

**PRESS RELEASE<sup>1</sup>**

**2011 RESULTS:**

- **Sales: € 265.0 million (up 19%)**
- **Operating profit: € 9.6 million (up 2%)**
- **Net profit for the period: € 6.6 million (up 9%)**

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**DIVIDEND: € 8 gross per share (= )**

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**Results**

The environment was favourable in 2011 for the fertiliser industry and the Rosier Group.

Continued economic growth and strong price levels for major agricultural commodities contributed to a robust global demand for fertilisers during the 1<sup>st</sup> half of the year and generated successive increases in the price of our raw materials and finished products, which continued until the end of the year.

The volume sold during the 1<sup>st</sup> half were in line with those for the same period of 2010, while a drought period caused a decline in the consumption of spring fertilisers (NPK) in the European market.

In the second half of the year, despite strong prices for grain crops and a good harvest, uncertainties relating to the economic climate had an adverse effect on buyers' behaviour, who reduced their off-season purchases ahead of the next spreading campaign. Our deliveries declined by 8% in the second half compared to the same period in 2010, primarily due to the European market.

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Our deliveries of specialty products remained stable overall in 2011. Our liquid products continued to grow at a strong pace, whereas demand for water-soluble fertilisers was affected by the troubled geopolitical climate prevailing in certain regions.

The results of the Rosier Group were in line with this favourable environment:

- 2011 sales totalled € 265.0 million, an increase of 19% compared to 2010 sales of € 223.4 million. Sales growth reflected the 25% increase in the unit sales prices, even though the sales volume declined by 6%.
- The total gross profit generated by all our operations increased by 17% compared to the previous year, due to the successive price rises introduced in the market.

The 2011 operating profit was € 9.6 million, compared to € 9.4 million in 2010. The 2010 figure included a € 1.9 million reversal of the provision for doubtful debts; in 2011, non-recurring items of € 0.9 million also impacted favourably on operating profit.

After net finance expense and income tax, the net profit for the year was € 6.6 million; this was an increase of 9 % compared to the € 6.0 million profit in 2010.

Rosier Group main financial data is as follows:

| € thousands                     | 2011           | 2010           | 2011/2010 |
|---------------------------------|----------------|----------------|-----------|
| Operating revenues              | 267,134        | 224,615        |           |
| <i>of which: Sales</i>          | <b>264,983</b> | <b>223,369</b> | 18.63%    |
| <i>Other operating revenues</i> | 2,151          | 1,246          |           |
| Operating expenses              | (257,565)      | (215,265)      |           |
| <b>Operating profit</b>         | <b>9,569</b>   | <b>9,350</b>   | 2.34%     |
| Net finance expense             | (493)          | (895)          | (44.92%)  |
| Profit before tax               | 9,076          | 8,455          | 7.34%     |
| Income tax                      | (2,509)        | (2,431)        |           |
| <b>Profit for the period</b>    | <b>6,567</b>   | <b>6,024</b>   | 9.01%     |

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| (€ per share)                         | 2011  | 2010  | 2011/2010 |
|---------------------------------------|-------|-------|-----------|
| Earnings                              | 25.75 | 23.62 | 9.01%     |
| EBITDA                                | 53.90 | 32.30 | 66.87%    |
| EBITDA, excluding non-recurring items | 50.57 | 24.85 | 103.50%   |
| Gross dividend                        | 8.00  | 8.00  | =         |

Rosier Group's consolidated statement of financial position:

| (€ thousands)                         | 2011           | 2010          | 2011/2010 |
|---------------------------------------|----------------|---------------|-----------|
| <b>ASSETS</b>                         |                |               |           |
| Net non-current assets                | 18,224         | 17,114        |           |
| Deferred tax assets                   | 1,767          | 2,859         |           |
| Other non-current assets              | 55             | 24            |           |
| <b>Total non-current assets</b>       | <b>20,046</b>  | <b>19,997</b> | 0.25%     |
| Inventories                           | 43,170         | 32,998        |           |
| Current tax assets                    | 84             | 410           |           |
| Trade receivables                     | 49,675         | 39,236        |           |
| Other receivables                     | 1,231          | 2,781         |           |
| Cash and cash equivalents             | 3,196          | 3,187         |           |
| <b>Total current assets</b>           | <b>97,357</b>  | <b>78,612</b> | 23.84%    |
| <b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>                   | <b>117,403</b> | <b>98,609</b> | 19.06%    |
| <b>EQUITY</b>                         |                |               |           |
| Share capital                         | 2,748          | 2,748         |           |
| Reserves and retained earnings        | 47,975         | 43,408        |           |
| <b>Total equity</b>                   | <b>50,723</b>  | <b>46,156</b> | 9.89%     |
| <b>LIABILITIES</b>                    |                |               |           |
| Employee benefits                     | 1,220          | 1,228         |           |
| <b>Total non-current liabilities</b>  | <b>1,220</b>   | <b>1,228</b>  | -0.64%    |
| Current tax liabilities               | 88             | 0             |           |
| Interest-bearing loans and borrowings | 26,428         | 11,645        |           |
| Trade payables                        | 34,692         | 35,067        |           |
| Other liabilities                     | 4,252          | 4,514         |           |
| <b>Total current liabilities</b>      | <b>65,460</b>  | <b>51,226</b> | 27.79%    |
| <b>Total liabilities</b>              | <b>66,680</b>  | <b>52,453</b> | 27.12%    |
| <b>TOTAL EQUITY AND LIABILITIES</b>   | <b>117,403</b> | <b>98,609</b> | 19.06%    |

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The above condensed financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors on 7 March 2012.

### **Statement of the Statutory Auditor**

The Statutory Auditor, KPMG Réviseurs d'Entreprises, represented par Benoit Van Roost, has issued an unqualified opinion on the consolidated and parent company financial statements and confirmed that the accounting data contained in this press release is consistent with the financial statements.

### **Dividend**

The payment of a gross dividend of € 8 per share (€ 6 per share net, after deduction of the 25% withholding tax) will be proposed to the Annual General Meeting of 21 June 2012. The proposed dividend is unchanged from that paid in respect of the 2010 financial year and corresponds to 31% of net profit for the period.

Subject to the approval of the General Meeting, the dividend will be payable from 29 June 2012.

### **Outlook**

No event likely to significantly affect the Company's financial position at 31 December 2011 arose since the year end.

The first months of 2012 were marked by a sharp decline in demand compared to the same period of 2011 in our main trading area; this situation was affected negatively by rather unfavourable weather conditions. As a result, we forecast a substantial decline in results for the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter compared to the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2011.

Nonetheless, for the remainder of the year we should hope that the likelihood of seeing robust prices for the main grain crops will support the fertiliser market.

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## 2012 shareholders' agenda

- Publication of 2011 annual report<sup>2</sup>: 27 April
- Interim statement on the 1<sup>st</sup> half-year: 9 May
- Annual General Meeting: 21 June
- Payment of dividend: 29 June
- Publication of 1<sup>st</sup> half-year results: 3 August
- Interim statement on the 2<sup>nd</sup> half-year: 19 October

On behalf of the Board of Directors,



***Daniel Richir***  
CEO of the Rosier Group

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