

Half-year report February – July 2012



- Stable business developments enabled the PHOENIX group to consolidate its position in Europe as leading pharmaceuticals distributor in the first quarter
- Sales development influenced by the low growth of pharmaceutical markets and lower sales volume in Germany
- Improvement of gross profit margin from 9.03% to 9.71%
- New retail brand BENU successfully started
- Successful early refinancing in conjunction with the syndicated loan in the second quarter
- Profit for the period adjusted for transaction costs due to the refinancing ("adjusted profit for the period") above prior year's level

| EUR k   | 1st half year<br>2011 | 1st half year<br>2012 |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Revenue   | 10,877,565            | 10,518,844            |
| Gross profit  | 982,681               | 1,021,899             |
| Earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortisation (EBITDA) | 284,293               | 276,433               |
| Adjusted EBITDA   | 298,419               | 288,233               |
| Earnings before interest and taxes (EBIT)                               | 237,420               | 225,971               |
| Financial result  | -72,934               | -78,717               |
| Profit before tax   | 164,486               | 147,254               |
| Profit for the period   | 114,680               | 103,962               |
| Adjusted profit for the period  | 114,680               | 119,436               |

| EUR k        | 31 Jan 2012 | 31 Jul 2012 |
|--------------|-------------|-------------|
| Equity       | 1,935,623   | 2,006,753   |
| Equity ratio | 26.1%       | 27.5%       |
| Net debt     | 1,855,743   | 2,010,074   |

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# Business and economic environment

#### Development of the market

In the first half year the economic development in Europe was still weak compared to the prior year. Germany's real GDP grew by 1.2% in the first quarter and by 1.0% in the second quarter compared to last year's quarters. However, in the euro zone there was a decrease of 0.2% compared to the second quarter of 2011. The economic environment was characterized by the ongoing debt crisis of public finances in various European countries.

In this difficult economic environment, growth in the pharmaceutical markets was still weak. The wholesale pharmaceuticals market in Germany for the period January to July 2012 compared to the same period last year grew by 1.45%.

Other countries in Western Europe saw diverse market developments. In the UK the pharmaceutical market was stable compared to prior year. In the Netherlands, due to price reductions, the market declined. Since the beginning of this year, a new remuneration policy for pharmacies came into effect under which the remuneration of pharmacies can be agreed in contracts with the various health insurance funds without restriction. The French market was still shaped by intense competition after the introduction of a new margin system in the beginning of the year 2012. Switzerland and Austria showed a remarkable market growth. The Italian market declined in a difficult economic environment due to price reductions for prescription pharmaceuticals.

In Eastern Europe the pharmaceutical markets in the Czech Republic and Bulgaria showed a slight increase compared with last year's first half year. In Hungary, state healthcare policy measures in the first half year resulted in a significant market decline.

In Northern Europe the pharmacy markets in Finland and Norway increased whereas the Danish and the Swedish market showed a decrease.

# New retail brand BENU

In the first half year, PHOENIX has successfully introduced the retail brand BENU. In total, more than 700 pharmacies in selected countries will be united under this brand. The new store concept, comprising shopfittings, optimisation of the presentation of goods as well as an individual consultation of customers has already been successfully implemented in several countries.

#### Acquisitions, investments and joint ventures

As in the prior year, we pursued a cautious acquisition strategy in the first half year of the fiscal year 2012/13. In total, business combinations in the first half year led to a cash outflow of EUR 3.9m (comparative period: EUR 7.6m).

The business combinations were immaterial and primarily concerned individual pharmacies in various countries.

# Results of operations, net assets and financial position

## **Results of operations**

Revenue decreased in the first half year of 2012/13 to EUR 10,518.8m (comparative period: EUR 10,877.6). The main reasons for this development were the overall comparatively weak growth in the European pharmaceutical markets and a decline in sales in our biggest market, Germany, where we were aiming at a sales policy to stabilize margins in a challenging market environment and consequently had to suffer some temporary losses in sales. This could partly be compensated by increased revenue in several foreign markets. The gross profit margin has improved from 9.03% to 9.71%. In absolute terms the gross profit has increased by EUR 39.2m to EUR 1,021.9m.

Other operating income declined by EUR 1.2m to EUR 74.2 m.

Personnel expenses rose by EUR 32.6m to EUR 534.0m. The increase in personnel expenses is mainly a result of increases in pay rates, exchange rate effects and changes in the consolidated group.

Other expenses increased by EUR 13.3m to EUR 287.3m. This is mainly due to increased transportation costs, an increase in consultancy costs as well as maintenance and marketing expenses.

Earnings before interest, tax, depreciation and amortisation (EBITDA) changed by EUR 7.9m to EUR 276.4m. The increase in gross profit was not sufficient to cover the overall increase in expenses.

The EBITDA indicator used for comparison with our net debt (adjusted EBITDA) of EUR 288.2m was 3.4% below the comparative period level and is determined as follows:

| EUR k                   | 1st half-year<br>2011 | 1st half-year<br>2012 |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| EBITDA                  | 284,293               | 276,433               |
| Interest from customers | 12,018                | 9,649                 |
| Factoring fees          | 2,108                 | 2,151                 |
| Adjusted EBITDA         | 298,419               | 288,233               |

Depreciation increased by EUR 3.6m to EUR 50.5m compared to last year's half year. This is mainly caused by increased investments in fixed assets.

Earnings before interest and tax (EBIT) changed due to the development of EBITDA and depreciation from EUR 237.4m in the comparative period to EUR 226.0m. The EBIT margin in relation to revenue is stated at 2.15% (comparative period: 2.18%).

The financial result compared to prior period's result changed by EUR -5.8m to EUR -78.7m. Interest income declined by EUR 17.5m to EUR 15.1m. Interest expense increased from EUR 89.8m to EUR 93.9m. The main reason for this increase is the premature amortisation of transaction costs with an amount of EUR -18.4m in conjunction with the refinancing in June 2012. Adjusted for this effect, the financial result increased by EUR 12.6m compared to prior year's half year.

Profit before tax changed by EUR 17.2m to EUR 147.3m due to the change in EBITDA as well as the change in the financial result.

The effective tax rate declined from 30.3% to 29.4%. This is mainly a result from a reduction in income tax rates in the UK.

Profit after tax amounts to EUR 104.0m (comparative period: EUR 114.7m). Of this, EUR 5.1m is attributable to non-controlling interests (comparative period: EUR 8.8m).

Adjusted for the premature amortisation of transaction costs, profit after tax amounts to EUR 119.4m and was slightly above prior year's result of EUR 114.7m

## Net assets

The Group's total assets decreased by 1.4% to EUR 7,307.8m. The currency translation difference on the total assets, which is presented in the statement of changes in equity, amounts to EUR -63.5m (31 January 2012: EUR -84.9m).

Compared to 31 January 2012, non-current assets rose by EUR 89.6m to EUR 2,686.6m. The increase is mainly caused by exchange rate effects, especially due to changes in the currency rates of the British Pound and the Norwegian and Swedish Crown, increased fixed assets under construction as well as higher deferred tax assets. Intangible assets contain goodwill with an amount of EUR 1,265.1m (31 January 2012: EUR 1,251.3m).

Inventories increased compared to 31 January 2012 by EUR 115.9m to EUR 1,810.4m. This increase is mainly due to seasonal fluctuation.

Trade receivables decreased by 5.2% to EUR 2,402.8m. Receivables of EUR 380.4m (31 January 2012: EUR 340.1m) had been sold under ABS and factoring programmes that are either not accounted for in the statement of financial position or are accounted for only to the extent of the continuing involvement.

Other current receivables and financial assets increased from EUR 148.9m as of 31 January 2012 to EUR 172.1m. The increase is mainly due to higher receivables in conjunction with ABS and factoring programmes and higher rebates and discounts.

Other current assets increased from EUR 80.9m as of 31 January 2012 to EUR 106.0m among others due to higher prepayments.

The change in cash and cash equivalents is presented in the statement of cash flows.

#### **Financial position**

Equity increased mainly due to the profit for the period as well as changes in the translation differences. This is counterbalanced by the actuarial losses relating to pension obligations.

Cash flow from operating activities came to EUR -24.6m (comparative period: EUR +69.2m). In comparison to last year there was a higher increase in working capital by EUR 120.8m which resulted in a decline in cash flow from operating activities.

Cash flow from investing activities amounted to EUR -70.0m. In the comparative period, the cash flow from investing activities amounted to EUR -40.4m. The increase is mainly due to higher investments in fixed assets and less cash received from the disposal of fixed assets.

At 27 June 2012, the new financing of the PHOENIX group has come into force. The new credit facility consists of a term loan, presented under non-current financial liabilities, with a nominal amount of EUR 300.0m and a term of four years as well as a revolving credit facility of EUR 1,050.0m with a term of five years which will be drawn on a short-term basis as and when required. Accordingly, long-term bank liabilities decreased from EUR 651.8m as of 31 January 2012 to EUR 298.7m as of 31 July 2012. Short-term bank liabilities increased compared to 31 January 2012 by EUR 312.0m to EUR 572.9m.

Besides liabilities to banks, non-current financial liabilities include bonds of EUR 485.1m (31 January 2012: EUR 482.4m), supplementary partner contributions with an amount of EUR 123.8m (31 January 2012: EUR 123.8m) as well as finance lease liabilities with an amount of EUR 23.5m (31 January 2012: EUR 23.7m).

Besides liabilities to banks, current financial liabilities include among others liabilities from ABS and factoring agreements with an amount of EUR 223.1 Mio EUR (31 January 2012: EUR 266.2m) as well as other loans amounting to EUR 108.9m (31 January 2012: EUR 110.5m).

Trade payables decreased by EUR 118.3m to EUR 2,462.3m.

Other liabilities fell from EUR 278.1m as of 31 January 2012 to EUR 258.1m. The decrease is primarily due to lower other taxes.

The objective of financial management is to continuously improve the capital structure by reducing the gearing ratio. In the medium term, we aim to further strengthen the equity ratio by retaining profits and to achieve a ratio of net debt to EBITDA of below 3.0.

Overall the PHOENIX group was able to underline its position in the first half year of the fiscal year 2012/13 as leading pharmaceuticals distributor in Europe and to report a stable business performance.

# Risks and opportunities

The PHOENIX group has comprehensive planning, approval and reporting structures and an early warning system which we use to identify, assess and monitor our opportunities and risks. The opportunities and risks of significance to us are presented extensively in our annual report for fiscal 2011/12.

The risks presented there are still essentially relevant.

# Forecast

On the whole, we still do not expect the pharmaceutical markets in Europe to record growth in the fiscal year 2012/13. Cost-cutting measures introduced by healthcare policymakers and uncertainty about the situation of the economy as a whole in relation to the European debt crisis are likely to curb growth on the pharmaceutical markets.

In the first half year, revenue was 3.3% below prior year's amount. We expect that the decline in revenue will reduce in the second half year. For the whole fiscal year, we expect revenue to be slightly below prior year's level.

However, at the level of adjusted EBITDA, we still expect to reach the 2011/12 level in the fiscal year 2012/13.

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# Consolidated income statement for the first half year of 2012/13

|   | 2nd quarter | 2nd quarter | 1st half-year | 1st half-year |
|---|-------------|-------------|---------------|---------------|
| EUR k   | 2011*       | 2012        | 2011*         | 2012          |
| Revenue   | 5,480,272   | 5,321,399   | 10,877,565    | 10,518,844    |
| Cost of purchased goods and services  | -4,982,796  | -4,801,149  | -9,894,884    | -9,496,945    |
| Gross profit  | 497,476     | 520,250     | 982,681       | 1,021,899     |
|   |             |             |               |               |
| Other operating income  | 38,550      | 35,566      | 75,335        | 74,172        |
| Personnel expenses  | -250,690    | -267,474    | -501,439      | -534,014      |
| Other operating expenses  | -138,562    | -143,353    | -273,999      | -287,297      |
| Results from associates   | 1,076       | 1,023       | 1,300         | 1,400         |
| Result from other investments   | 167         | 170         | 415           | 273           |
| Earnings before interest, taxes depreciation and amortisation (EBITDA)              | 148,017     | 146,182     | 284,293       | 276,433       |
| Amortisation of intangible assets and depreciation of property, plant and equipment | -23,494     | -25,744     | -46,873       | -50,462       |
| Earnings before interest and taxes (EBIT)   | 124,523     | 120,438     | 237,420       | 225,971       |
|   |             |             |               |               |
| Interest and similar income   | 9,402       | 8,597       | 17,452        | 15,090        |
| Interest and similar expenses   | -44,231     | -36,976     | -89,773       | -93,868       |
| Other financial result  | -2,387      | 258         | -613          | 61            |
| Financial result  | -37,216     | -28,121     | -72,934       | -78,717       |
| Profit before tax   | 87,307      | 92,317      | 164,486       | 147,254       |
| Income taxes  | -26,282     | -27,388     | -49,806       | -43,292       |
| Profit for the period   | 61,025      | 64,929      | 114,680       | 103,962       |
| thereof attributable to non-controlling interests                                   | 4,846       | 2,598       | 8,787         | 5,126         |
| thereof attributable to owners of the parent company                                | 56,179      | 62,331      | 105,893       | 98,836        |

 $^{\ast}$  Prior-year figures were restated due to changes in the presentation within financial result.

# Consolidated statement of comprehensive income for the first half year of 2012/13

| EUR k  | 2nd quarter<br>2011 | 2nd quarter<br>2012 | 1st half-year<br>2011 | 1st half-year<br>2012 |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Profit for the period  | 61,025              | 64,929              | 114,680               | 103,962               |
| Actuarial gains and losses from pension obligations                                | -56,572             | -52,262             | -68,716               | -68,281               |
| Gains/losses from changes in the fair value of available-for-sale financial assets | -1,484              | -82                 | -1,718                | -239                  |
| Currency translation differences   | 722                 | 11,099              | -7,079                | 21,023                |
| Deferred taxes on other comprehensive income                                       | 15,122              | 13,822              | 18,368                | 17,952                |
| Other comprehensive income, net of taxes   | -42,212             | -27,423             | -59,145               | -29,545               |
| Total comprehensive income   | 18,813              | 37,506              | 55,535                | 74,417                |
| thereof attributable to non-controlling interests                                  | -1,897              | 1,163               | 2,808                 | 2,707                 |
| thereof attributable to owners of the parent company                               | 20,710              | 36,343              | 52,727                | 71,710                |

# Consolidated statement of financial position as of 31 July 2012

| EUR k  | 31 Jan 2012 | 31 Jul 2012 |
|--|-------------|-------------|
| Non-current assets                                   |             |             |
| Intangible assets                                    | 1,601,119   | 1,635,160   |
| Property, plant and equipment                        | 779,102     | 804,096     |
| Investment property                                  | 5,326       | 5,224       |
| Investments in associates                            | 18,842      | 20,059      |
| Other financial assets                               | 64,250      | 62,419      |
| Deferred tax assets                                  | 124,265     | 155,562     |
| Income tax receivables                               | 4,052       | 4,052       |
|  | 2,596,956   | 2,686,572   |
| Current assets                                       |             |             |
| Inventories  | 1,694,509   | 1,810,364   |
| Trade receivables                                    | 2,533,903   | 2,402,754   |
| Income tax receivables                               | 12,643      | 12,052      |
| Other receivables and other current financial assets | 148,894     | 172,065     |
| Other assets   | 80,850      | 106,040     |
| Cash and cash equivalents                            | 334,846     | 109,772     |
|  | 4,805,645   | 4,613,047   |
| Non-current assets classified as held for sale       | 8,415       | 8,166       |
| Total assets   | 7,411,016   | 7,307,785   |

# Consolidated statement of financial position as of 31 July 2012

| EUR k  | 31 Jan 2012 | 31 Jul 2012 |
|--|-------------|-------------|
| Equity   |             |             |
| Unlimited and limited partners' capital                                | 1,050,000   | 1,050,000   |
| Reserves   | 885,914     | 984,209     |
| Other comprehensive income   | -200,091    | -227,217    |
| Equity attributable to partners  | 1,735,823   | 1,806,992   |
| Non-controlling interests  | 199,800     | 199,761     |
|  | 1,935,623   | 2,006,753   |
| Non-current liabilities  |             |             |
| Financial liabilities  | 1,285,153   | 935,342     |
| Provisions for pensions and similar obligations                        | 282,864     | 361,413     |
| Deferred tax liabilities   | 133,633     | 140,354     |
| Other non-current liabilities  | 6,962       | 7,104       |
|  | 1,708,612   | 1,444,213   |
| Current liabilities  |             |             |
| Financial liabilities  | 751,223     | 1,012,593   |
| Trade payables   | 2,580,564   | 2,462,300   |
| Other provisions   | 58,028      | 25,127      |
| Income tax liabilities   | 98,773      | 98,653      |
| Other liabilities  | 278,114     | 258,106     |
|  | 3,766,702   | 3,856,779   |
| Liabilities directly associated with assets classified asheld for sale | 79          | 40          |
| Total equity and liabilities   | 7,411,016   | 7,307,785   |

# Statement of changes in equity for the first quarter of 2012/13

|  | Unlimited and limited partners' capital | Reserves |
|--|---|----------|
| EUR k                                  |   |          |
| 1 February 2011                        | 1,050,000                               | 674,840  |
| Profit for the period                  |   | 105,893  |
| Other comprehensive income             |   | 0        |
| Total comprehensive income, net of tax | 0                                       | 105,893  |
|  |   |          |
| Changes in consolidated group          |   | -714     |
| Dividends                              |   | 0        |
| 31 Jul 2011                            | 1,050,000                               | 780,019  |
|  |   |          |
| 1 February 2012                        | 1,050,000                               | 885,914  |
| Profit for the period                  |   | 98,836   |
| Other comprehensive income             |   | 0        |
| Total comprehensive income, net of tax | 0                                       | 98,836   |
|  |   |          |
| Capital increase/reduction             |   | 0        |
| Changes in consolidated group          |   | -541     |
| Dividends                              |   | 0        |
| 31 Jul 2012                            | 1,050,000                               | 984,209  |

| Currency<br>translation<br>difference | IAS 39<br>Available-for-sale<br>financial assets | Actuarial<br>gains/losses | Equity attributable<br>to partners | Non-controlling<br>interests | Total equity |
|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------|
| -83,930                               | 12,304   | -65,806                   | 1,587,408                          | 185,001                      | 1,772,409    |
|                                       |  |                           | 105,893                            | 8,787                        | 114,680      |
| -7,269                                | -1,678   | -44,219                   | -53,166                            | -5,979                       | -59,145      |
| -7,269                                | -1,678   | -44,219                   | 52,727                             | 2,808                        | 55,535       |
|                                       |  |                           |                                    |                              |              |
|                                       |  |                           | -714                               | 430                          | -284         |
|                                       |  |                           | 0                                  | -1,952                       | -1,952       |
| -91,199                               | 10,626   | -110,025                  | 1,639,421                          | 186,287                      | 1,825,708    |
|                                       |  |                           |                                    |                              |              |
| -84,874                               | 9,879  | -125,096                  | 1,735,823                          | 199,800                      | 1,935,623    |
|                                       |  |                           | 98,836                             | 5,126                        | 103,962      |
| 21,410                                | -175   | -48,361                   | -27,126                            | -2,419                       | -29,545      |
| 21,410                                | -175   | -48,361                   | 71,710                             | 2,707                        | 74,417       |
|                                       |  |                           |                                    |                              |              |
|                                       |  |                           | 0                                  | 1,402                        | 1,402        |
|                                       |  |                           | -541                               | -1,020                       | -1,561       |
|                                       |  |                           | 0                                  | -3,128                       | -3,128       |
| -63,464                               | 9,704  | -173,457                  | 1,806,992                          | 199,761                      | 2,006,753    |

# Consolidated statement of cash flows for the first half year of 2012/13

| EUR | k  | 1st half year<br>2011 | 1st half year<br>2012 |
|-----|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Pro | fit for the period   | 114,680               | 103,962               |
| +/- | Write-downs/write-ups of fixed assets  | 46,873                | 50,462                |
| -/+ | Gain/loss from the disposal of fixed assets                                  | -4,362                | 850                   |
| +/- | Increase/decrease in non-current provisions                                  | 1,446                 | 1,959                 |
| +/- | Other non-cash expenses/income   | 12,987                | 15,879                |
| +   | Net interest   | 70,179                | 79,478                |
| +   | Taxation   | 49,806                | 43,292                |
| -   | Interest paid  | -88,818               | -66,028               |
| +   | Interest received  | 16,499                | 13,793                |
| -   | Income tax paid  | -50,450               | -49,756               |
| +   | Dividends received   | 219                   | 336                   |
| Res | ult before changes in working capital  | 169,059               | 194,227               |
| Cha | inges in working capital   | -99,895               | -220,665              |
| Cas | h inflow (+)/outflow (-) from operating activities                           | 69,164                | -26,438               |
| -   | Cash paid for the purchase of consolidated companies and business units      | -7,614                | -3,942                |
| +   | Cash received from the purchase of consolidated companies and business units | 3,516                 | 42                    |
| +   | Cash received from disposals of fixed assets                                 | 15,975                | 4,494                 |
| -   | Cash paid for investments in fixed assets                                    | -52,241               | -70,577               |
| Cas | h inflow (+)/outflow (-) from investing activities                           | -40,364               | -69,983               |

# Consolidated statement of cash flows for the first half year of 2012/2013

| EUR k  | 1st half year<br>2011 | 1st half year<br>2012 |
|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Cash available for financing activities                  | 28,800                | -96,421               |
| +/- Capital increase/decrease                            | 0                     | 1,278                 |
| - Payments to minority interests (dividends)             | -1,582                | -1,675                |
| - Purchase of additional interests in subsidiaries       | 0                     | -2,750                |
| +/- Increase/decrease in ABS/factoring liabilities       | 4,184                 | -45,983               |
| + Cash received from the issue of bonds and loans        | 71,325                | 675,342               |
| - Cash repayments of bonds and loans                     | -464,375              | -754,566              |
| +/- Increase/decrease in finance lease liabilities       | -1,478                | -596                  |
| Cash inflow (+)/outflow (-) from financing activities    | -391,926              | -128,950              |
| Change in cash and cash equivalents                      | -363,126              | -225,371              |
| Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the period | 578,713               | 334,846               |
| Exchange rate effect on cash and cash equivalents        | 180                   | 297                   |
| Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the period       | 215,767               | 109,772               |

# PHOENIX Pharmahandel GmbH & Co KG, Mannheim Notes to the interim condensed consolidated financial statements as of 31 July 2012

#### The company

PHOENIX Pharmahandel GmbH & Co KG, Mannheim, ("PHOENIX" or the "Group") is a European pharmaceuticals distribution group. PHOENIX has business activities in 23 European countries. In several countries, PHOENIX also operates own pharmacy chains. The registered office is located in Mannheim, Germany.

#### **Basis of presentation**

The interim condensed consolidated financial statements of PHOENIX as of 31 July 2012 are prepared on the basis of IAS 34 "Interim Financial Reporting", observing all International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB), London, and mandatory in the EU as of 31 July 2012, as well as all mandatory interpretations of the International Financial Reporting Standards Interpretation Committee (IFRIC).

The interim condensed consolidated financial statements as of 31 July 2012 of PHOENIX were released for publication by the management of PHOENIX Pharmahandel GmbH & Co KG on 13 September 2012.

## Significant accounting policies

The accounting policies used to prepare the interim condensed consolidated financial statements are essentially consistent with those used in the consolidated financial statements as of 31 January 2012. Any differences are explained below. The standard *IFRS 7: Disclosures: transfer of financial assets* whose application was mandatory for the first time from 1 February 2012 did not have any impact on the interim financial statements.

#### Business combinations in the first half year of 2012/13

The business combinations carried out in the first half of 2012/13 are explained below. Purchase accounting is performed in accordance with the acquisition method pursuant to IFRS 3 "Business Combinations".

In fiscal 2012/13, the cumulative profit for the period of the acquirees came to EUR 244k. Assuming that the acquisition date coincides with the beginning of the reporting period for all business combinations, accumulated revenue for the period came to EUR 7,044k. Assuming that the acquisition date coincides with the beginning of the reporting period for all business combinations, the accumulated profit for the period came to EUR 412k.

The business combinations performed in the first half of 2012/13 were individually immaterial and related to certain pharmacies in various countries

The table below shows a summary of their fair values:

#### Fair value recognised on acquisition

| EUR k   | Others |
|---|--------|
| Cash and cash equivalents                                       | 3,255  |
| Equity instruments  | 0      |
| Acquisition-date fair value of previously held equity interests | 0      |
| Consideration transferred                                       | 3,255  |
| Other non-current assets  | 45     |
| Inventories   | 584    |
| Trade receivables   | 589    |
| Cash and cash equivalents                                       | 755    |
| Other current assets  | 54     |
| Current liabilities   | 1,270  |
| Net assets  | 757    |
| Non-controlling interests                                       | -20    |
| Net assets required   | 777    |
| Bargain purchase  | 0      |
| Goodwill  | 2,478  |

## Other business combinations

In the first half of 2012/13, the Group acquired further pharmacies in business combinations that are individually immaterial.

The goodwill arising on those acquisitions was allocated to the cash-generating units Switzerland (EUR 1,354k), Norway (EUR 622k) and Estonia (EUR 502k) and is managed in the local functional currencies (CHF, NOK and EUR).

Non-controlling interests are recognised at the share of the identifiable net assets in the acquirees.

EUR 1,354k of the goodwill recognised from business combinations is expected to be tax deductible.

Because of preliminary data, some assets and liabilities couldn't be finally valued at the balance sheet date.

# Other operating expenses

Other operating expenses contain expenses in connection with ABS and factoring programmes of EUR 2,151k (comparative period: EUR 2,108k).

## **Financial result**

| EUR k                         | 1st half year<br>2011* | 1st half year<br>2012 |
|-------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| Interest and similar income   |                        |                       |
| Interest income               | 16,879                 | 14,138                |
| Other financial income        | 573                    | 952                   |
|                               | 17,452                 | 15,090                |
| Interest and similar expenses |                        |                       |
| Interest expenses             | -87,058                | -93,616               |
| Other financial expenses      | -2,715                 | -252                  |
|                               | -89,773                | -93,868               |
| Other financial result        | -613                   | 61                    |
| Financial result              | -72,934                | -78,717               |

\* Prior-year figures have been restated due to changes in presentation.

Interest income includes interest from customers of EUR 9,649k (comparative period: EUR 12,018k).

Interest expenses include EUR 18,433k (comparative period: EUR 0) in connection with the premature amortisation of transaction costs in conjunction with the refinancing.

In order to improve the presentation of the components of financial result, currency effects and changes in the fair value of derivative financial instruments that were used to hedge interest rate and currency risks but do not meet the criteria for hedge accounting are disclosed in the other financial result. The comparative figures were restated accordingly. The other financial result includes exchange rate gains of EUR 49,830k (comparative period: EUR 72,274k) and exchange rate losses of EUR 36,276k (comparative period: EUR 60,293k). Changes in the market value of deriva-tives gave rise to income of EUR 30,002k (comparative period: EUR 23,394k) and expenses of EUR 43,452k (comparative period: EUR 34,314k).

# Other assets and other liabilities

| EUR k                            | 31 Jan 2012 | 31 Jul 2012 |
|----------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Prepayments                      | 37,492      | 40,402      |
| Tax claims – VAT and other taxes | 9,574       | 21,633      |
| Sundry assets                    | 33,784      | 44,005      |
| Other assets                     | 80,850      | 106,040     |

| EUR k   | 31 Jan 2012 | 31 Jul 2012 |
|---|-------------|-------------|
| VAT and other tax liabilities                           | 93,827      | 68,731      |
| Personnel liabilities                                   | 106,670     | 106,275     |
| Liabilities relating to social security/similar charges | 17,499      | 17,836      |
| Prepayments received on account                         | 9,805       | 9,526       |
| Sundry liabilities                                      | 50,313      | 55,738      |
| Other liabilities                                       | 278,114     | 258,106     |

# Other financial assets and other financial liabilities

The table below presents the non-current financial assets:

| EUR k                                    | 31 Jan 2012 | 31 Jul 2012 |
|--|-------------|-------------|
| Available-for-sale financial assets      | 42,402      | 42,165      |
| Loans to and receivables from associates | 8,490       | 7,791       |
| Other loans                              | 12,516      | 11,609      |
| Other non-current financial assets       | 842         | 854         |
|  | 64,250      | 62,419      |

The table below presents the current financial assets:

| EUR k   | 31 Jan 2012 | 31 Jul 2012 |
|---|-------------|-------------|
| Trade receivables   | 2,533,903   | 2,402,754   |
| Other financial assets                                      |             |             |
| Held-to-maturity financial assets                           | 59          | 58          |
| Available-for-sale financial assets                         | 35          | 0           |
| Loans to and receivables from associates or related parties | 3,191       | 2,976       |
| Other loans   | 38,675      | 41,484      |
| Derivative financial instruments                            | 1,006       | 1,132       |
| Other current financial assets                              | 105,928     | 126,415     |
|   | 148,894     | 172,065     |

The receivables from factoring and ABS transactions as of 31 July 2012 are presented below:

| EUR k  | 31 Jan 2012 | 31 Jul 2012 |
|--|-------------|-------------|
| Receivables not derecognised in accordance with IAS 39 |             |             |
| Volume of receivables                                  | 244,766     | 244,500     |
| Financial liability                                    | 247,854     | 199,183     |
| Receivables derecognised in accordance with IAS 39     |             |             |
| Volume of receivables                                  | 74,760      | 79,856      |
| Continuing involvement                                 |             |             |
| Volume of receivables                                  | 265,331     | 300,589     |
| Continuing involvement                                 | 17,430      | 22,784      |
| Financial liability                                    | 18,370      | 23,880      |
| Retentions   | 36,305      | 53,426      |

#### At the reporting date financial liabilities were split between non-current and current liabilities as follows:

| EUR k                               | 31 Jan 2012 | 31 Jul 2012 |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Financial liabilities (non-current) |             |             |
| Liabilities to banks                | 651,758     | 298,656     |
| Bonds                               | 482,369     | 485,065     |
| Loans                               | 575         | 551         |
| Supplementary partner contribution  | 123,766     | 123,766     |
| Other financial liabilities         | 26,685      | 27,304      |
|                                     | 1,285,153   | 935,342     |

| EUR k   | 31 Jan 2012 | 31 Jul 2012 |
|---|-------------|-------------|
| Financial liabilities (current)                             |             |             |
| Liabilities to banks  | 260,850     | 572,922     |
| Loans   | 110,518     | 108,856     |
| Liabilities to associates and related parties               | 45,619      | 40,859      |
| Liabilities and provisions for customer rebates and bonuses | 21,209      | 22,667      |
| ABS and factoring liabilities and payables                  | 266,224     | 223,063     |
| Other financial liabilities                                 | 46,803      | 44,226      |
|   | 751,223     | 1,012,593   |

Under the refinancing taken place in June 2012, the PHOENIX group signed a EUR 1.35bn syndicated facilities agreement. The long-term tranche of the facility agreement with a nominal amount of EUR 300,000k and a term of four years is presented within non-current liabilities to banks. Moreover, the PHOENIX group has access to a EUR 1,050,000k revolving credit facility with a term of five years.

In connection with the loan agreements, it was agreed to comply with certain financial covenants, all of which were comfortably met in the first half year of 2012/13.

Other financial liabilities (non-current) contain non-current derivative financial instruments of EUR 1,567k (31 January 2012: EUR 849k).

Liabilities to associates and related parties include current loan liabilities to partners of EUR 40,327k (31 January 2012: EUR 45,185k), resulting mainly from interest on the supplementary partner contribution.

Other financial liabilities (current) contain current derivative financial instruments of EUR 6,933k (31 January 2012: EUR 7,434k).

#### **Commitments and contingent liabilities**

Compared to 31 January 2012, commitments increased by EUR 10,752k to EUR 504,183k. This mainly reflects the changes in volumes of goods ordered.

PHOENIX recorded contingent liabilities for warranties of EUR 123,844k (31 January 2012: EUR 121,807k).

# Notes to the statement of cash flows

| EUR k  | 31 Jan 2012 | 31 Jul 2012 |
|--|-------------|-------------|
| Restricted cash                                      |             |             |
| Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the period   | 334,846     | 109,772     |
| Thereof restricted:                                  |             |             |
| Due to security deposits                             | 5,109       | 9,035       |
| Due to restrictions placed upon foreign subsidiaries | 11,185      | 8,823       |

# **Related party disclosures**

The business relationships with related parties presented in the consolidated financial statements as of 31 January 2012 remained essentially unchanged in the first quarter of 2012/13.

Mannheim, 13 September 2012

Management of the unlimited partner PHOENIX Verwaltungs GmbH

# Financial calendar 2012/2013

| 27 <sup>th</sup> June 2012      | Quarterly Report February to April 2012   |
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