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RadiciGroup reports 2010 results: consolidated sales of EUR 1,162 million

RadiciGroup, an industrial multinational engaged in the chemicals, plastics and synthetic fibres businesses, closed the year 2010 with **preliminary financial results**, as follows:

- **Consolidated sales revenue of EUR 1,162 million** (+50% compared to 2009)
- **Gross operating margin of EUR 140 million** (+185% compared to 2009)

Sales revenue for all RadiciGroup business areas rose, compared to the prior year:

- Chemicals: **+61%**
- Plastics: **+78%**
- Synthetic fibres: **+38%**

RadiciGroup — an Italian multinational engaged in chemicals, plastics and synthetic fibres, with production and sales sites in Europe, North America, South America and Asia — achieved consolidated sales of EUR 1,162 million in 2010, an increase of 50% compared to financial year 2009 (+26% over 2008 and +7% over 2007).

RADICIGROUP (*Radici Partecipazioni SpA**) CONSOLIDATED SALES REVENUE

(In millions of euros)

2007	2008	2009	2010 (preliminary)
1,087	958	775	1,162

**Radici Partecipazioni SpA is the parent company that groups together the RadiciGroup chemicals, plastics and synthetic fibres industrial businesses.*

The RadiciGroup gross operating margin for 2010 was EUR 140 million (12% of sales) against EUR 49 million of the prior year, thus registering an increase of 185%. Sales revenues for each of the Group business areas rose:

- **Chemicals: EUR 467 million**
PA6 and PA66 polymers, adipic acid, hexamethylenediamine, AGS dicarboxylic acid mixture, nitric acid, KA oil, esters; PET preforms
KEY BRANDS: Radipol® - Radichem® - Starlight®
- **Plastics: EUR 235 million**
Engineering polymers/copolymers: PA6, PA66, PA610, PA612, PET, PBT, PC/AB, ABS, PC, PP, PE, TPEs and POM
KEY BRANDS: Radilon® - Radiflam® - Heramid® - Radilon® D - Raditer® - Radiblend® - Radilux® - Radilene® - Heraflex® - Heraform®
- **Synthetic fibres: EUR 570 million**
PA6 and PA66 yarn, PA6 staple fibre, PET yarn and fibre, BCF and high-tenacity BCF yarn, acrylic yarn and top, polyolefin and polyamide artificial grass yarn, and elastane yarn. Additionally, RadiciGroup makes spunbond nonwovens.
KEY BRANDS: Radilon® - RadiciNylon® - Radyarn® - Starlight® - Micrell® - Micralon® - Nanofeel® - Radifloor® - Raditeck® - Crylor® - Radigreen® - Radelast® - Dylar®

SALES REVENUE* BY BUSINESS AREA

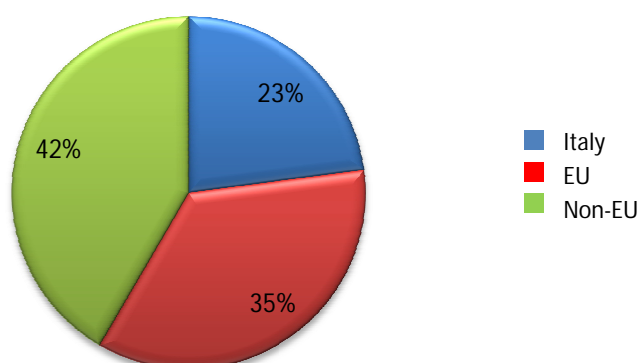
*The figures for individual business areas include intercompany sales.

(In millions of euros)

BUSINESS AREAS	2009	2010 (preliminary)
CHEMICALS	290	467
PLASTICS	132	235**
SYNTHETIC FIBRES	412	570

** For the RadiciGroup Plastics Business Area, there was a change in consolidation scope compared to 2009, due to the acquisition of American compounder Michael Day.

RADICIGROUP 2010 SALES BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREA



NET FINANCIAL DEBT / NET SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY

NET FINANCIAL DEBT	EUR 336 million
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GROUP PERSONNEL	3,500 employees
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Although the improving international macroeconomic picture continued to show signs of fragility stemming from the serious financial and economic crisis that recently struck world markets, the 2010 results attained by RadiciGroup in its core businesses were extremely positive.

"The Group's performance in 2010 was really outstanding," stated *RadiciGroup Chairman* Angelo Radici. "Our sales grew over 60% in the chemicals sector and almost 80% in plastics. Even fibres sales rose by 38%. In spite of the unfavourable raw materials environment in which prices continued to climb during 2010, our margins improved. At the world level we experienced a recovery in demand, and in our key businesses we either maintained or increased our market share. In Europe, our most important sales region, we managed to grow by benefiting, on one hand, from a greater imbalance in supply and demand on account of a number of restructurings in the chemicals and fibres industries and, on the other, from an increase in demand. Sales also increased in Asia and in the Americas, particularly North America, where we strengthened our position thanks to the acquisition of American compounder Michael Day in January 2010."

"In the course of the years we have maintained a constant level of commitment focusing on our strategic businesses," continued Mr. Radici. "To contend with the difficult two-year period 2008 - 2009, we had to expend extra effort and make choices that were often not easy: from the closing of some businesses, considered to be less strategic and less integrated with respect to our core businesses, to the reorganization of production sites, in some cases resorting to the use of ordinary and extraordinary layoffs and mobility, according to the law."

"Throughout these difficult times, we have never stopped investing to strengthen our position in the chemicals, plastics and synthetic fibres fields," concluded Mr. Radici, "just as we have never stopped standing behind and supporting our customers. We have always worked to ensure the utmost reliability even at the most critical moments, which we have managed to get through mostly because of the work and commitment of all the people who work for RadiciGroup companies. And I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of them for their efforts. During the three years from 2008 to 2010 we invested EUR 80 million. In 2011 we plan to invest EUR 36 million to bolster the Group's vertical integration and, most significantly, to improve our plant and technology so as to make them more efficient and flexible. We want to have the capability to respond effectively to the needs of the market, which has become more demanding, not so much in terms of volume, but in product differentiation and customization. Furthermore, we have to make sure that all our business areas stay competitive and innovative in a sustainable way. This has always been a major part of the strategic approach guiding the Group's decisions and will become even more important in the future."

"We are very satisfied with our 2010 results," said RadiciGroup CFO Alessandro Manzoni. "Our Group started to feel the effects of the crisis in the first months of 2008, well before companies in other industries. However, we were able to react immediately, by focusing our attention on asset management and using our financial resources to their best advantage. This allowed us to fully meet our commitments to stakeholders. Our relations with financial institutions have always been based on full transparency and promptness in disclosure and communications. During the crisis, a key factor was the strong relationship and trust established over the years. Although we were not under financial pressure to make extraordinary agreements with our banks, their support and high regard were clearly invaluable in our ability to work confidently on managing Group operations. Our efforts in past years have been repaid and today the Group's financial condition is absolutely solid."

"Nevertheless, 2011 will not be an easy year," concluded Mr. Manzoni. "Passing down continual raw materials price increases is becoming more and more difficult, as is making medium-term forecasts for our target markets. Still, we believe that we will be able to achieve good results in 2011, even if our profits are lower compared the results of an exceptional 2010."

RadiciGroup is one of Italy's leading chemicals multinationals, a diversified group specializing in chemicals, plastics and synthetic fibres. Among the Group's key strengths is the synergistic vertical integration of its polyamide production chain. RadiciGroup products are exported all over the world and are widely used in applications such as apparel, sports, furnishings, automotive, electrical/electronics and household appliances. www.radicigroup.com.

RadiciGroup, with its Chemicals, Plastics and Synthetic Fibres Business Areas, controlled by parent company Radici Partecipazioni SpA, is part of a larger industrial group that also includes textile machinery and energy businesses. www.radici.com

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