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# Press Release

## Brunel's turnover Q1 2011 up by 36%, Ebit up by 61%

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The gross margin decreased from 21.3% to 20.4%.

The EBIT amount of € 15.8 million is 61% higher than in the first quarter of 2010.

<b>Brunel International</b>			
X € 1 million	Q1 2011	Q1 2010	Change %
Turnover	227.4	167.0	36 %
Gross Profit	46.4	35.5	31 %
Gross margin	20.4 %	21.3 %	-0.9
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