

Press Release

Preliminary information on the financial year 2009

Belimed holds up well in difficult market

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Belimed, a leading global company in the cleaning, disinfection and sterilization sector with headquarters in Switzerland, achieved a consolidated turnover of CHF 186.1 million for the financial year 2009 and performed well despite a difficult market. Turnover dropped by 4% compared to the previous year; organically and in local currencies by 6%. The global economic crisis mainly impacted eastern European markets and parts of Asia, leading to a drop in sales in these geographical markets.

Whereas a number of local subsidiaries performed well in extremely competitive markets and increased their sales (USA, several western European markets, China), the economic crisis had a negative effect on investments by customers, mainly in the eastern European markets (incl. Russia) as well as the Middle East and led to a drop in turnover. Again, the strong Swiss franc had a dampening effect on sales. Belimed generates 90% (previous year 89%) of its sales in exports.

Turnover in the customer service sector increased significantly by double digits, partly due to the acquisition of Sanamij in the middle of 2009 and the taking over of the service and spare parts business of BHT in Germany. However, the business areas Pharma and Medical posted a decline in sales. A number of major projects were postponed in the Medical segment due to customers' financial restraints.

Outlook

Assessments as to the future economic development remain shrouded in uncertainty. Based on the high volume of existing orders and the broad geographical presence of the group, the management of Belimed AG is confident of returning to renewed growth in 2010.

About Belimed

Belimed Group is active worldwide in the field of infection control and has its headquarters in CH-6300 Zug, Switzerland. The Belimed companies develop, manufacture and market specialized equipment and services that are required for the reprocessing of medical instruments and for the research and production of pharmaceutical products. Belimed washer disinfectors and sterilizers are mainly used in hospitals and in the pharmaceutical and biotech industry. The Belimed Group counts over 900 employees. With a total of 12 Belimed companies throughout Europe, North America and Asia, and many authorised partners, Belimed is represented worldwide by a strong network in over 50 countries. Further information on Belimed products and services is available at www.belimed.com.

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