



Campofrio Group's turnover grows 5,4% to €668M from January to September

- The EBITDA of the Group reaches €3,3M, while Iberia Business Unit amounts to €0,5 M
- Net Financial debt falls 16,6% to €166,7M (€200M in September 2007)
- Campofrio's sales grow faster than the branded market average in a context of sales increase of the private label

Madrid, November 14th 2008. Campofrio Group has registered a turnover of €668M in the first nine months of 2008, which represents a growth of 5,4% compared to the same period of 2007. This increase of €34M is largely the outcome of the strength of Campofrio brand, which has allowed the company to raise its sales above the branded market average just in a moment in which the consumers tend to buy private label.

During this period, the sector has been affected by the increase of the price of the raw materials used in the products, compared to 2007. This rise has been specially relevant within the last months in the case of pigs (23% in September and 13% in August, compared to 2007). Nevertheless, the EBITDA of Campofrio Group has reached €3,3M within the nine first months of 2008.

Consolidated net profit of the first nine months was - €5,7M before minorities, versus the €14M in the same period of 2007. Although it should be noted that this result reflects the impact of - €20,9M that the sale and results of the Russian subsidiary Campomos had on the Group's cumulative consolidated results until September. Without this application, net consolidated results of the first nine months of 2008 would have totalled + €15,2M.

During the first nine months of 2008, Campofrio Group has continued consolidating its strong financial position by reducing 16.6% of its financial debt. This debt is of €166.7 million as of the 30th of September 2008, compared to the €200 million recorded the 30th of September of 2007.

In the Iberia Business Unit the cumulative turnover increased 6%, reaching €672 million during these nine months of 2008, while its EBITDA stood at €0.5 million. One of the factors that have contributed to achieve these figures is the significant growth in Fresh Unit's turnover. This unit has also experienced a substantial increase in its exports, been the second year as a subsidiary of the group. Also during these nine months there has been

a favourable evolution in the processing area, which's growth in new pizza formats and sliced products, for example, have been over the market.

As for the international area, the Romanian subsidiary of the group, Tabco, reached sales for a total amount of €5.2 million in the first nine months of the year, compared to the 28.4 of the same period during the previous year. This subsidiary's EBITDA stands with €2.8 million, in a market that has been affected by the significant increases of prices of raw material and the negative impact of the trends in exchange rates.

It is also important to mention, in the international area, the agreement between Campofrío Group and the Finnish company Atria-Invest OY for the sale of 100% of the shares of its Russian subsidiary Campomos came to fruition on October. This decision allows Campofrío to fully devote its resources and efforts to the results of its merger with Groupe Smithfield Holdings, S.L. which will create the leading processed meat company in Europe.