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DSM provides 2008 comparative figures

Royal DSM N.V., the global Life Sciences and Materials Sciences company headquartered in the Netherlands, today provides the investment community with comparative quarterly figures for 2008.

These comparative figures reflect the reclassification of DSM Special Products from discontinued operations to continuing operations. DSM Special Products is now part of the Base Chemicals & Materials cluster. Separately, to further increase transparency, DSM now also provides a more detailed break-down of the results of Other Activities.

The comparative figures for 2008 can be found in the annex to this press release and can also be downloaded from the Investors section on the DSM corporate website, www.dsm.com.

DSM – the Life Sciences and Materials Sciences Company

Royal DSM N.V. creates innovative products and services in Life Sciences and Materials Sciences that contribute to the quality of life. DSM's products and services are used globally in a wide range of markets and applications, supporting a healthier, more sustainable and more enjoyable way of life. End markets include human and animal nutrition and health, personal care, pharmaceuticals, automotive, coatings and paint, electrical and electronics, life protection and housing. DSM has annual net sales of EUR 9.3 billion and employs some 23,500 people worldwide. The company is headquartered in the Netherlands, with locations on five continents. DSM is listed on Euronext Amsterdam. More information: www.dsm.com

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(€ million)	Quarters 2008				Year 2008
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	
Base Chemicals and Materials					
Net sales third parties	431	463	486	353	1,733
EBITDA	67	85	124	66	342
EBIT	49	65	102	44	260
Other activities					
Net sales third parties	125	117	122	129	493
EBITDA	-9	-11	-21	12	-29
EBIT	-19	-23	-42	-3	-87
of which:					
- Defined Benefit Plans	-1	0	-1	-1	-3
- Innovation Center	-13	-13	-16	-17	-59
- Other	-5	-10	-25	15	-25

Explanation EBIT specification within "Other activities":

- Defined Benefit Plans: IFRS costs (non cash) of the Defined Benefit Plans.
- Innovation Center: Results of the innovation activities such as Emerging Business Areas, New Business Development Performance Materials, Venturing and other DSM innovation projects.
- Other: Results of the activities such as Noordgastransport, service units and DSM Insurances, and costs for corporate staffs, other corporate activities and share based payments