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- YTD 2024/25 revenue of €403.5 million, -16.9% below YTD 2023/24
- Adj. EBIT¹ of €36.2 million, -33.7% below PY
- Persistent headwinds and adverse seasonal factors weighed on top line

Luxembourg, 06 February 2025 – Novem Group S.A. today published its figures for the third quarter of its financial year 2024/25. In the first nine months of financial year, Novem generated a total revenue of €403.5 million, representing a decline of -16.9% against prior year.

Revenue hampered by muted call-offs

In Q3 2024/25, revenue Series of \le 108.0 million diminished by -12.2% compared to previous year due to extended customer plant holidays and therefore fewer working days as well as continued weak call-offs. Revenue Tooling of \le 16.0 million rose slightly by 2.3% in comparison to last year. By regions, revenue in Europe (\le -9.8 million y/y) was negatively impacted by lower volumes. In contrast, Americas (\le +0.1 million y/y) showed a stable development as higher revenue Tooling balanced out weaker Series business. Revenue in Asia (\le -5.0 million y/y) was again impaired by model changes.

Adj. EBIT amounted to €10.0 million in Q3 2024/25 and resulted in an Adj. EBIT margin¹ of 8.1% (PY: 12.0%). Strict cost management and customer compensation payments had supporting effects on the Adj. EBIT. Nonetheless, bottom line suffered above all from the deterioration in demand from customers and the difficult market environment, especially in Europe and Asia.

Capex with focus on new business

Free cash flow¹ of €1.3 million for the reporting period exceeded prior year's figure (€-3.9 million), primarily attributable to higher cash flow from operating activities due to the lower decline in trade payables, reduced inventories and lower decrease in provisions.

In the third quarter of 2024/25, capital expenditure¹ amounted to €3.5 million (PY: €4.6 million), mainly driven by growth investments in Mexico. The reduced investments resulted in an underlying capex ratio of 2.8% (PY: 3.3%).

Improved working capital

As of 31 December 2024, total working capital¹ of \leq 143.2 million recorded below last year's level of \leq 149.2 million. The variance of \leq 6.0 million was primarily attributable to lower inventories, trade receivables and contract assets.

Gross financial debt¹ of \leq 303.5 million remained at a slightly lower level than on previous year's reporting date (\leq 307.4 million). As of 31 December 2024, net financial debt¹ amounted to \leq 173.1 million and improved compared to prior year (\leq 182.3 million). However, net leverage ratio¹ deteriorated to 2.1x Adj. EBITDA¹ in comparison to last year's figure (1.7x).

Adjustment of medium-term guidance

While the overall challenging situation was expected to continue in the short term, it is now also anticipated – substantiated by the current budget process – that the envisaged recovery will not materialise in the medium term. Therefore, Novem adjusts its medium-term guidance for Adj. EBIT margin to 11-12% (previously: 14-15%).

The quarterly statement for the third quarter of financial year 2024/25 can be found on the Investor Relations website at <u>Reports & Presentation</u>.

About Novem

Luxembourg-headquartered Novem is a globally leading supplier of decorative interior trim parts for the premium automotive industry. Across the range of key materials such as genuine wood, aluminium, carbon and premium synthetics, the Company offers unrivalled quality, technology and innovation to a growing customer base including all major premium carmakers worldwide. Founded in 1947 in Vorbach, Germany, the Company has continuously expanded its global

¹ For the definition/calculation of the used Alternative Performance Measures (APMs), please refer to the glossary provided in the corresponding quarterly statement for the third quarter of financial year 2024/25, which can be found on the Investor Relations website under <u>Reports & Presentation</u>.

footprint in Germany, Italy, Czech Republic, Slovenia, China, USA, Honduras and Mexico. Novem employs about 4,900 people at 12 locations and achieved revenue of more than €635 million in FY 2023/24.

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