported the highest EBIT margin at 21.5%, followed by Semperform with 16.1% and Sempertrans at 11.5%. The EBIT margin rose in the Semperflex and Semperform segments, and remained unchanged in the Sempertrans segment. In the second quarter of 2015, revenue, EBITDA and EBIT all rose compared with the same period in the prior year.

As a result of the investment projects in the individual segments, investment in the Industrial Sector rose by 10.0% to EUR 16.3 million, representing 50% of total investment of the Semperit Group.

Key figures Industrial Sector (consisting of the Semperflex, Sempertrans and Semperform segments)

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EBITDA margin	19.9%	–0.5 PP	20.4%	21.8%	+0.7 PP	21.1%	18.4%
EBIT	44.0	+12.6%	39.0	24.9	+18.5%	21.0	66.2
EBIT margin	17.0%	+1.0 PP	16.0%	18.7%	+1.9 PP	16.8%	13.9%
Investments in tangible and intangible assets	16.3	+10.0%	14.8	7.4	–16.0%	8.9	46.7
Employees (at balance sheet date)	3,571	+7.7%	3,316	3,571	+7.7%	3,316	3,352

¹⁾ 2014 values restated (see notes page 26ff. in this report).

SEMPERFLEX SEGMENT

Of all of the group's segments, the Semperflex segment is particularly exposed to potential economic volatility. Thanks to good results in both production and sales, the segment's revenue rose during the first half of 2015 by 1.1% to EUR 107.9 million, despite an overall market decline. A constant high production volume – particularly of hydraulic hoses – allowed for constant higher returns to scale. In first half of 2015 the segment's EBITDA declined slightly by 1.4% to EUR 27.2 million, with EBIT rising by 5.6% to EUR 23.2 million, thanks to lower depreciation and amortisation. At 25.2%, the EBITDA margin was only marginally lower year-on-year, whereas the EBIT margin improved to 21.5%, following 20.6% in the previous year. Compared to the same period in the prior year, the second quarter of 2015 saw a decrease in revenue and EBITDA, while EBIT increased.

Demand in the overall market is expected to be subdued in 2015. The Semperflex segment is addressing this lull with focused sales work and close cooperation with customers. In order to be able to respond flexibly to customer needs, particularly in Europe, the segment has expanded its capacity at the production site in Odry, Czech Republic. Around EUR 10 million was invested in total in the expansion that was finalised in the first quarter of 2015, with good capacity utilisation from the start. The next expansion phase at Odry is currently being implemented. Around EUR 15 million is reserved for this project in 2015 and 2016.

The Hydraulic Hoses unit generates most of the segment's revenue. During the period under review market share in terms of deliveries in both Europe and (in part) the USA was gained due to close customer-cooperation. The development in Asia is still challenging with demand remaining subdued throughout the region. All in all, sales grew in the high single-digit range.

The Industrial Hoses unit reported good sales, particularly in its European core markets, but also in Asia (excluding China). The situation in Eastern Europe, in particular in Russia and Ukraine, continues to be challenging and is the reason for the overall decrease in sales volume compared with the first half of 2014.

Key figures Semperflex

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EBITDA	27.2	–1.4%	27.5	13.8	–4.4%	14.4	48.5
EBITDA margin	25.2%	–0.6 PP	25.8%	26.2%	–0.6 PP	26.8%	24.0%
EBIT	23.2	+5.6%	21.9	11.8	+2.0%	11.5	36.8
EBIT margin	21.5%	+0.9 PP	20.6%	22.4%	+1.0 PP	21.4%	18.2%
Investments in tangible and intangible assets	7.9	+25.7%	6.3	3.5	–12.7%	4.0	18.1
Employees (at balance sheet date)	1,522	–1.0%	1,537	1,522	–1.0%	1,537	1,538

¹⁾ 2014 values restated (see notes page 26ff. in this report).

SEMPERTRANS SEGMENT

Due to the acquisition of new customers and the expanding sales activity into new markets and market segments the Sempertrans segment was able to record a positive volume development despite a very challenging market environment, in the first half of 2015. The clear increase in sales volume more than compensated the effect of the year-on-year lower raw materials prices. Thus the overall revenue grew significantly by 9.6% to EUR 77.9 million.

Despite higher costs to develop the market and expand capacity at the production facility in Poland, EBITDA rose by +3.3% to EUR 10.6 million, and EBIT was 10.1% higher at EUR 9.0 million. Both EBITDA and the EBIT margins were in double-digit range, at 13.6% and 11.5%, respectively. In a quarter-on-quarter comparison between Q2 2015 and 2014, the segment shows an increase in revenue, while its EBITDA and EBIT slightly decreased.

Individual new projects in the mining industry continue to be scrutinised more closely and order decisions are being made more cautious. The industrial business, which includes sales to companies outside the mining sector proved to be stable, but, with just a few exceptions such as the cement industry, remain subdued. The performance in the spare parts business has been satisfactory. Due to good customer-relationships, the expansion of the technical advisory expertise, and the development of new markets, the capacity of the Sempertrans segment is well utilised until into the fourth quarter of 2015 despite this challenging competitive environment.

Key figures Sempertrans

in EUR million	H1 2015 (Jan.–Jun.)	Change	H1 2014 (Jan.–Jun.) restated ¹⁾	Q2 2015 (Apr.–Jun.)	Change	Q2 2014 (Apr.–Jun.) restated ¹⁾	2014 (Jan.–Dec.) restated ¹⁾
Revenue	77.9	+9.6%	71.0	39.0	+8.3%	36.0	146.4
EBITDA	10.6	+3.3%	10.2	5.1	-5.5%	5.4	20.9
EBITDA margin	13.6%	-0.8 PP	14.4%	13.1%	-2.0 PP	15.1%	14.3%
EBIT	9.0	+10.1%	8.2	4.3	-1.4%	4.4	16.8
EBIT margin	11.5%	+0.0 PP	11.5%	11.0%	-1.1 PP	12.1%	11.5%
Investments in tangible and intangible assets	5.3	-0.5%	5.3	2.5	-19.7%	3.1	19.8
Employees (at balance sheet date)	1,076	+11.2%	968	1,076	+11.2%	968	1,027

¹⁾ 2014 values restated (see notes page 26ff. in this report).

From a geographical perspective, West Europe has performed particularly well. In this region Sempertrans benefits from a comprehensive sales and distribution network, and good market positioning. Sales remain weak in crisis regions such as Ukraine – with effects on Russia – as well as in the Middle East and North Africa. This results in Sempertrans's competitors appear on other markets which again leads to increased competition. On the other hand, the order situation is satisfactory in America. Price competition continues to prevail in India and China, as economic growth in these countries remains subdued compared with their previous growth rates. Order trends in other parts of Asia are likewise muted.

The work to expand capacity at the Polish conveyor belt plant in Bełchatów is proceeding according to plan. As a consequence, the capacity will increase by one third in the second half of 2015. Much of the production capacity of the installed press is already booked for orders. In addition to the gradual development and training of personnel in connection with

the expansion in Bełchatów, target-oriented personnel resources investments are being made in order to serve as a technical solutions provider and to develop new markets and market segments through incremental sales personnel.

SEMPERFORM SEGMENT

The Semperform segment recorded an increase in the first half of 2015 of 11.6% or EUR 73.5 million in comparison to the prior year. A growth in volume, however, was up against negative price effects. All in all, in the first half of 2015 the Semperform segment generated EBITDA of EUR 13.9 million in comparison to EUR 11.8 million in the previous year. EBIT amounted to EUR 11.8 million compared with EUR 8.9 million in 2014. These results represent increases of 17.6% and 32.0% respectively. The figures for EBITDA and EBIT include net income of barely EUR 3 million from the acquisition of Leeser, Germany. Leeser has been fully consolidated in the consolidated financial statements since 1 May 2015. The EBITDA margin stood at 18.9%, following 18.0% in the first half of 2014, while the EBIT margin increased from 13.6% to 16.1%. A comparison between the second quarter in 2015 and the second quarter in 2014 shows an increase in revenue, EBITDA and EBIT.

With its seal profiles for windows and doors, the Building Profiles unit is the largest unit in the Semperform segment. Leeser has also been part of this business since the beginning of May. Therewith the Semperit Group is strengthening the Semperform segment as a full-range supplier on the profiles market and continues to expand its presence in the growth market for building profiles. Integration of Leeser into Semperit is proceeding successfully, and first synergies have already been achieved. While business in Western Europe continued to be satisfactory in the first half of 2015, orders from Russia and Ukraine continued to decline significantly. This development is caused by the economic circumstances in the region. In addition, the weak RUB negatively affected both sales and relative profitability (with a view to discounts to compensate the monetary situation) of this business unit. The decline in Russia and Ukraine was only partially offset by stronger sales of seals for aluminium windows in West Europe.

Key figures Semperform

in EUR million	H1 2015 (Jan.–Jun.)	Change	H1 2014 (Jan.–Jun.) restated ¹⁾	Q2 2015 (Apr.–Jun.)	Change	Q2 2014 (Apr.–Jun.) restated ¹⁾	2014 (Jan.–Dec.) restated ¹⁾
Revenue	73.5	+11.6%	65.9	41.7	+18.2%	35.3	129.0
EBITDA	13.9	+17.6%	11.8	10.1	+53.7%	6.6	18.6
EBITDA margin	18.9%	+0.9 PP	18.0%	24.3%	+5.6 PP	18.7%	14.5%
EBIT	11.8	+32.0%	8.9	8.9	+72.8%	5.1	12.7
EBIT margin	16.1%	+2.5 PP	13.6%	21.3%	+6.7 PP	14.6%	9.9%
Investments in tangible and intangible assets	3.1	–3.5%	3.2	1.5	–17.0%	1.8	8.8
Employees (at balance sheet date)	973	+19.8%	812	973	+19.8%	812	787

¹⁾ 2014 values restated (see notes page 26ff. in this report).

Despite subdued demand, the Industrial Moulded Parts unit performed well and gained market share among both industrial customers and in railway-track superstructures. Nevertheless, demand in railway-track superstructures remained volatile.

Since the third quarter of 2014 the Handrails unit has experienced declining demand for new escalators in the main market of China. An uptrend in sales emerged in the second quarter of 2015, partly as a result of the increased focus on the after sales market (ASM) and an improvement in business with new escalators (OEM market). China, the most important OEM market, remains characterised by strong competition and high price pressure.

The smallest business unit, Special Applications (including ski foils and cableway rubber rings), increased sales compared to first half of 2014.

Outlook

Semperit continues to have strong order books as a result of intensified sales activities in all segments. Despite a slightly weaker than expected economic recovery in Western Europe, order intake develops well. The market continues to develop stable in North America. There is a slight recovery in Central and Eastern Europe recognisable – with the exception of Russia and the Ukraine. The development in Asia is expected to remain difficult in 2015.

The Semperit Group anticipates a satisfactory business performance for the year 2015 despite an ongoing challenging business environment. Revenue and earnings should again be at an attractive level, although from today's perspective the company is unlikely to reach the earnings performance of the previous year. This is due to the more difficult market environment, effects related to the change in the method of consolidation of the joint venture in Thailand and up-front costs for additional production capacities as well as efficiency enhancement projects, which will positively impact Semperit's earnings situation in subsequent years.

Semperit is continuing the expansion of production capacities in both the Medical Sector and Industrial Sector. Capital expenditure (CAPEX) of approximately EUR 75 million is planned for 2015 (2014: EUR 74 million), of which EUR 50 million relate to growth investments. The additional capacities will gradually be available in the course of the years 2015 and 2016 with correspondingly positive effects on the group's revenue.

In the future, Semperit is striving to achieve double-digit growth of sales volumes on average as well as attractive earnings margins. For the time being, Semperit confirms the targeted EBITDA margin between 12% and 15% and an EBIT margin between 8% and 11%.

Outlook Medical Sector

The Medical Sector develops largely independent of the general trend in the economy. The Semperit Group anticipates that demand for examination and protective gloves will grow steadily. In this environment, the Semperit Group is still committed to qualitative and profitable growth in the Medical Sector. Therefore the focus in 2015 is on efficiency improvements at the individual production sites, the expansion of high-margin customer relationships and the continuation of the expansion of capacity in Kamunting, Malaysia.

Outlook Industrial Sector

Despite the weaker market environment, capacity in the Industrial Sector is well utilised for the next several months. The Semperit Group is responding to this market weakness with intensive sales and marketing initiatives as well as by expanding its global customer relationships in all industry segments.

In order to continue its long-term growth, the Semperit Group is continuing to implement its investment programme in the Industrial Sector as planned. In the Semperflex segment, the expansion of its hydraulic hose production has successfully been finalised in the first quarter of 2015. An additional expansion stage has already been initiated. The increase of production capacity for conveyor belts at the manufacturing site in Bełchatów, Poland and for handrails in Shanghai, China continues to proceed according to plan.

Note

This outlook is based on the assessments of the Management Board as of 24 August 2015 and does not take into account the effects of possible acquisitions, sales or other unforeseeable structural or economic changes during the further course of 2015. These assessments are subject to both known and unknown risks and uncertainties, which may result in actual events and outcomes differing from the outlook stated here.

Events after the balance sheet date

In July 2015 the two variable tranches (nominal amounts of EUR 36,500 thousand and EUR 35,500 thousand) of the corporate Schuldschein loan of July 2013 were repaid. Furthermore, in July 2015 the two interest rate swaps, which had been concluded for parts of the variable tranches then, were repaid.

At the same time, low financing costs caused the Semperit AG Holding to issue a new corporate Schuldschein loan amounting to EUR 75,000 thousand in July 2015. This corporate Schuldschein loan comprises three fixed-interest tranches of seven, ten and fifteen years. The average interest rate of the emission is 2.16%, and the emission took place mainly in Austria and Germany. The cash inflow has been utilised primarily for the repayment of the variable tranches of the corporate Schuldschein loan of July 2013.

Vienna, 24 August 2015



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Interim consolidated financial statements and notes

Consolidated income statement

in EUR thousand	1.1.- 30.6.2015	1.1.- 30.6.2014 restated ¹⁾	1.4.- 30.6.2015	1.4.- 30.6.2014 restated ¹⁾
Revenue	450,825	443,571	233,370	210,877
Changes in inventories	2,955	-13,884	891	-11,753
Own work capitalised	3,086	659	2,107	240
Operating revenue	456,866	430,346	236,367	199,364
Other operating income	19,439	9,259	9,244	2,890
Cost of material and purchased services	-273,327	-232,450	-139,462	-107,990
Personnel expenses	-83,575	-78,263	-42,797	-37,245
Other operating expenses	-73,152	-66,708	-38,577	-27,412
Share of profits from joint ventures and associated companies	6,901	1,637	3,635	1,535
Earnings before interest, tax, depreciation and amortisation (EBITDA)	53,152	63,820	28,410	31,142
Depreciation, amortisation and impairment of tangible and intangible assets	-14,093	-19,747	-7,484	-8,628
Earnings before interest and tax (EBIT)	39,059	44,073	20,925	22,514
Financial income	481	664	286	262
Financial expenses	-4,706	-2,459	-3,492	-1,255
Profit/loss attributable to redeemable non-controlling interests	-2,786	-5,720	-1,856	-1,487
Financial result	-7,012	-7,515	-5,062	-2,480
Earnings before tax	32,048	36,559	15,863	20,034
Income taxes	-6,730	-11,321	-3,119	-4,071
Earnings after tax	25,317	25,238	12,744	15,963
thereof attributable to the shareholders of Semperit AG Holding	25,330	25,296	12,752	16,003
thereof attributable to non-controlling interests	-13	-58	-8	-40
Earnings per share in EUR (diluted and undiluted)²⁾	1.23	1.23	0.62	0.78

¹⁾ 2014 values restated (see notes page 26ff. in this report).

²⁾ Attributable to the shareholders of Semperit AG Holding.

Consolidated statement of comprehensive income

in EUR thousand	1.1.- 30.6.2015	1.1.- 30.6.2014 restated ¹⁾	1.4.- 30.6.2015	1.4.- 30.6.2014 restated ¹⁾
Earnings after tax according to the consolidated income statement	25,317	25,238	12,744	15,963
Other comprehensive income				
Amounts that will potentially be recognised through profit and loss in future periods				
Available for sale financial assets				
Revaluation gains/losses for the period	-206	377	-416	240
Reclassification to profit and loss for the period	0	77	0	0
	-206	453	-416	240
Cash flow Hedge				
Revaluation gains/losses for the period	577	-1,150	743	-628
Reclassification to profit and loss for the period	824	43	798	0
	1,401	-1,107	1,541	-628
Other comprehensive income from joint ventures				
Currency translation differences for the period	6,704	523	-6,811	523
Currency translation differences				
Currency translation differences for the period	9,793	4,071	-13,537	4,502
Reclassification to profit and loss for the period	0	4,796	0	0
	9,793	8,867	-13,537	4,502
Related deferred taxes	-297	162	-281	97
Other comprehensive income	17,394	8,899	-19,505	4,734
Total recognised comprehensive income	42,711	34,138	-6,760	20,697
thereof on earnings attributable to the shareholders of Semperit AG Holding	42,707	34,110	-6,770	20,663
thereof on earnings attributable to non-controlling interests	4	28	9	34

¹⁾ 2014 values restated (see notes page 26ff. in this report).

Consolidated cash flow statement

in EUR thousand	1.1.- 30.6.2015	1.1.- 30.6.2014 restated ¹⁾
Earnings before tax	32,048	36,559
Depreciation, amortisation, impairment and write-ups	14,093	19,747
Profit and loss from disposal of assets (including current and non-current financial assets)	-27	105
Change in non-current provisions	-816	262
Share of profits from joint ventures and associated companies	-6,901	-1,637
Dividends received from joint ventures and associated companies	0	11,451
Effects of the change in the method of consolidation	0	564
Badwill arising from company acquisition	-3,403	0
Profit/loss attributable to redeemable non-controlling interests	2,786	5,720
Net interest income (including income from securities)	1,576	999
Interest paid	-900	-938
Interest received	498	745
Taxes paid on income	-6,213	-9,872
Other non-cash expense/income	0	49
Gross cash flow	32,740	63,756
Change in inventories	-12,151	-702
Change in trade receivables	-29,940	-18,364
Change in other receivables and assets	-10,954	-2,958
Change in trade payables	20,365	-2,583
Change in other liabilities and current provisions	5,089	-440
Changes in working capital resulting from currency translation adjustments	4,736	194
Cash flow from operating activities	9,886	38,903
Proceeds from sale of tangible and intangible assets	206	242
Proceeds from sale of current and non-current financial assets	0	1,000
Investments in tangible and intangible assets	-32,286	-19,637
Net cash outflow on acquisition of businesses (less cash acquired)	-17,474	0
Cash flow from investing activities	-49,554	-18,396
Cash receipts from current and non-current financing liabilities	150,219	2,000
Repayment of current and non-current financing liabilities	-7,942	-5,508
Dividend to shareholders of Semperit AG Holding	-123,441	-24,688
Dividends to non-controlling shareholders of subsidiaries	0	-3,484
Acquisition of non-controlling interests	-34	0
Cash flow from financing activities	18,802	-31,680
Net increase / decrease in cash and cash equivalents	-20,866	-11,173
Effects resulting from currency translation	3,172	232
Changes in the scope of consolidation	0	-40,224
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the period	115,574	182,554
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the period	97,879	131,389

¹⁾ 2014 values restated (see notes page 26ff. in this report).

Consolidated balance sheet

in EUR thousand	30.6.2015	31.12.2014 restated ¹⁾
ASSETS		
Non-current assets		
Intangible assets	119,985	112,414
Tangible assets	258,393	220,017
Investments in joint ventures and associated companies	96,440	82,835
Other financial assets	9,665	8,544
Other assets	9,956	4,274
Deferred taxes	16,826	18,426
	511,265	446,511
Current assets		
Inventories	145,313	130,889
Trade receivables	146,257	112,965
Other financial assets	4,334	3,469
Other assets	14,735	11,624
Current tax receivables	8,351	5,269
Cash and cash equivalents	97,879	115,574
	416,869	379,789
TOTAL ASSETS	928,134	826,300
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES		
Equity		
Share capital	21,359	21,359
Capital reserves	21,503	21,503
Revenue reserves	296,479	393,690
Currency translation reserve	23,690	7,211
Equity attributable to the shareholders of Semperit AG Holding	363,031	443,762
Non-controlling interests	2,178	2,211
	365,209	445,973
Non-current provisions and liabilities		
Provisions for pension and severance payments	43,610	43,939
Other provisions	14,623	15,051
Liabilities from redeemable non-controlling interests	43,271	37,303
Corporate Schuldschein loan	57,846	126,615
Liabilities to banks	147,000	0
Other financial liabilities	753	2,138
Other liabilities	707	704
Deferred taxes	13,035	9,998
	320,846	235,748
Current provisions and liabilities		
Provisions for pension and severance payments	2,577	2,676
Other provisions	15,021	16,835
Corporate Schuldschein loan	73,964	1,335
Liabilities to banks	4,502	9,581
Trade payables	102,417	80,829
Other financial liabilities	15,945	15,944
Other liabilities	21,805	12,955
Current tax liabilities	5,848	4,424
	242,079	144,579
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES	928,134	826,300

¹⁾ 2014 values restated (see notes page 26ff. in this report).

Consolidated statement of changes in equity

in EUR thousand	Revenue reserves						Total equity attributable to the shareholders of Semperit AG Holding	Non-controlling interests	Total equity
	Share capital	Capital reserves	Re-valuation reserves	Other revenue reserves	Total revenue reserves	Currency translation reserve			
As at 1.1.2014	21,359	21,503	-115	385,907	385,793	-17,204	411,451	2,702	414,153
Earnings after tax	0	0	0	25,296	25,296	0	25,296	-58	25,238
Other comprehensive income	0	0	-491	0	-491	9,305	8,814	85	8,899
Total recognised comprehensive income	0	0	-491	25,296	24,805	9,305	34,110	28	34,138
Dividend	0	0	0	-24,688	-24,688	0	-24,688	0	-24,688
Acquisition of non-controlling interests	0	0	0	15	15	0	15	-213	-198
As at 30.6.2014 restated¹⁾	21,359	21,503	-606	386,530	385,925	-7,899	420,888	2,516	423,404
As at 1.1.2015 restated¹⁾	21,359	21,503	284	393,405	393,690	7,211	443,762	2,211	445,973
Earnings after tax	0	0	0	25,330	25,330	0	25,330	-13	25,317
Other comprehensive income	0	0	-155	1,052	898	16,480	17,377	17	17,394
Total recognised comprehensive income	0	0	-155	26,382	26,228	16,480	42,707	4	42,711
Dividend	0	0	0	-123,441	-123,441	0	-123,441	0	-123,441
Acquisition of non-controlling interests	0	0	0	3	3	0	3	-37	-34
As at 30.6.2015	21,359	21,503	130	296,349	296,479	23,690	363,031	2,178	365,209

¹⁾ 2014 values restated (see notes page 26ff. in this report).

Notes to the interim consolidated financial statements

PREPARATION AND PRESENTATION OF THE INTERIM CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The interim consolidated financial statements as at 30 June 2015 have been prepared in accordance with the principles of International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS), in particular with the rules stipulated by IAS 34 Interim Financial Reporting.

The change of the method of consolidation of Siam Sempermed Corp. Ltd. (SSC) has been retroactively restated from 31 December 2014 to 31 March 2014. Please see the relevant statements on page 26ff. of this report.

Due to technological developments, improved quality and increased usability of tangible assets as well as longer product life cycles, the group revised its estimates for the useful lives of tangible assets effective as of 1 January 2015. In accordance with IAS 8.32, this adjustment has been made prospectively; a retrospective change of previous reporting periods has therefore not been made. Due to this change in accounting estimate, depreciation in the first half of 2015 declined by EUR 6,074 thousand. EUR 4,505 thousand of this amount is attributable to technical equipment and machinery, EUR 984 thousand to land and buildings, and EUR 585 thousand to other equipment, office furniture and equipment. The restatement of the useful lives will lead to a reduction of the depreciation of approximately EUR 8,474 thousand for the financial year 2016 and to a reduction of EUR 12,750 thousand in total for the three subsequent financial years.

Furthermore, no material changes have been made to the accounting and valuation methods used. For more information on accounting and valuation methods, please see the consolidated financial statements as at 31 December 2014, which, in this regard, form the basis for these interim financial statements.

The reporting currency is the euro, in which case figures are rounded off to thousands of euros unless specified otherwise. Rounding differences in the totalling of rounded amounts and percentages may arise from the automatic processing of data.

These interim financial statements of the Semperit Group have not been audited or reviewed by the group's auditor.

RETROSPECTIVE RESTATEMENTS REGARDING THE CONSOLIDATION OF SIAM SEMPERMED CORP. LTD. (SSC)

As of 31 December 2014 the method of consolidation of Siam Sempermed Corp. Ltd. (SSC) was changed from full consolidation under IFRS 10 Consolidated Financial Statements to the equity method in accordance with IFRS 11 Joint Arrangements.

The date was set due to increasing problems with the execution of the controlling influence and the assessment of the duration of legal procedures between the Semperit Group and the Thai Shareholder Sri Trang Agro-Industry Public Co. Ltd. (Sri Trang). Furthermore, the development of the legal disputes in January and February 2015 and the mediation procedure between representatives of the group and Sri Trang, which was terminated without result on 13 February 2015, affected this decision. At that time, it was clearly recognisable to the Semperit management that Sri Trang would not end its unlawful conduct in the near future. Based on this understanding, the management had assessed that they would currently not be able to execute its controlling influence on SSC by 31 December 2014 and therefore decided to consolidate SSC as a joint venture in the consolidated financial statements.

In the course of the review of the consolidated financial statements as of 31 December 2013 and the interim consolidated financial statements as of 30 June 2014, the Austrian Financial Market Authority (Finanzmarktaufsicht – FMA) came to the conclusion by decision of 30 July 2014 that SSC should not have been fully consolidated in the interim consolidated financial statements as of 30 June 2014 for the following reasons:

The Semperit Aktiengesellschaft Holding fully consolidated the SSC in its interim consolidated financial statements as of 30 June 2014. From the point of view of the FMA, this violates IFRS 10.6 in connection with IFRS 10.7 and IFRS 10.2(b) and (c) stating that a parent company may only consolidate another company by means of a full consolidation in the consolidated financial statements, when it has full control of the associated company. From the FMA's point of view, major barriers for this execution of controlling influence already arose during the first half of 2014, triggered by the conduct of Thai Shareholder. For lack of control of SSC as of 30 June 2014, the full consolidation method was not applicable any more.

Due to the identification of this error, the management assessed the effect of the above-mentioned barriers in the course of the first half of 2014. As a consequence, the above-mentioned change of the method of consolidation for SSC (from full consolidation to the equity method) as of 31 December 2014 was restated retrospectively to 31 March 2015 in the present interim consolidated financial statements.

All necessary information pursuant to IAS 8 Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors are reported in the following section.

Effects on the consolidated balance sheet as of 31 December 2014

In the consolidated balance sheet as of 31 December 2014 the following positions have changed due to the retrospective restatement in the method of consolidation:

in EUR thousand	31.12.2014	Restatement	31.12.2014 restated
Investments in joint ventures and associated companies	91,043	-8,208	82,835
Deferred taxes	19,526	-1,100	18,426
Other non-current assets	345,249	0	345,249
Non-current assets	455,818	-9,307	446,511
Inventories	127,196	3,693	130,889
Other current assets	248,901	0	248,901
Current assets	376,096	3,693	379,789
ASSETS	831,914	-5,614	826,300
Revenue reserves	405,509	-11,820	393,690
Currency translation reserve	1,005	6,205	7,211
Other equity and liabilities	425,400	0	425,400
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES	831,914	-5,614	826,300

Effects on the consolidated balance sheet as of 30 June 2014

The restated consolidated balance sheet as of 30 June 2014 is as follows:

in EUR thousand	30.6.2014	Restatement	30.6.2014 restated
ASSETS			
Non-current assets			
Intangible assets	108,397	-297	108,100
Tangible assets	263,535	-73,086	190,449
Investments in joint ventures and associated companies	1,461	68,924	70,385
Other financial assets	8,242	-16	8,226
Other assets	4,435	-70	4,365
Deferred taxes	15,888	-1,865	14,024
	401,959	-6,411	395,549
Current assets			
Inventories	147,437	-23,925	123,512
Trade receivables	130,704	-9,576	121,128
Other financial assets	3,884	-167	3,717
Other assets	11,580	-1,485	10,096
Current tax receivables	4,085	0	4,085
Cash and cash equivalents	157,287	-25,897	131,389
	454,978	-61,050	393,928
TOTAL ASSETS	856,937	-67,461	789,477
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES			
Equity			
Share capital	21,359	0	21,359
Capital reserves	21,503	0	21,503
Revenue reserves	388,487	-2,562	385,925
Currency translation reserve	-12,440	4,541	-7,899
Equity attributable to the shareholders of Semperit AG Holding	418,909	1,978	420,888
Non-controlling interests	2,516	0	2,516
	421,426	1,978	423,404
Non-current provisions and liabilities			
Provisions for pension and severance payments	39,269	-1,722	37,546
Other provisions	12,391	0	12,391
Liabilities from redeemable non-controlling interests	97,004	-65,360	31,644
Corporate Schuldschein loan	126,577	0	126,577
Other financial liabilities	2,877	0	2,877
Other liabilities	567	0	567
Deferred taxes	6,108	2,546	8,654
	284,792	-64,536	220,256
Current provisions and liabilities			
Provisions for pension and severance payments	2,970	0	2,970
Other provisions	18,236	-1,706	16,530
Corporate Schuldschein loan	1,955	0	1,955
Liabilities to banks	11,234	0	11,234
Trade payables	77,017	2,413	79,430
Other financial liabilities	16,500	-3,965	12,534
Other liabilities	16,430	-177	16,254
Current tax liabilities	6,376	-1,467	4,909
	150,719	-4,903	145,816
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES	856,937	-67,461	789,477

Effects on the consolidated income statement as of 30 June 2014

The restated consolidated income statement as of 30 June 2014 is as follows:

in EUR thousand	1.1.- 30.6.2014	Restatement	1.1.- 30.6.2014 restated	1.4.- 30.6.2014	Restatement	1.4.- 30.6.2014 restated
Revenue	464,294	-20,723	443,571	231,600	-20,723	210,877
Changes in inventories	505	-14,389	-13,884	2,636	-14,389	-11,753
Own work capitalised	659	0	659	240	0	240
Operating revenue	465,458	-35,112	430,346	234,476	-35,112	199,364
Other operating income	10,256	-997	9,259	3,933	-1,043	2,890
Cost of material and purchased services	-251,308	18,858	-232,450	-127,083	19,093	-107,990
Personnel expenses	-83,796	5,533	-78,263	-42,778	5,533	-37,245
Other operating expenses	-72,028	5,320	-66,708	-33,291	5,879	-27,412
Share of profits from joint ventures and associated companies	204	1,432	1,637	102	1,432	1,535
Earnings before interest, tax, depreciation and amortisation (EBITDA)	68,786	-4,966	63,820	35,359	-4,217	31,142
Depreciation, amortisation and impairment of tangible and intangible assets	-22,584	2,837	-19,747	-11,464	2,837	-8,628
Earnings before interest and tax (EBIT)	46,202	-2,129	44,073	23,895	-1,381	22,514
Financial income	756	-91	664	353	-91	262
Financial expenses	-2,459	0	-2,459	-1,255	0	-1,255
Profit/loss attributable to redeemable non-controlling interests	-8,112	2,391	-5,720	-3,879	2,391	-1,487
Financial result	-9,815	2,300	-7,515	-4,781	2,300	-2,480
Earnings before tax	36,388	171	36,559	19,114	920	20,034
Income taxes	-8,588	-2,732	-11,321	-4,386	316	-4,071
Earnings after tax	27,799	-2,561	25,238	14,728	1,235	15,963
thereof attributable to the shareholders of Semperit AG Holding	27,857	-2,561	25,296	14,768	1,235	16,003
thereof attributable to non-controlling interests	-58	0	-58	-40	0	-40
Earnings per share in EUR (diluted and undiluted)¹⁾	1.35	-0.12	1.23	0.72	0.06	0.78

¹⁾ Attributable to the shareholders of Semperit AG Holding

Determination of the result deriving from the change in the method of consolidation

The loss based on the change in the method of consolidation of SSC is shown in the consolidated income statement in other operating expenses.

in EUR thousand	31.3.2014 restated	31.12.2014 reported
Fair value of the investment in joint ventures recognised	78,257	89,361
Derecognised net assets as a result of the change in the method of consolidation	-74,025	-77,959
Reclassification of the cumulated currency translation reserve from equity to the consolidated income statement	-4,796	1,787
Result of the change in the method of consolidation (non-cash)	-564	13,190

The difference compared to the excess resulting from the change in the method of consolidation determined in the consolidated financial statements as of 31 December 2014 results from a change of a parameter (WACC) for the determination of the fair value as of 31 March 2014 and from closing date related change of the currency translation reserve.

PRINCIPLES AND METHODS OF CONSOLIDATION

The consolidated financial statements include the financial statements of the parent company and the financial statements of the companies under its control, i.e. the subsidiaries of the parent. The group controls a company when it is exposed, or has rights, to variable returns from its involvement with the company and has the ability to affect those returns through its power over the company. The financial statements of subsidiaries are included in the consolidated financial statements from the time at which control begins until the time at which control ends.

On the assessment whether the definition of control within the meaning of IFRS 10 is met where the group's de facto shareholding in subsidiaries is either 50% or 41.43%, please refer to the consolidated financial statements as at 31 December 2014, note 3.1., page 149ff. In the first half of 2015 there have been no material developments that would have led to a revised assessment of control within the meaning of IFRS 10.

ADOPTION OF NEW AND AMENDED ACCOUNTING STANDARDS

The following new or amended standards and interpretations were applicable for the first time in the reporting period from 1 January to 30 June 2015:

First-time adoption of standards and interpretations		Effective date ¹⁾	Endorsement
New standards and interpretations			
IFRIC 21	Levies	17.6.2014	June 2014
Amended standards and interpretations			
Misc.	Improvements to IFRS 2011-2013	1.1.2015	December 2014

¹⁾ According to the Official Journal of the EU, the standards are obligatory for financial years commencing on or after the effective date.

Both IFRIC 21 Levies and the annual improvements to IFRS (cycle 2011 to 2013) are not of relevance for the Semperit Group or do not have a material effect on the interim or annual consolidated financial statements.

CHANGES IN THE SCOPE OF CONSOLIDATION

In April 2015 the Semperit Group acquired 100% of the shares of Leeser GmbH & Co. KG, Hückelhoven, Germany, and of Leeser Verwaltungsgesellschaft mbH, Hückelhoven, Germany („Leeser“). Leeser GmbH & Co. KG holds a 75% share in the Elastomer Technology Kmenta s.r.o., Husava, Czech Republic. Leeser is specialized in foam rubber and co-extruded seals for aluminium windows and facades. The companies are assigned to the Semperform segment.

The purchase price allocation is classified as preliminary according to IFRS 3.45, because the reports on intangible assets and land and buildings have not been completed yet.

The following table shows the preliminary purchase price allocation based on the calculated fair value at the time of acquisition:

in EUR thousand

Purchase price paid in cash	18,216
Purchase price not yet due	200
	18,416
Net assets	21,819
Badwill	-3,403

The following table shows the preliminary determined fair values of assets and liabilities of Leeser at the time of acquisition:

in EUR thousand	Fair value at acquisition date
Non-current assets	
Intangible assets	5,664
Tangible assets	16,546
	22,210
Current assets	
Inventories	2,273
Trade receivables	3,252
Other financial assets	183
Cash and cash equivalents	742
	6,450
Non-current provisions and liabilities	
Deferred taxes	1,475
Current provisions and liabilities	
Other provisions	1,002
Liabilities to banks	2,048
Trade payables	1,421
Other liabilities	433
Current tax liabilities	462
	5,366
Total net assets at their fair value	21,819
Badwill	-3,403
Purchase price	18,416

The purchase price was below the fair value of the acquired net assets, the difference totalling EUR 3,403 thousand. This amount was recognised for as profit in other operating income according to IFRS 3.

The fair value and, therefore the expected receipt of payment of the trade receivables amount to EUR 3,252 thousand, whereas the gross amount is EUR 3,267 thousand.

Intangible assets and tangibles have been valued on the basis of reports compiled by renowned experts.

The goodwill accrued as a result of the acquisition of Leeser, resulted from the purchase price being at the lower end of the valuation range and from the fact that the advantages deriving from the acquired technology had led to corresponding valuations of intangible assets.

EUR 18,216 thousand of the purchase price totalling EUR 18,416 thousand was paid in cash. The remaining EUR 200 thousand are due in 2017. In the course of the company acquisition, transaction costs of EUR 788 thousand arose, which were recognised in other operating expenses.

Since the acquisition date, Leeser has contributed EUR 5,886 thousand to the group's revenue. Earnings before tax amounted to EUR 127 thousand. If the company acquisition had taken place at the beginning of the year, Leeser would have contributed EUR 18,172 thousand to the group's revenue and EUR 794 thousand to earnings before tax.

EQUITY TRANSACTIONS

In the first half of 2015, Semperit Group acquired a 0.02% interest in Latexx Partners Berhad for EUR 34 thousand. As of 30 June 2015, the group's interest thus totalled 98.48%, up from 98.46% as of 31 December 2014. In the first half of 2014, a 0.14% interest was acquired for EUR 198 thousand, which increased the group's interest to 98.25% as at 30 June 2014.

The transactions in the first half of 2015 and in the first half of 2014 were accounted for as equity transactions. For further information, please refer to the explanations on the principles and methods of consolidation in the consolidated financial statements as at 31 December 2014.

INVESTMENTS IN JOINT VENTURES AND ASSOCIATED COMPANIES (EQUITY METHOD)

The investments in joint ventures and associated companies are comprised as follows:

in EUR thousand	30.6.2015	31.12.2014 restated ¹⁾
Joint ventures		
Siam Sempermed Corp. Ltd., Hat Yai, Thailand	94,534	81,154
Associated companies		
Synergy Health Allershausen GmbH, Allershausen, Germany	1,906	1,682
	96,440	82,835

¹⁾ 2014 values restated (see notes page 26ff. in this report).

The change in the investments in joint ventures and associated companies is as follows:

in EUR thousand	2015	2014 restated ¹⁾
As at 1.1.	82,835	1,419
Addition due to change from the full consolidation approach to the equity method	0	78,257
Proportionate period result and intercompany elimination results	6,901	8,057
Dividends	0	-11,451
Currency translation	6,704	6,603
Revaluation of defined benefit obligation	0	-50
As at 30.6. / 31.12.	96,440	82,835

¹⁾ 2014 values restated (see notes page 26ff. in this report).

Investments in joint ventures

The consolidated carrying amount of the investment in Siam Sempermed Corp. Ltd. totalled EUR 94,534 thousand as at 30 June 2015 (31 December 2014: EUR 81,154 thousand). As at 30 June 2015, group companies had the following assets and liabilities against the joint venture, and their business relationships resulted in the following income and expenses during the first half of 2015:

in EUR thousand	1.1.- 30.6.2015	1.1.- 30.6.2014 restated ¹⁾
Revenue	947	1,278
Other operating income	244	110
Cost of material and purchased services	69,307	36,022
	30.6.2015	31.12.2014 restated¹⁾
Inventories	25,613	23,513
Trade receivables	1,149	859
Trade payables	29,999	21,451

¹⁾ 2014 values restated (see notes page 26ff. in this report).

Investments in associated companies

The consolidated carrying amount of the investment in Synergy Health Allershausen GmbH totalled EUR 1,906 thousand as at 30 June 2015 (31 December 2014: EUR 1,682 thousand). With regards to Synergy Health, the following assets and liabilities as well as income and expenses were related to Semperit Group as at 30 June 2015.

in EUR thousand	1.1.- 30.6.2015	1.1.- 30.6.2014 restated ¹⁾
Other operating expenses	185	241
Financial income	3	4
	30.6.2015	31.12.2014 restated ¹⁾
Other financial assets	566	566
Trade payables	0	92

¹⁾ 2014 values restated (see notes page 26ff. in this report).

SEGMENT REPORTING

in EUR thousand	Sempermed	Semperflex	Sempertrans	Semperform	Corporate Center and Group eliminations	Group
1.1.-30.6.2015						
Revenue	191,526	107,895	77,872	73,532	0	450,825
EBITDA	13,689	27,156	10,584	13,927	-12,204	53,152
EBIT = segment result	7,595	23,166	8,985	11,807	-12,494	39,059
1.1.-30.6.2014 restated¹⁾						
Revenue	199,890	106,729	71,039	65,913	0	443,571
EBITDA	24,359	27,544	10,242	11,839	-10,164	63,820
EBIT = segment result	15,345	21,937	8,162	8,945	-10,316	44,073

¹⁾ 2014 values restated (see notes page 26ff. in this report).

The income and expenses of companies involved in production and distribution in more than one segment are subdivided and allocated to the appropriate segments accordingly so that no further eliminations are necessary. The Corporate Center consists of Semperit AG Holding, which is not involved in operating activities, and those portions of a management company in China and a service company in Singapore that are allocated to the Corporate Center. Internal charging and the allocation of Corporate Center costs have already been made to the segments as far as possible.

In the first half of 2015, as in the first half of the previous year, there were no impairments on either tangible or intangible assets.

INVESTMENTS IN AND DISPOSALS OF TANGIBLE AND INTANGIBLE ASSETS

In the first half of 2015 the Semperit Group made investments in tangible and intangible assets totalling EUR 32,286 thousand (previous year: EUR 19,637 thousand). In contrast, tangible and intangible assets with a net carrying amount of EUR 179 thousand (previous year: EUR 284 thousand) were sold.

OBLIGATIONS TO ACQUIRE TANGIBLE ASSETS

As at 30 June 2015 the group has contractual obligations to acquire tangible assets totalling EUR 36,817 thousand (31 December 2014: EUR 32,412 thousand). The increase compared to the previous year is due to investment projects to expand production capacities.

DISCLOSURES ON FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The following tables show the carrying amounts of the individual financial assets and liabilities classified in accordance with the valuation categories stipulated in IAS 39.9.

Assets

in EUR thousand	Valuation category IAS 39	Carrying amount 30.6.2015	Carrying amount 31.12.2014 restated ¹⁾
Trade receivables	Loans and receivables	146,257	112,965
Other financial assets			
Securities	Available for sale	6,452	6,599
Loans to associated companies	Loans and receivables	563	563
Other loans	Loans and receivables	6	6
Derivative financial instruments	Held for trading	186	2
Derivative financial instruments	Designated as a hedging instrument	1,349	0
Other financial assets	Loans and receivables	5,443	4,843
Cash and cash equivalents			
Cash on hand, cheques and cash deposits in banks	–	97,879	115,574

¹⁾ 2014 values restated (see notes page 26ff. in this report).

Liabilities

in EUR thousand	Valuation category IAS 39	Carrying amount 30.6.2015	Carrying amount 31.12.2014 restated ¹⁾
Corporate Schuldschein loan	Liabilities at amortised cost	131,811	127,950
Liabilities from redeemable non-controlling interests	Liabilities at amortised cost	43,271	37,303
Trade payables	Liabilities at amortised cost	102,417	80,829
Liabilities to banks	Liabilities at amortised cost	151,502	9,581
Other financial liabilities			
Derivative financial liabilities	Held for trading	87	359
Derivative financial liabilities	Designated as a hedging instrument	1,498	1,640
Liabilities from finance leases	Liabilities at amortised cost	148	199
Other financial liabilities	Liabilities at amortised cost	14,965	15,884

¹⁾ 2014 values restated (see notes page 26ff. in this report).

Fair values

The three levels in the fair value hierarchy are defined as follows:

Level 1: measurement based on quoted prices on an active market for a specific financial instrument.

Level 2: measurement based on quoted market prices for similar instruments or on the basis of valuation models based exclusively on input factors that are observable on the market.

Level 3: measurement based on models with significant input factors that are not observable on the market.

In the first half of 2015 there were no reclassifications of financial instruments between the above-mentioned levels.

Assets and liabilities at fair value

Financial instruments at fair value include securities and derivative financial instruments.

in EUR thousand	Valuation category IAS 39	Fair value 30.6.2015	Fair value 31.12.2014	Level
Assets				
Securities	Available for sale	6,452	6,599	1
Derivative financial instruments	Held for trading	186	2	2
Derivative financial instruments	Designated as a hedging instrument	1,349	0	2
Liabilities				
Derivative financial liabilities	Held for trading	87	359	2
Derivative financial liabilities	Designated as a hedging instrument	1,498	1,640	2

The fair values of available for sale securities are determined using publicly available prices.

The derivative financial instruments held for trading purposes are forward foreign exchange transactions. Their fair values are determined using generally accepted financial valuation models (e.g. determination of the present value of expected future cash flows based on current foreign exchange rates and yield curves).

The derivative financial instruments designated as hedges are interest rate swaps and a cross currency swap. Their fair value is determined using generally accepted financial valuation models, in which future cash flows are simulated using the yield curves published at the balance sheet date. In addition, the carrying amount is adjusted to take into account the credit risk of the respective counterparty. When doing so, positive exposures are measured considering the default risk of the counterparty, while negative exposures are measured considering the group's own default risk.

Assets and liabilities not measured at fair value

The fair values of all other financial assets and liabilities, except for the following items and liabilities from redeemable non-controlling interests, correspond to their carrying amounts.

in EUR thousand	Valuation category IAS 39	Fair value 30.6.2015	Fair value 31.12.2014	Level
Liabilities				
Corporate Schuldschein loan	Liabilities at amortised cost	142,591	141,227	3
Liabilities from finance leases	Liabilities at amortised cost	151	195	3

The fair value of the corporate Schuldschein loan was determined by discounting the contractual payment streams with current interest rates. The comparable interest rates as at the reporting date were derived from capital market yields with matching maturities and then adjusted for current risk and liquidity costs that are observable on the market. These comparable interest rates were derived based on management's assessment of the rating of the Semperit Group.

For existing fixed-interest finance lease liabilities, current third-party interest rates were queried and then compared with the contractually agreed interest rates. As a result, the difference between the carrying amount and the fair value shows the margin between the contractually agreed historical return and the return currently available on the market. The finance lease liabilities are shown under the item "Other financial liabilities."

For information on the valuation of liabilities from redeemable non-controlling interests, please refer to the explanations in the consolidated financial statements as at 31 December 2014. The calculation of the fair value would require a disproportionately high effort and is thus not disclosed in this report.

CORPORATE SCHULDSCHEIN LOAN

In July 2013, Semperit AG Holding issued a corporate Schuldschein loan totalling EUR 125 million. In the second quarter of 2014 and in the first quarter of 2015, additional corporate Schuldschein loans amounting to EUR 5 million with the same conditions as the 10-year fixed-interest tranche of the original corporate Schuldschein loan were issued to "Privatstiftung zur Förderung der Gesundheit von Beschäftigten der Semperit AG Holding" (in English: Private Foundation to Promote Health of the Employees of Semperit AG Holding). This means that the total notional volume now amounts to EUR 130 million. In June 2015, the variable five-year and seven-year tranches (nominal amounts of EUR 36,500 thousand and EUR 35,500 thousand) of the existing corporate Schuldschein loan were redeemed by Semperit AG Holding. The two tranches were repaid after the reporting date in July 2015. Therefore, the variable tranches were disclosed as a current liability as at 30 June 2015.

In the first half of 2015, the group paid interest totalling EUR 668 thousand. As at 30 June 2015, accrued interest of EUR 2,182 thousand was disclosed as a current liability. The difference between the carrying amount of EUR 129,628 thousand (excluding interest) and the nominal amount are the transaction costs of the issue in July 2013. This difference is then allocated over the term of the corporate Schuldschein loan in accordance with the effective interest rate method.

Similar to the balance as at 31 December 2014, the hedged nominal amount for the issue from July 2013 amounts to EUR 30,240 thousand. This hedging of the variable-interest tranches of the corporate Schuldschein loan was undertaken in October 2013 by means of interest rate swaps, which converted a portion of the variable-interest tranches into fixed interest rates. The interest rate swaps are accounted for as cash flow hedges in accordance with IAS 39. Based on the valuation in the first half of 2015 the effective portion of the cash flow hedge totalling EUR 159 thousand (31 December 2014: EUR -1,460 thousand) was recognised in other comprehensive income and EUR 26 thousand were reclassified to the income statement. As a result, the cash flow hedge reserve changed by EUR 185 thousand to EUR -1,209 thousand (31 December 2014: EUR -1,395 thousand). With the redemption of the variable tranches of the corporate Schuldschein loan in July 2015 the two interest swaps were redeemed too. The release of the interest swaps led to a reclassification as at 30 June 2015 of EUR 1,000 thousand from the cash flow hedge reserve to the income statement. In total the cash flow hedge reserve resulting from the interest rate swaps changed by EUR 1,186 thousand to EUR -209 thousand (31 December 2014: EUR -1,395 thousand).

CROSS CURRENCY SWAP

In order to hedge Semperit's financing to a subsidiary company issued in Malaysian Ringgit, the Semperit AG Holding entered into a cross currency swap in April 2015. On the one hand the cross currency swap caused the variable refinancing to be converted into fixed interest rates, on the other hand the exchange rate of Euro and Malaysian Ringgit was fixed. According to IAS 39 the cross currency swap is classified as a cash flow hedge (regarding interest rate risk) and as a fair value hedge (regarding the exchange risk) too. In total, the derivative is accounted for as fair value. The initial valuation of the cross currency swap on the balance sheet date resulted in an expense of EUR 711 thousand. Based on the valuation as at 30 June 2015 the effective portion of the cash flow hedge totalling EUR 418 thousand was recognised in other comprehensive income and EUR 203 thousand was reclassified from the cash flow hedge reserve to the income statement. As at 30 June 2015 the cash flow hedge reserve amounts to EUR 215 thousand (31 December 2014: EUR 0 thousand).

DIVIDEND AND TREASURY SHARES

On 28 April 2015, the Annual General Meeting approved the payment of an increased ordinary dividend of EUR 1.10 per share for the financial year 2014 (previous year: EUR 0.90 per share) and a one-time special dividend of EUR 4.90 per share. A total of EUR 123,441 thousand was distributed on 8 May 2015 (previous year: EUR 24,688 thousand).

Semperit AG Holding has no treasury stock as at 30 June 2015.

CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

There were no material changes in contingent liabilities since the last reporting date as at 31 December 2014.

RELATED-PARTY TRANSACTIONS WITH COMPANIES AND INDIVIDUALS

Outstanding balances and transactions between Semperit AG Holding and its subsidiaries were eliminated in the course of consolidation and are not further discussed here.

B & C Semperit Holding GmbH is the direct majority shareholder of Semperit AG Holding, and B & C Privatstiftung is the dominant legal entity. B & C Industrieholding GmbH is the shareholder holding an indirect majority stake which draws up and publishes consolidated financial statements in which the Semperit Group is consolidated. Under IAS 24, B & C Privatstiftung and all its subsidiaries, joint ventures and associated companies are related parties of the Semperit Group.

Related parties of the Semperit Group include the members of the Management and Supervisory Board of Semperit AG Holding, the managing directors and Supervisory Board members of all companies which directly or indirectly hold a majority stake in Semperit AG Holding, and finally the members of the Management Board of B & C Privatstiftung and the close family members of these Management and Supervisory Board members and managing directors.

Business to a total value of EUR 569 thousand was conducted with unit-it GmbH (an indirect investment of B & C Industrieholding GmbH) in the first half of 2015 (previous year: EUR 455 thousand). This related to the purchase and maintenance of SAP licences and was conducted at arms-length conditions. As at the balance sheet date on 30 June 2015 there are no outstanding liabilities to the company (previous year: EUR 0 thousand).

For further information on business relationships with joint ventures and associated companies, please refer to the section "Investments in joint ventures and associated companies (equity method)" in this report.

The level of transactions remaining with other related parties is low, and they are conducted on normal business terms and conditions.

TRANSACTIONS WITH CO-PARTNERS

The fully consolidated companies Semperflex Asia Corp. Ltd., Shanghai Semperit Rubber & Plastic Products Co. Ltd. and Semperflex Shanghai Ltd. conduct business with the non-controlling co-partner of these subsidiaries, Sri Trang Agro-Industry Public Co Ltd.

In addition, Sempertrans Best (Shandong) Belting Co. Ltd. conducts business with Wang Chao Coal & Electricity Group, the non-controlling co-partner of this subsidiary.

SUPERVISORY BOARD MATTERS

On 28 April 2015, the Annual General Meeting reappointed Veit Sorger, Ingrid Wesseln and Walter Koppensteiner. In addition, Felix Strohbichler was newly appointed to the Supervisory Board. At the constituent meeting of the Supervisory Board that followed the Annual General Meeting, Veit Sorger was reappointed as the Chairman of the Supervisory Board and Felix Strohbichler was elected as its new Deputy Chairman.

Among the members of the Supervisory Board appointed by the Works Council, Karl Voitl replaced Andreas Slama in March 2015.

LEGAL DISPUTES REGARDING THE SIAM SEMPERMED CORP. LTD. JOINT VENTURE

Since 2014, the Semperit Group has been conducting several legal proceedings at domestic courts in Thailand and at international arbitration tribunals located in Zurich based on the rules of the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC). These litigations relate in particular to the competencies and internal organisation of the Board of Directors (BoD) being the supervisory body of Siam Sempermed Corp. Ltd. (SSC), a joint venture in Thailand. They also concern the business management of SSC, SSC's business relationships with group subsidiaries of the Thai joint venture partner Sri Trang Agro-Industry Public Co Ltd. (Sri Trang), and the exclusive distribution rights of the Semperit Group.

For further explanations regarding the legal disputes see the consolidated financial statements as at 31 December 2014, note 9., page 204ff.

At present, most of the legal proceedings are still at an early to middle stage; so far, the arbitrators constituted in the first quarter of 2015. So called "Case management conferences" were held in which the contents and the timing of the proceedings were defined. In the second quarter of 2015 Semperit prepared and submitted the detailed bills of complaint.

Based on its current assessment – except for injunctions which are being sought – the group expects that the first proceeding will be concluded within the first half of 2016.

In January 2015, a director nominated by Sri Trang for the BoD of Sempermed USA Inc. (SUSA) issued a legal challenge in Delaware, USA against a resolution adopted by the BoD of SUSA based on the BoD's right to cast a deciding vote. The director sought an injunction against this decision. The request for an injunction was not granted by the competent court, and a hearing was ordered to deal with the lawsuit, scheduled for July 2015. In May 2015, the termination of the proceedings was agreed upon and the effectiveness of the right to cast the deciding vote was recognised. The statutes of SUSA were adapted accordingly.

There are several legal proceedings pending at Thai courts. A director nominated by Sri Trang filed some claims against directors of the SSC nominated by Semperit and the company itself. Directors nominated by Semperit have also filed a claim against the directors nominated by Sri Trang. In one of these proceedings, the claim of the Semperit directors has been rejected in the first instance, the plaintiffs' appeals will be filed. Furthermore, two directors of the SSC, who have been nominated by the Sri Trang Group, will be sued by Semperit. The Semperit Group continues to anticipate that its interpretation of the law will be confirmed in these proceedings. The costs for the ongoing proceedings are being expensed as incurred. Appropriate provisions have been set up for the expected costs of the proceedings in which Semperit is the defendant.

EVENTS AFTER THE BALANCE SHEET DATE

In July 2015 the two variable tranches (nominal amounts of EUR 36,500 thousand and EUR 35,500 thousand) of the corporate Schuldschein loan of July 2013 were repaid. Furthermore, in July 2015 the two interest rate swaps, which had been concluded for parts of the variable tranches then, were repaid.

At the same time, low financing costs caused the Semperit AG Holding to issue a new corporate Schuldschein loan amounting to EUR 75,000 thousand in July 2015. This corporate Schuldschein loan comprises three fixed-interest tranches of seven, ten and fifteen years. The average interest rate of the emission is 2.16%, and the emission took place mainly in Austria and Germany. The cash inflow has been utilised primarily for the repayment of the variable tranches of the corporate Schuldschein loan of July 2013.

Vienna, 24 August 2015

The Management Board



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Chairman of the Management Board



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Chief Financial Officer



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Chief Technical Officer



Declan Daly
Chief Information Officer

Statement of all legal representatives

PURSUANT TO SECTION 87 (1) LINE 3 OF THE AUSTRIAN STOCK EXCHANGE ACT

We confirm to the best of our knowledge that the condensed interim consolidated financial statements as at 30 June 2015 prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) as adopted by the European Union (EU) give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities, financial position and profit or loss of the group, and that the group management report gives a true and fair view of important events that have occurred during the first six months of the financial year and their impact on the condensed interim financial statements, of the principal risks and uncertainties for the remaining six months of the financial year and of the major related party transactions to be disclosed.

Vienna, 24 August 2015

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The Semperit share

The 126th Annual General Meeting took place on 28 April 2015 in Vienna, Austria. All resolutions of this Annual General Meeting can be viewed at www.semperitgroup.com/ir under "annual general meeting". The Annual General Meeting approved the Management Board's proposal to distribute a total dividend of EUR 6.00 per share (increased ordinary dividend of EUR 1.10 plus a one-time special dividend of EUR 4.90). The dividend was paid on 8 May 2015, the ex-dividend day was 5 May 2015.

Semperit share at a glance

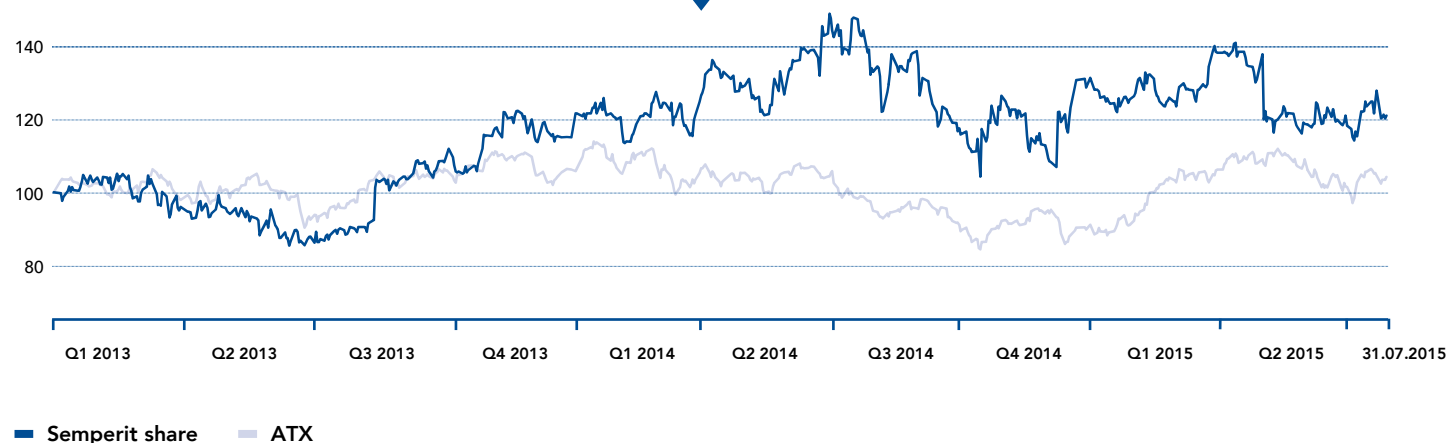
Key figures		1.1. - 30.6.2015	Change	1.1. - 30.6.2014 restated ¹⁾
Price at balance sheet date	in EUR	37.00	-17.3%	44.75
Lowest price	in EUR	36.01	+1.4%	35.51
Highest price	in EUR	44.35	-2.2%	45.37
Market capitalisation at balance sheet date	in EUR million	761.2	-17.3%	920.7
Number of shares issued	in unit	20,573,434	-	20,573,434
Price-to-earnings ratio ²⁾		15.0	-17.4%	18.2
Earnings per share (EPS) ³⁾	in EUR	1.23	+0.1%	1.23

¹⁾ 2014 values restated (see notes page 26ff. in this report)

²⁾ Based on full year projection

³⁾ Attributable to the shareholders of Semperit AG Holding

Share price performance of Semperit and ATX, indexed 1.1.2013



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Financial Calendar 2015

26.8.2015	Half-year financial report 2015
17.11.2015	Report on the first three quarters of 2015

Financial Calendar 2016

17.3.2016	Publication of 2015 annual financial statements and press conference
26.4.2016	Annual General Meeting
2.5.2016	Last day at which shares can be bought with dividend entitlement
3.5.2016	Ex-dividend day
4.5.2016	Record-Date Dividend (= day, on which settled positions are struck at CSD Austria at close of business to determine the entitlement)
6.5.2016	Dividend payment day
19.5.2016	Report on the first quarter of 2016
18.8.2016	Half-year financial report 2016
17.11.2016	Report on the first three quarters of 2016

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