



Q2 2006 revenue up 16.5% to € 29.8 million^(*)

Groupe Silicomp (Paris FR0000063794) – Revenue for the second quarter of 2006 increased by 16.5% to € 29.8 million, compared to the second quarter of 2005, including 10.5% of purely organic growth. All Groupe Silicomp businesses recorded growth, thus validating the technological options selected by the Group.

Revenue for the full first half-year were € 58.9 million^(*), a 20.3% increase over the first half of 2005, including 14.1% growth on a like-for-like basis.

Due to the temporary difficulties experienced in Asia and margin estimates for the second quarter, the Group deems it prudent to consider a reduction of the 2006 EPS^(*) by about 15%.

Groupe Silicomp continues to grow strongly wherever it is established, except in Asia where recovery measures implemented since the beginning of the year have not yet fully yielded the expected results.

Growth in the second half year will be sustained:

- Order backlog strongly increased in France (78% of Group revenue) and the book-to-bill ratio remains higher than 1,
- workforce is currently 20% larger than at the same date of 2005 and should comprise 1,200 employees at the beginning of the fourth quarter at the current hiring rate (up 5% from 30 June 2006).

€ millions (unaudited figures)	2006	2005	(% change)	
			Published	Comparable
<i>By quarter</i>				
Q1	29.1	23.4	+ 24.6%	+ 17.6%
Q2	29.8	25.6	+ 16.5%	+ 10.5%
<i>First half-year, by business / geographic region</i>				
Information technologies	29.5	26.0	+ 13.2%	+ 13.2%
Consulting and laboratories	4.2	2.3	+ 83.3%	(19.1%)
Systems & Networks	12.4	9.5	+ 30.5%	+ 30.5%
Sub-total France	46.1	37.8	+ 21.8%	+ 15.6%
North America	1.9	1.6	+ 22.8%	+ 14.1%
Asia	4.5	4.0	+ 13.6%	(1.2%)
Switzerland / Belgium	6.5	5.7	+ 14.4%	+ 15.0%
Sub-total foreign subsidiaries	12.9	11.2	+ 15.3%	+ 9.1%
First half-year total revenue	58.9	49.0	+ 20.3%	+ 14.1%

During the second quarter, workforce increased by 1.1% to 1,147 employees. Average workforce was 1,140, a **21% increase over the second quarter of 2005**.

The inter-contract rate was 3.7% (compared to 4% in the first half of 2005).

		Average workforce	Billable rate	Utilization rate (billable days billed)	Inter-contract rate (1)	Technical outsourcing (€ thousands)
2004	Q1	875	78.0%	76.0%	4.9%	2,630
	Q2	886	78.6%	75.8%	3.2%	4,303
	Q3	896	79.2%	70.0%	3.0%	4,661
	Q4	920	79.5%	76.3%	3.8%	4,023
2005	Q1	931	79.8%	78.0%	6.0%	4,727
	Q2	946	80.0%	77.3%	4.0%	4,156
	Q3	983	80.4%	71.1%	3.1%	3,606
	Q4	1,057	81.2%	77.9%	3.9%	5,094
2006	Q1	1,118	81.1%	79.0%	5.5%	5,173
	Q2	1,140	81.5%	79.0%	3.7%	NC

(1) France engineering structure

The quarterly financial statements will be approved by the Board of Directors on 14 September 2006.

Operating margin for the first half of 2006 should exceed 3%, due to the revaluation of expenditure required to complete a number of loss-making contracts in Asia. In addition, as previously announced, the calendar effect was not as favourable as the first quarter, which had a negative impact on Q2 revenue. Results were also adversely affected by deliveries postponed from Q2 to Q3 in the Systems and Network business.

OUTLOOK FOR THE END OF 2006

The book-to-bill ratio remained above 1 in **France** (78% of Group revenue) where the Group **reaffirms 2006 objectives**. Information Technology and Systems & Networks businesses are operating in line with Group forecasts. The recruitment drive, in particular, will have a positive impact on the second year-half. The Consulting & L@bs business benefits from the successful integration of FIME and CADIMES. **Switzerland** and **North America** (6% and 3% of Group revenue, respectively), should also **contribute to revenue according to objectives** for the full financial year.

In **Belgium** (5% of Group revenue), the order backlog declined in comparison to the same period of 2005. **Contribution** to Group margins, although positive over the second half, **remains to materialise**.

As regards **Asia** (8% of Group revenue), **contribution by the region will remain negative for the 2006 financial year**. The Singapore management team has been changed. The following objectives were given priority:

- the resolution and completion of loss-making contracts,
- commercial revitalisation with a better mix between large integration projects and providing services / consultancy.

This action plan has been implemented since the beginning of the year and will bear fruit in the fourth quarter of this year.

Group fundamentals are extremely solid. Groupe Silicomp's positioning on smart devices and IT security is good. Growth and development prospects remain excellent.

**Next press release: Thursday 21 September 2006 after the trading session:
2006 half-year results (SFAF meeting at 5.30pm)**

(*) Unaudited estimates / Preliminary information

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