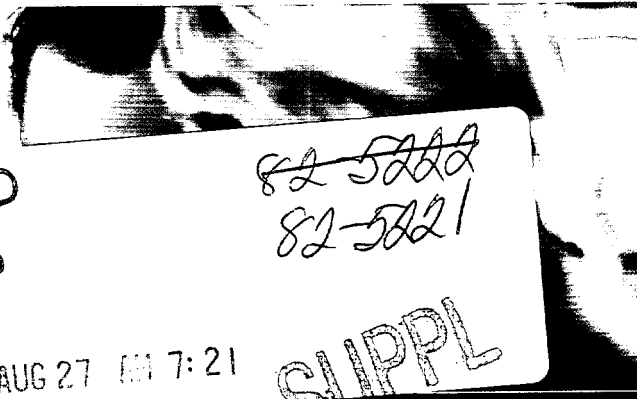


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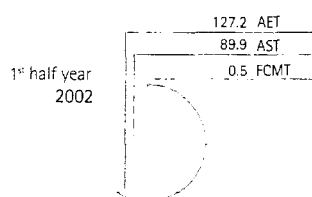
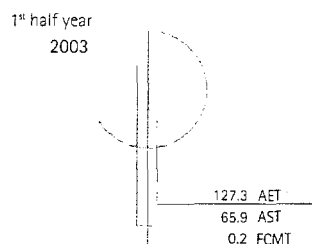
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BWT in the 1st half year: AET Segment steady, overall result negatively impacted by semiconductor business

In the first six months of the financial year, BWT – the Best Water Technology Group – had very different sales and earnings results in its two main divisions Aqua Ecolife Technologies (AET) and Aqua Systems Technologies (AST). While the AET division developed well, despite the difficult German market, the decline of sales and margins in the semiconductor business resulted in losses in the AST division, which ultimately strongly impaired the group result.

Sales: € 193.5 million,
-11.1% y.o.y.

Turnover by business division
(in million €)



□ Aqua Ecolife Technologies (AET)
□ Aqua Systems Technologies (AST)
□ Fuel Cell Membrane Technologies (FCMT)

€ 126.1 million order book on
June 30 (PY: € 153.8 million)

In the first half year, consolidated sales declined by 11.1% from € 217.6 million to € 193.5 million. This decline was mainly due to the deterioration of total operating performance at the Swiss Christ group. 2nd quarter sales totalled € 95.5 million against € 115.4 million in the previous year, with the AET division posting a result at the level of the previous year.

Divisional sales developed as follows (in € million, without internal sales):

| Division | 1 st half year | 1 st half year | ±/=- % |
|--|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------|
| | 2003 | 2002 | |
| Aqua Ecolife Technologies (AET) | 127.3 | 127.2 | +0.0% |
| Aqua Systems Technologies (AST) | 65.9 | 89.9 | -26.7% |
| Fuel Cell Membrane Technologies (FCMT) | 0.2 | 0.5 | -60.0% |
| Total | 193.4 | 217.6 | -11.1% |

In the AET division, BWT activities in the East European countries achieved growth of almost 10%, which together with France (+6%), Spain (+24%) and Belgium (+9%) offset the economy related decline in Germany (-6.5%), and the currency-related reduction at Christ Aqua Ecolife (-5%).

By product areas, it was primarily the building installation (+2%) and swimming pool technology business (+11%) which carried the positive development.

The sales slump in the AST division was largely due to the Christ Group which posted a decline in total operating performance of 38%, some 5% points of which were due to the translation of CHF sales.

As of 30 June, the van der Molen group and Christ-Kennicott were slightly down on the previous year for settlement reasons. But good order books at these companies and at Aqua Engineering lead one to expect a good full year.

In 1st half year 2003, business with special membranes for fuel cells moved in line with the general market situation. € 0.2 million were generated after € 0.5 million in the previous year.

In comparison to the previous year, the BWT Group order book declined by 18% to € 126.1 million. In the AST division, the figure was € 91.4 million, 23% lower than in June 2002 (€ 119.1 million). In the AET segment the order book was exactly at the same level as the previous year, € 34.7 million. In 1st half year 2003, incoming orders of € 200.8 million were down 22% year-on-year.

EBIT € 9.0 million, -41.9% y.o.y.
 Group result € 4.6 million,
 -50.3% y.o.y.

As a result of the decline in total operating performance in the AST division, EBIT at the BWT Group moved down by 41.9% from € 15.5 million to € 9.0 million. After six months, EBIT in the AST division was - € 5.6 million against the previous year figure of € +1.1 million. However, in the AET division, EBIT at € 15.1 million achieved a ratio of 11.9% of sales, as in the previous year. The loss in the Fuel Cell division was narrowed from € 0.8 million in the previous year to € 0.6 million.

Division results (EBIT - in € million):

| Division | 1 st half year | 1 st half year | ±/-% |
|--|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------|
| | 2003 | 2002 | |
| Aqua Ecolife Technologies (AET) | 15.126 | 15.143 | -0.0% |
| Aqua Systems Technologies (AST) | -5.550 | 1.051 | X |
| Fuel Cell Membrane Technologies (FCMT) | -0.614 | -0.759 | +19.1% |
| Aqua Finance (AFI) | 0.037 | 0.047 | -21.3% |
| Total | 8.999 | 15.482 | -41.9% |

Due to the lower share at AST, material costs moved down from 46.3 to 42.2% of sales. Personnel expenses declined 0.2% year-on-year. The financial result was considerably improved, with interest expenses being reduced by 36.8% against the previous year. This was due to the successes of the Cash Positive Program with the considerable reduction of interest-bearing liabilities and also to the generally lower level of interest rates.

Earnings before tax of € 7.8 million were generated, 4.0% of sales. Due to an unfavourable earnings mix, the 1st half year group tax rate increased from 30% last year to the present figure of 39%. Earnings after tax of € 4.7 million were generated, approximately half of the value of the previous year. The consolidated result after minorities was € 4.6 million, earnings per share € 0.26.

Cash flow from the result € 11.3 million (PY: € 16.6 million)

Cash flow from operating activities increased from € 8.7 million to € 19.0 million

Equity capital €120.9 million, 34.8% of the balance sheet total

Gearing already improved to 66%

Investments of € 2.8 million (PY: € 3.1 million)

As a result of the decline in earnings, the cash flow for the result in the first half of the year moved down from € 16.6 million to € 11.3 million. As a result of a lower receivables inventory, cash flow from operating activities was increased from € 8.7 million to € 19.0 million. This made further progress in reducing interest-bearing liabilities possible. For the first time since the acquisition of Christ AG from the Swiss stock exchange, net indebtedness was pushed under € 80 million. As of 30 June, gearing improved to 66%, approaching the 2003 target of 65% earlier than expected. With the lower balance sheet total, the equity rate reached the pleasing figure of 34.8%. (30 June 2002: 30.1%)

In 1st half year 2003, investments of the BWT Group in tangible assets totalled € 2.8 million, down year-on-year by approximately 10%.

**Employee level on 30 June 2003:
2,446 persons**

As of 30 June 2003, the BWT Group employed a total of 2,446 employees. One year ago the figure was 2,460 and as of 31 December 2002 2,466. 1,689 persons were employed in the AET division, (PY: 1,678), 741 in the AST division (PY: 767) and 15 in the FCMT division (PY: 15).

Outlook

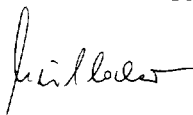
In its statement of 24 July 2003, the Board of Management had already announced the strong downgrade from sales and earnings expectations for the current year, due to the weak semiconductor business. In line with these estimates, BWT anticipates consolidated annual sales in the order of € 400 million (2002: € 431 million) and consolidated earnings of € 7.5 million (PY: € 15.2 million). In Christ AG further steps to adjust capacity have already been taken; however the resulting cost savings will only impact earnings next year.

The Board of Management expects that there will be a turnaround in the semiconductor industry in 2004. The Christ Group, with its optimised cost structure and technology leadership is set to benefit strongly from this.

For 2003 the Board of Management plans to retain the dividend level unchanged at € 0.24 per share.

Mondsee, August 2003

Board of Management



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Consolidated profit and loss account for the 1st half year

| in € 1000's | 1 st half year 2003 | | 1 st half year 2002 | | +/- % |
|--|--------------------------------|-------|--------------------------------|-------|----------|
| | Amount | % | Amount | % | |
| SALES | 193,456.7 | 100.0 | 217,631.0 | 100.0 | -11.1 |
| Other operating income | 1,884.0 | 1.0 | 1,802.3 | 0.8 | 4.5 |
| Changes in inventory of finished and unfinished products | 478.6 | 0.2 | 1,181.5 | 0.5 | -59.5 |
| Other capitalized labor, overheads and material | 312.7 | 0.2 | 710.8 | 0.3 | -56.0 |
| Materials | -82,064.1 | -42.4 | -101,998.7 | -46.9 | -19.5 |
| Personnel costs | -61,811.0 | -32.0 | -61,913.6 | -28.4 | -0.2 |
| Depreciation of fixed assets | -5,069.5 | -2.6 | -5,039.0 | -2.3 | 0.6 |
| Depreciation of goodwill | -1,512.0 | -0.8 | -1,644.7 | -0.8 | -8.1 |
| Other operating expenses | -36,676.3 | -19.0 | -35,247.6 | -16.2 | 4.1 |
| RESULT FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES | 8,999.1 | 4.7 | 15,482.0 | 7.1 | -41.9 |
| Financial result | -1,297.4 | -0.7 | -2,224.4 | -1.0 | -41.7 |
| Income from group companies | 74.9 | 0.0 | 289.2 | 0.1 | -74.1 |
| EARNINGS BEFORE TAX | 7,776.6 | 4.0 | 13,546.8 | 6.2 | -42.6 |
| Taxes on income | -3,036.4 | -1.6 | -4,048.1 | -1.9 | -25.0 |
| EARNINGS AFTER TAX | 4,740.2 | 2.5 | 9,498.7 | 4.4 | -50.1 |
| Income from minority shareholders | -153.6 | -0.1 | -272.5 | -0.1 | x |
| RESULT OF ORDINARY BUSINESS ACTIVITY | 4,586.6 | 2.4 | 9,226.2 | 4.2 | -50.3 |
| Extraordinary items | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | x |
| CONSOLIDATED EARNINGS | 4,586.6 | 2.4 | 9,226.2 | 4.2 | -50.3 |
| Earnings per share (in €): | 0.26 | | 0.52 | | -50.3 |
| Average number of outstanding shares | 17,833,500 | | 17,833,500 | | |

Segment results

| in € 1000's | 1 st half year 2003 | | | 1 st half year 2002 | | |
|---------------------------|--------------------------------|--------|------|--------------------------------|--------|------|
| | Sales | EBIT | % | Sales | EBIT | % |
| Aqua Ecolife Technologies | 127,261 | 15,126 | 11.9 | 127,217 | 15,143 | 11.9 |

Consolidated profit and loss account for the 2nd quarter

| in € 1000's | 2 nd quarter 2003 | | 2 nd quarter 2002 | | +/- % |
|--|------------------------------|-------|------------------------------|-------|----------|
| | Amount | % | Amount | % | |
| SALES | 95,527.9 | 100.0 | 115,384.2 | 100.0 | -17.2 |
| Other operating income | 741.1 | 0.8 | 1,308.9 | 1.1 | -43.4 |
| Changes in inventory of finished and unfinished products | 1,733.3 | 1.8 | -1,433.6 | -1.2 | x |
| Other capitalized labor, overheads and material | 254.9 | 0.3 | 471.6 | 0.4 | -45.9 |
| Materials | -40,793.0 | -42.7 | -54,541.2 | -47.3 | -25.2 |
| Personnel costs | -31,170.4 | -32.6 | -30,914.1 | -26.8 | 0.8 |
| Depreciation of fixed assets | -2,410.8 | -2.5 | -2,490.5 | -2.2 | -3.2 |
| Depreciation of goodwill | -756.0 | -0.8 | -822.3 | -0.7 | -8.1 |
| Other operating expenses | -18,997.7 | -19.9 | -19,019.1 | -16.5 | -0.1 |
| RESULT FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES | 4,129.3 | 4.3 | 7,943.9 | 6.9 | -48.0 |
| Financial result | -535.7 | -0.6 | -772.6 | -0.7 | -30.7 |
| Income from group companies | 19.9 | 0.0 | 198.2 | 0.2 | -90.0 |
| EARNINGS BEFORE TAX | 3,613.5 | 3.8 | 7,369.5 | 6.4 | -51.0 |
| Taxes on income | -1,859.1 | -1.9 | -1,826.5 | -1.6 | 1.8 |
| EARNINGS AFTER TAX | 1,754.4 | 1.8 | 5,543.0 | 4.8 | -68.3 |
| Income from minority shareholders | -55.6 | -0.1 | -106.2 | -0.1 | x |
| RESULT OF ORDINARY BUSINESS ACTIVITY | 1,698.8 | 1.8 | 5,436.8 | 4.7 | -68.8 |
| Extraordinary items | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | x |
| CONSOLIDATED EARNINGS | 1,698.8 | 1.8 | 5,436.8 | 4.7 | -68.8 |
| Earnings per share (in €): | 0.10 | | 0.30 | | -68.8 |
| Average number of outstanding shares | 17,833,500 | | 17,833,500 | | |

Segment results

| in € 1000's | 2 nd quarter 2003 | | | 2 nd quarter 2002 | | |
|---------------------------|------------------------------|-------|------|------------------------------|-------|------|
| | Sales | EBIT | % | Sales | EBIT | % |
| Aqua Ecolife Technologies | 63,825 | 7,890 | 12.4 | 64,041 | 7,693 | 12.0 |

Consolidated balance sheet

| in € 1000's | As of 30. 6. 2003 | As of 31. 12. 2002 |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| ASSETS | | |
| Goodwill from consolidation | 44,911.3 | 46,423.3 |
| Other intangible assets | 11,821.6 | 12,520.3 |
| Tangible assets | 69,787.0 | 73,406.2 |
| Financial assets | 3,331.9 | 3,353.0 |
| Fixed assets | 129,851.8 | 135,702.8 |
| Inventories | 48,366.8 | 45,123.8 |
| Receivables | 139,528.9 | 152,414.0 |
| Liquid funds | 16,851.7 | 19,506.5 |
| Current assets | 204,747.4 | 217,044.3 |
| Deferred taxes + prepaid expenses | 13,072.8 | 10,452.4 |
| TOTAL ASSETS | 347,672.0 | 363,199.5 |

| in € 1000's | As of 30. 6. 2003 | As of 31. 12. 2002 |
|---|----------------------|-----------------------|
| LIABILITIES | | |
| Share capital | 17,833.5 | 17,833.5 |
| Capital reserves | 17,095.8 | 17,095.8 |
| Earnings reserves | 87,383.0 | 87,040.1 |
| Difference from currency translation | -1,444.7 | 1,427.2 |
| Equity | 120,867.6 | 123,396.6 |
| Minorities interests | 734.6 | 805.2 |
| Provisions for severance payments and pensions | 22,024.2 | 21,813.3 |
| Provisions for taxes | 8,557.2 | 8,120.8 |
| Other provisions | 29,592.4 | 31,148.2 |
| Provisions | 60,173.8 | 61,082.3 |
| Interest-bearing financial liabilities Long-term | 39,905.9 | 47,837.5 |
| Interest-bearing financial liabilities Short-term | 56,818.3 | 62,705.5 |
| Trade liabilities | 29,996.9 | 37,540.8 |
| Other liabilities | 34,126.8 | 26,390.7 |
| Liabilities | 160,847.9 | 174,474.5 |
| Deferred income | 5,048.1 | 3,440.9 |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES | 347,672.0 | 363,199.5 |

Group cash flow

| in € 1000's | 1 - 6/2003 | 1 - 6/2002 |
|--------------------------------------|------------|------------|
| Liquid funds as of 1 January | 19,506.5 | 19,529.9 |
| Cash flow from earnings | 11,250.2 | 16,617.6 |
| Changes in working capital | 7,701.7 | -7,900.5 |
| Cash flow from operating activities | 18,951.9 | 8,717.1 |
| Cash flow from investment activities | -2,770.7 | -2,809.2 |
| Cash flow from financing activities | -18,133.1 | -6,692.5 |
| Other (currency changes etc.) | -702.9 | -208.5 |
| Liquid funds as of 30 June | 16,851.7 | 18,536.8 |

Statement of changes to shareholders' equity

| in € 1000's | Share capital | Capital reserve | Earnings reserve | Difference from currency translation | Total |
|------------------------|---------------|-----------------|------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------|
| As of 31 December 2002 | 17,833.5 | 17,095.8 | 87,040.1 | 1,427.2 | 123,396.6 |
| Consolidated income | 0.0 | 0.0 | 4,586.6 | 0.0 | 4,586.6 |
| Dividend payment | 0.0 | 0.0 | -4,280.0 | 0.0 | -4,280.0 |
| Currency translation | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | -2,871.9 | -2,871.9 |
| Claims - minorities | 0.0 | 0.0 | 36.3 | 0.0 | 36.3 |
| As of 30 June 2003 | 17,833.5 | 17,095.8 | 87,383.0 | -1,444.7 | 120,867.6 |

| in € 1000's | Share capital | Capital reserve | Earnings reserve | Difference from currency translation | Total |
|------------------------|---------------|-----------------|------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------|
| As of 31 December 2001 | 17,833.5 | 17,095.8 | 75,338.4 | 910.3 | 111,178.0 |
| Consolidated income | 0.0 | 0.0 | 9,226.2 | 0.0 | 9,226.2 |
| Dividend payment | 0.0 | 0.0 | -3,703.3 | 0.0 | -3,703.3 |
| Currency translation | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | -208.5 | -208.5 |
| Claims - minorities | 0.0 | 0.0 | 618.9 | 0.0 | 618.9 |
| As of 30 June 2002 | 17,833.5 | 17,095.8 | 81,480.2 | 701.8 | 117,111.3 |