

Ruukki Group Plc Interim Report 1 January – 30 June 2008

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Key Events during the Review Period

Mergers and acquisitions during review period

Acquisition of majority stake (51 %) in Junnikkala group

- » Junnikkala has sawmill and further processing operations in Kalajoki and Oulainen
- » Annual sawmill capacity currently at about 200,000 m³ → investment program going on with target capacity at about 400,000 m³
- » Option to increase ownership to 100 % in 2010/2011

Care Services segment divested

- » The agreement was entered into at the end of June, transaction finalised in early July
- » All the shares of Mikeva Oy, the parent company of the Care Services business were sold
- » Disposal to DF-Care Oy, owned by a fund administered by Intera Equity Partners
- » The net gain on disposal is estimated to be about EUR 12 million

Pan-Oston Oy sale implemented during January 2008 as agreed in December 2007

Russian Investment Projects

Cancellation of Kostroma investment projects

- » Surveys on alternative sites continued, primary focus on areas situated west of Ural
- » Target to accomplish forest industry integrate in Russia, sawmill and pulp mill
- The machinery and equipment for the sawmill planned to be constructed in Russia ordered, warehoused temporarily in Finland

Opportunities to reduce operational costs being assessed

- » In the short-term emphasis on scaling down the Russian project-specific costs
- » The Russian investment project will be continued for the sawmill as previously planned and for the pulp mill adjusted
- » During the review period significant non-recurring expenses recognised related to Russian investment projects and their preparation

Strategy redefinition

Expansion into Minerals Business

- » Goal to increase and maximise the return on the Group's significant balance sheet potential
- » Expansion both in geographic and industry terms
- » Focus initially on opportunities in the chrome and ferro chrome sector

Preliminary agreement about potential acquisition into minerals business

- » A preliminary agreement with Kermas Limited to acquire Kermas Limited's chrome ore operations in Turkey and related sales operations in Malta
- » Based on the actual operating performance of the acquisition target as well as on ferrochrome market prices and on currency exchange rates prevailing in early June, the annualised revenue of the acquisition target totals about EUR 140 million
- » According to the preliminary agreement, the initial purchase price is EUR 200 million
- » The completion of the transaction is, inter alia, conditional upon approval by the shareholders' meeting of Ruukki Group Plc, which is expected to be finalised late September at the earliest
- » The Board of Directors of Ruukki Group Plc will obtain a fairness opinion of the purchase price, while the transaction is to be done with a related party; HBSC elected for that role

Strategy redefinition

Additional chrome opportunity offered

- » Kermas Limited has offered Ruukki Group the opportunity to acquire all the shares in MOGALE
- » The South African based smelter operation can produce annually 150,000 metric tons of various grades of charge chrome
- » The independent board members of Ruukki Group will assess the MOGALE opportunity in the near future

Overall Financial Performance

Situation on global sawn timber market deteriorated

- » Development in the wood-processing business segments very unsatisfactory, especially in Sawmill Business
- » End-product demand and market prices trending down
- » Situation in both input and output markets expected to remain demanding in the latter half of 2008

The Russian Investment Project's impact on performance

- » During the review period altogether EUR 7.3 million expenses related to Russian investment projects and their preparation recognised
- » These include about EUR 2.5 million impairment on assets

Development by Segment

Sawmill Business

- » Sawn timber market prices considerably declined compared to the end of 2007
- » Profitability clearly below previous year's level
- Stumpage prices of raw material and related transportation costs have not decreased to the extent that sales prices have trended down

Furniture Business

- The operating profitability of the second quarter 2008 excluding one-off items negative due to production inefficiencies
- Segment currently reviewing various ways to enhance the efficiency and profitability of its operations

 \rightarrow Potential impact on the future role of its current production facilities and their output

» The liquidity remained fair

House Building

- » The demand expected to decrease, number of granted building permits declining

Changes in Group Management and Board

- Managing Director Matti Vikkula and the company agreed to terminate the service agreement of Mr. Vikkula effective as of 31 July 2008
- The Board of Directors currently reviewing how the group management structure will be organised in the future
- From 2 August onwards, after Tom Borman's resignation, the Board of Directors having four members:

Alwyn Smit, chairman Esa Hukkanen, member Markku Kankaala, member Jelena Manojlovic, member

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Financial and Operational Development

Group / Reporting Structure



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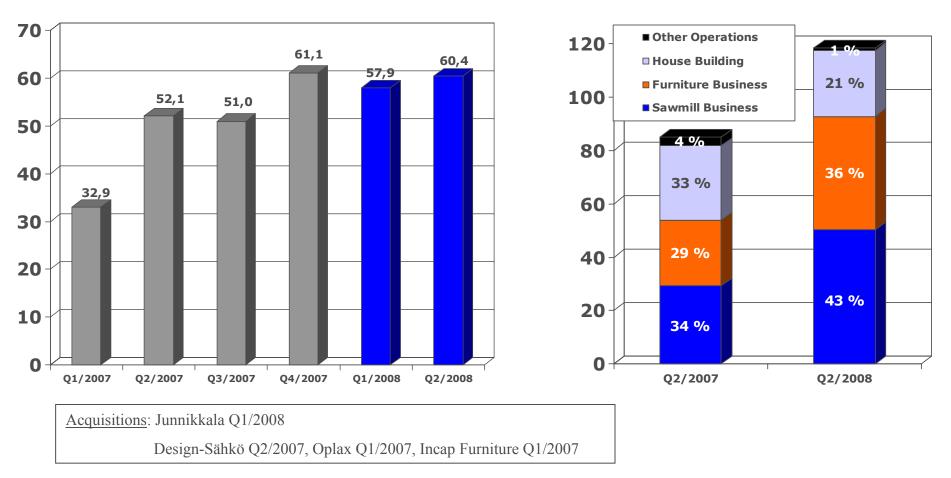
Group Income Statement

	1 Jan - 30 Jun 2008	1 Jan - 30 Jun 2007	1 Apr - 30 Jun 2008	1 Apr - 30 Jun 2007	1 Jan - 31 Dec 2007
EUR '000	6 months	6 months	3 months	3 months	12 months
Continuing operations					
Revenue	118 369	85 009	60 440	52 074	197 093
Other operating income	2 667	1 789	960	1 294	6 841
Operating expenses	-117 200	-76 789	-61 647	-47 225	-179 743
Depreciation and amortisation	-5 454	-3 143	-2 883	-1 947	-7 134
Share of profit of associates	207	-657	27	79	-623
Impairment	-2 646	-1 149	-1 905	-1 149	-1 034
Operating profit	-4 057	5 060	-5 008	3 127	15 400
Financial income and expense	5 765	-454	3 111	-388	3 715
	1 500		1 000	0 500	10 115
Profit before tax	1 708	4 606	-1 896	2 739	19 115
Income tax	-1 501	<u>-2 612</u>	-87	-1 425	-5 381
Income cax		2 012		_1 425	
Net profit from continuing					
operations	207	1 994	-1 983	1 315	13 734
Discontinued operations					
Net profit from discontinued					
operations	<u>325</u>	<u>107</u>	<u>-72</u>	<u>43</u>	<u>-54</u>
Net profit	532	2 101	-2 055	1 358	13 680
Profit attributable to					
equity shareholders	228	1 574		1 070	12 651
minority interests	<u>303</u>	527	<u>158</u>	<u>288</u>	<u>1 030</u>
Total	532	2 101	-2 055	1 358	13 680

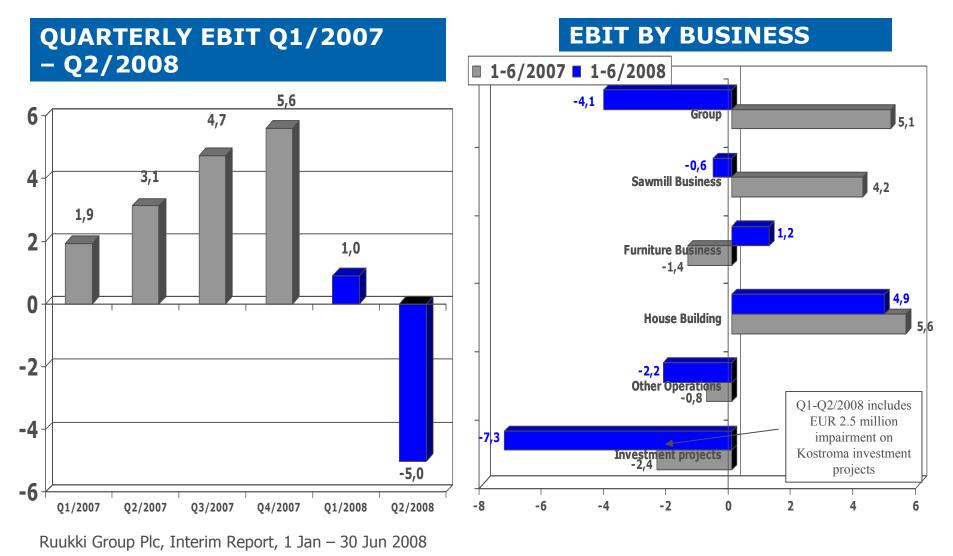
Revenue from continuing operations, (EUR million)

QUARTERLY REVENUE Q1/2007 – Q2/2008

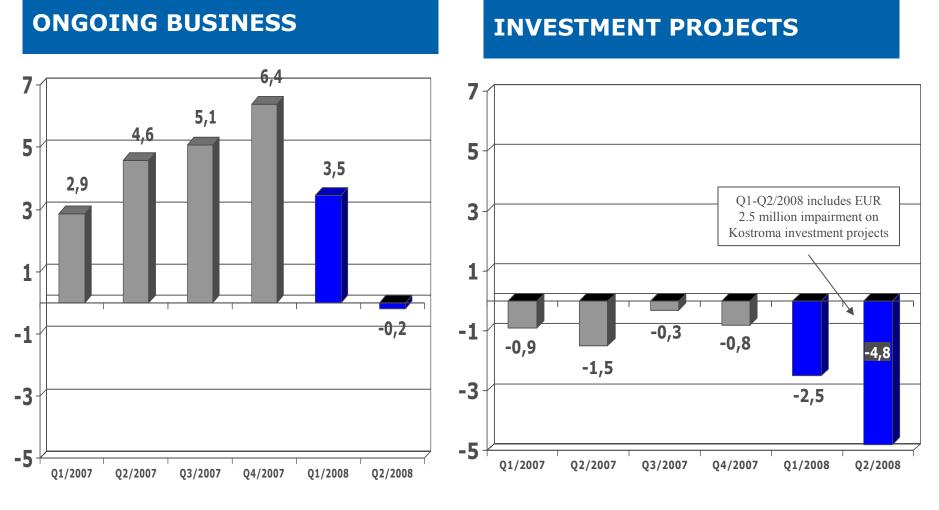
REVENUE BY BUSINESS



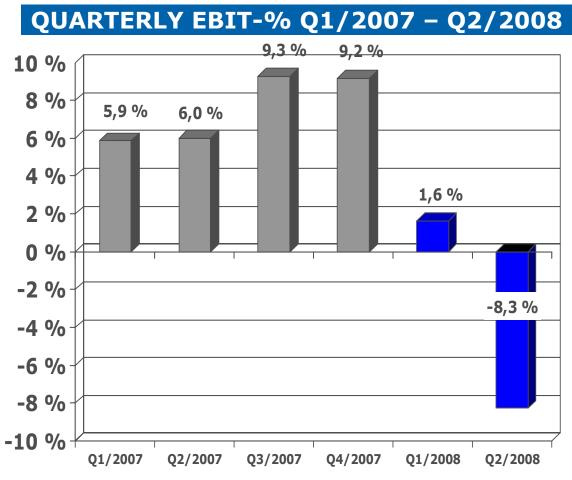
EBIT from continuing operations (EUR million)



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EBIT-% (% of revenue) from continuing operations

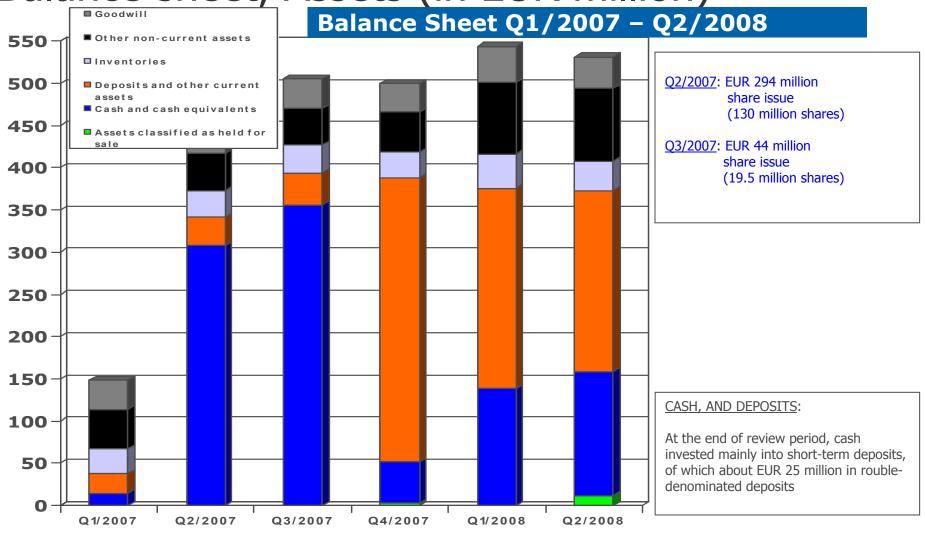


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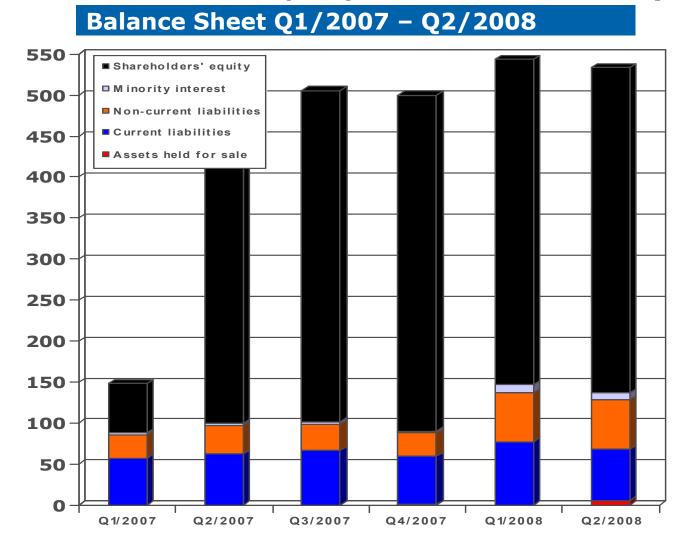
Group Balance Sheet

EUR '000	30 Jun 2008	30 Jun 2007	31 Dec 2007	EUR '000	30 Jun 2008	30 Jun 2007	31 Dec 2007
ASSETS				EQUITY AND LIABILITIES			
Non-current assets				Shareholders' equity			
Investments and				Share capital	23 642	23 642	23 64
intangible assets				Share premium reserve	25 740	25 740	25 74
Goodwill	37 193	34 829	33 422	Revaluation reserve	969	757	96
Investments in				Fair value reserve	0	17	(
associates	1 846	1 671	1 702	Paid-up unrestricted			
Other intangible assets	7 160	6 689	5 807	equity reserve	340 690	295 104	340 69
				Retained earnings	<u>6 267</u>	<u>7 200</u>	<u>18 61</u>
Investments and				Shareholders' equity	397 308	352 460	409 65
intangible assets total	46 198	43 190	40 931				
				Minority interest	<u>8 832</u>	<u>2 302</u>	<u>1 99</u>
Property, plant and	73 567	34 633	37 516	Total equity	406 140	354 762	411 650
equipment Other non-current assets	/3 567 <u>3 069</u>	34 633 <u>825</u>	37 516 <u>3 209</u>				
Non-current assets total	<u>122 834</u>	<u>78 647</u>	<u> </u>	Liabilities			
Non current assets total	122 034	/0 01/	01 030	1			
Current assets				Non-current liabilities	58 540	34 634	29 188
Inventories	35 054	31 243	29 635	Current liabilities			
Receivables	40 261	26 457	29 955	Prepayments	13 663	18 625	16 483
Held to maturity				Other current			
investments	170 750		131 212	liabilities	44 207	43 737	42 086
Other investments	1 283	7 518	176 112	Current liabilities			
Cash and cash				total	57 870	62 362	58 560
equivalents	<u>146 720</u>	<u>307 892</u>	<u>48 527</u>				
Current assets total	394 068	373 111	415 440	Liabilities classified			
				as held for sale	5 748		585
Assets held for sale	11 395		2 893				
				Total liabilities	122 157	96 996	88 34(
Total assets	528 297	451 758	499 990				
				Total equity and			
				liabilities	528 297	451 758	499 990

Balance sheet, Assets (in EUR million)



Balance Sheet, Equity and Liabilities (in EUR m.)

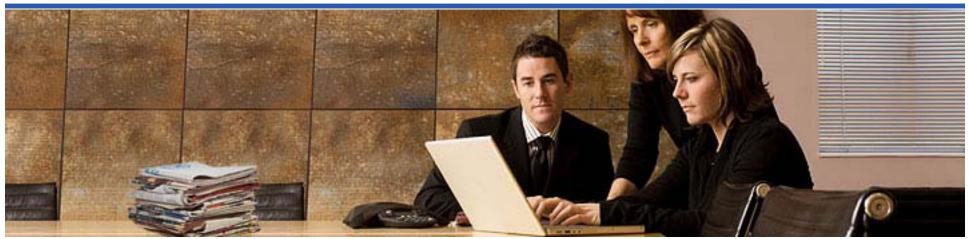


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Group Cash Flow Statement							
Cioup Ca	EUR '000	1 Jan - 30 Jun 2008	1 Jan - 30 Jun 2007	1 Jan - 31 Dec 2007			
	Net profit attributable to equity holders	229	1 574	12 651			
	Adjustments to net profit Changes in net working capital	1 749 -7 987	6 048 -6 249				
	Net cash from operating activities	-6 010	1 373	5 783			
	Acquisition of subsidiaries and associates	-7 702	-5 543	-6 487			
	Payment of earn-out liabilities and exercises of call options related to acquisitions	-114	-7 167				
	Disposal of subsidiaries and associates Capital expenditures and other investing activities	2 689 -17 380	2 361 -2 651	7 068 -6 337			
	Net cash used in investing activities	-22 507	-13 000	-14 114			
	Share issues Dividends paid Deposits Other investments Interest received from financing activities	0 -12 699 -36 833 173 056 3 273	293 967 -5 154	-5 493 -133 851 -173 360 3 940			
	Proceeds from borrowings Repayment of borrowings, and other financing activities	8 713 -7 932	7 064 -1 142				
	Net cash used in financing activities	127 578	294 734	32 089			
Ruukki Group Plc Inter	Net increase in cash and cash equivalents im Report, 1 Jan — 30 Jun 2008	99 061	283 107	23 758			



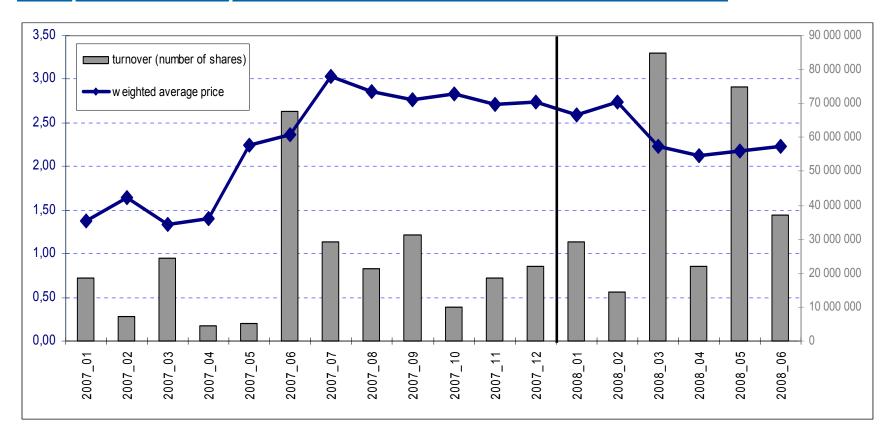
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Shares and Shareholders

Share Price Development

Volume weighted average share price and turnover Jan/2007 – Jun/2008



Source: NCSD

CHANGE IN OWNERSHIP

Flagging Notices



Major Shareholders, 31 July 2008

	Shareholder	Shares	%
1	Nordea Pankki Suomi Oyj	76 566 562	26,4
2	Nordea Pankki Suomi Oyj nominee-registered	55 117 283	19,0
3	Danske Bank As Helsinki Branch	38 201 000	13,2
4	Hanwa Company Limited	30 000 000	10,3
5	Svenska Handelsbanken Ab nominee-registered	24 608 414	8,5
6	Glitnir Pankki Oy	14 359 591	5,0
7	Kankaala Markku	9 698 890	3,3
8	Oy Herttaässä Ab	7 380 199	2,5
9	Hukkanen Esa	5 010 100	1,7
10	Evli Pankki Oyj	4 486 974	1,5
	Total	265 429 013	91,5
	Other Shareholders	24 605 009	8,5
	Total shares registered	290 034 022	100,0

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Summary

Summary Q2/2008



Expansion into Minerals Business being evaluated and surveyed



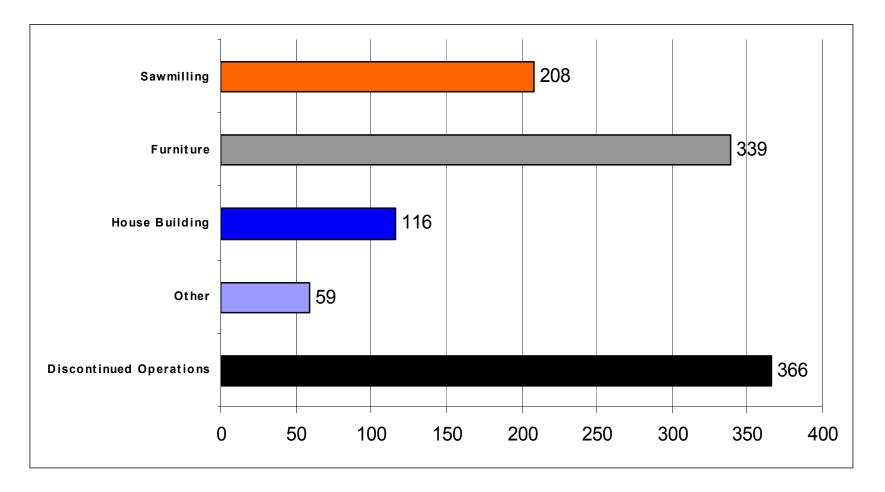
Challenging market conditions in domestic wood-processing businesses, expected to continue in the short future



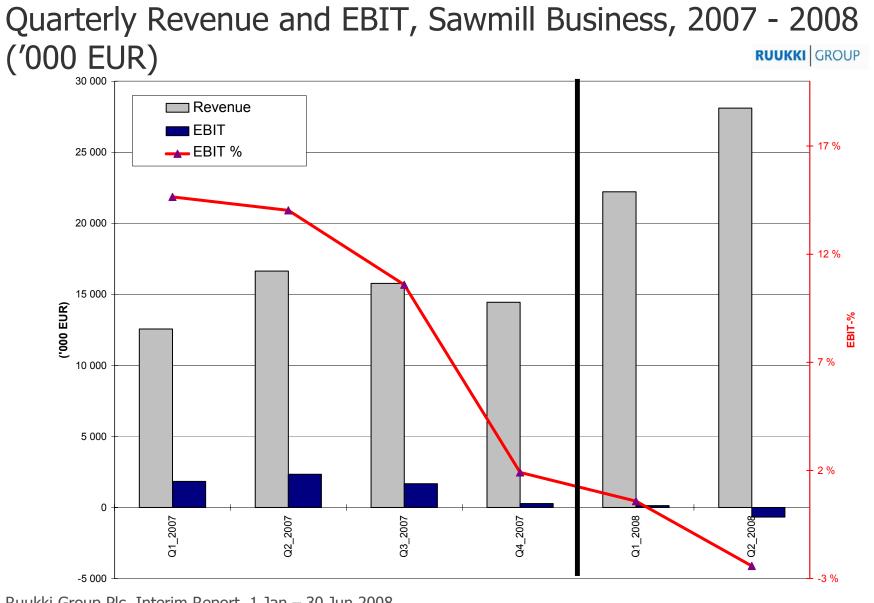


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Personnel by segment, 30 Jun 2008

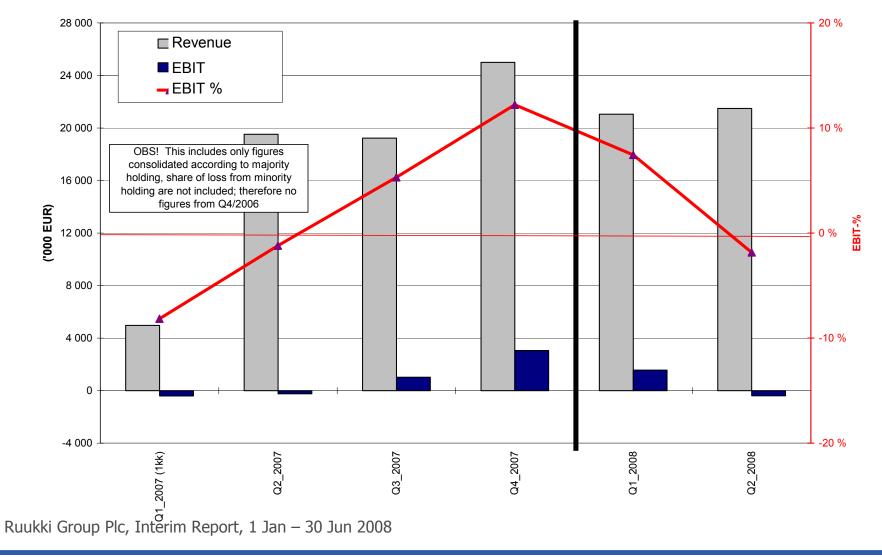


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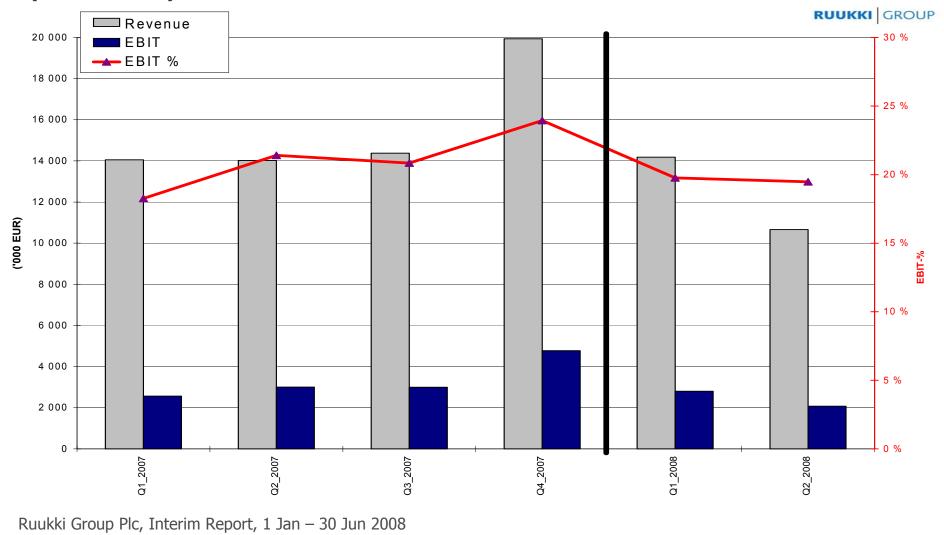


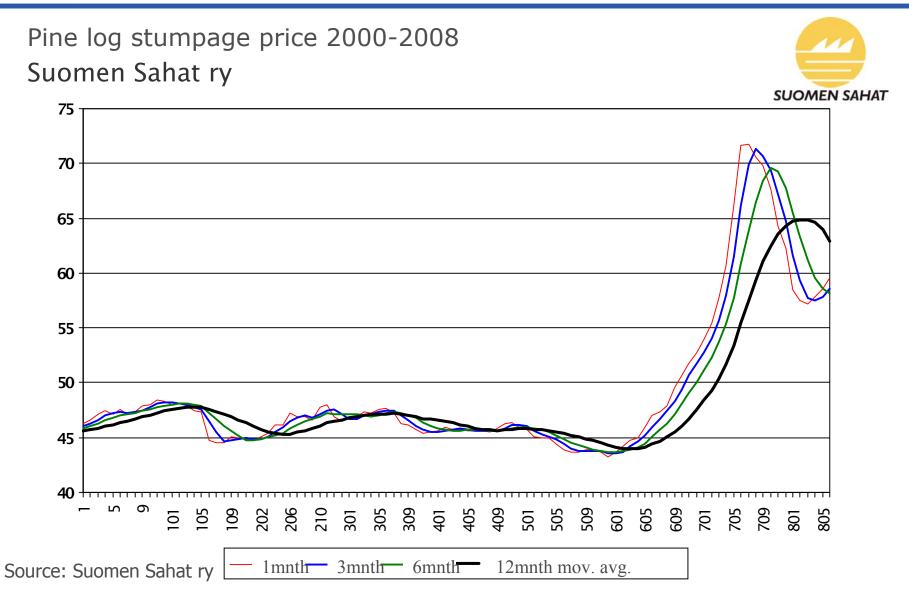
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Quarterly Revenue and EBIT, Furniture Business, 2007 - 2008 ('000 EUR)

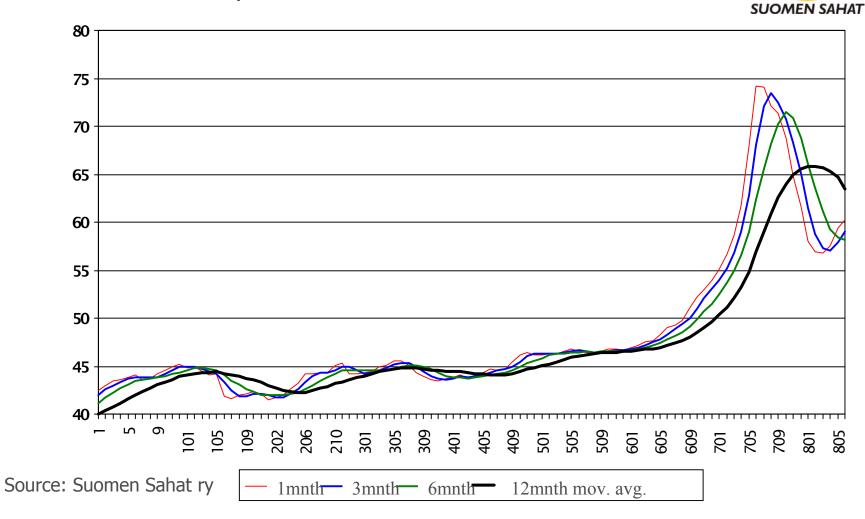


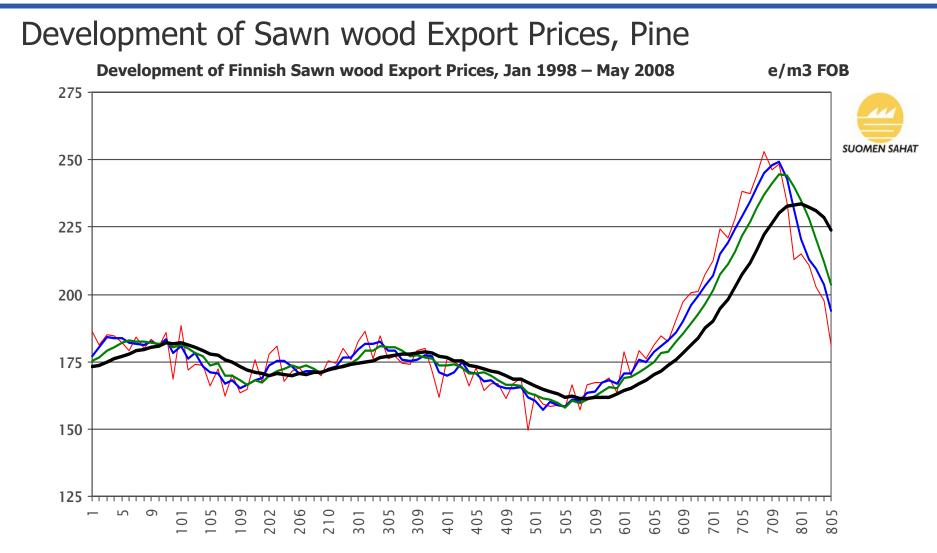
Quarterly Revenue and EBIT, House Building, 2007 - 2008 ('000 EUR)



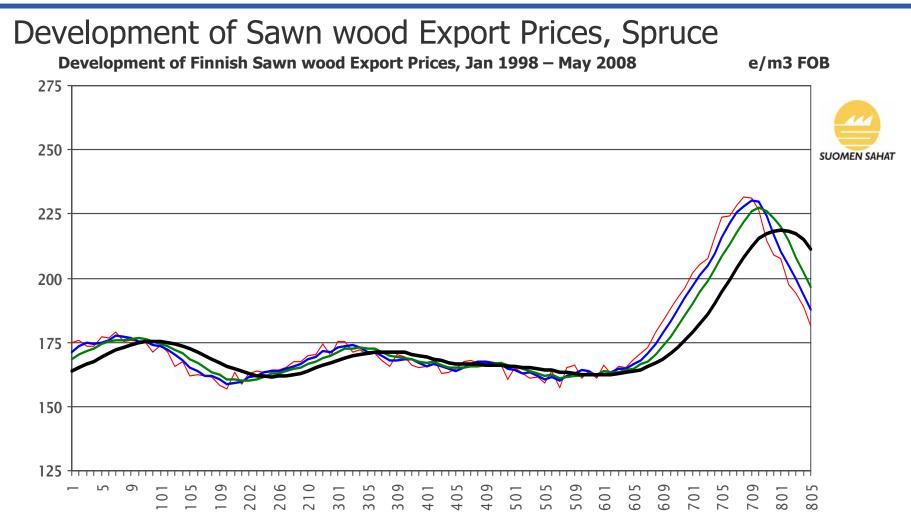


Spruce log stumpage price 2000-2008 Suomen Sahat ry





Source: Suomen Sahat ry



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