

SWORD Group News Release

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Madam, Sir,

For several weeks now, we have been asked for information relating to Sword's falling share price.

Without giving out confidential information, we can however confirm the following in respect to the Sword Group:

- 1) 2007 profitability should be in line with that published on 30/9/07
- 2) 2007 internal growth remained constant over 4Q07
- 3) The order book continues to grow at a rate slightly above that of our organic growth
- 4) Our fixed objectives (organic growth and profitability) have already been surpassed, with both targets upped to 16% for future years.
- 5) The Group has the financial means in terms of cash, to accomplish its acquisition ambitions

All of the above factors totally convince me that Sword will achieve its 2007-2010 business plan.

Regarding operational risks for the Group, the only risk over which we have no control is the evolution of Sterling vs. the Euro, which merely exerts a translational impact on volumes (revenues) and not on our profitability, given we produce in the same currencies as those we sell in.

In conclusion, I would like to take this opportunity to point out:

- The irrational selling of stock which we have witnessed, is in my opinion, merely a temporary phenomenon
- We will be taking full advantage of current stock market turbulence to make cheaper acquisitions, thereby boosting our growth prospects
- The strong Euro will help us to lower our acquisition budget

I remain at your disposal for any additional information.

Very best regards

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