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## **DOTTIKON ES – Delays Affect Result**

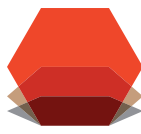
Dottikon, Switzerland, November 16, 2012 – DOTTIKON ES Group, positioned as strategic development and manufacturing partner and specialized in the exclusive synthesis of fine chemicals using hazardous reactions, closed its first business half-year 2012/13 on September 30.

Net sales increased year-on-year, whereas production output – net sales plus inventory changes in semi-finished and finished goods – decreased, due to unexpected delays in projects and products in the growth or mature stage. Front-loading effects in the broadening of the project pipeline and product range resulted in a net loss in the reporting period. Detailed reporting on the first business half-year 2012/13 will be published as announced with the presentation of the Half-Year Report 2012/13 on November 30, 2012.

Despite evidence of slightly improved business dynamics in the current second business half-year, DOTTIKON ES is expecting – in the environment of the slowing global economy – a further increase in net sales but a delayed return back to profitability for the whole business year 2012/13.

DOTTIKON ES, with its production site in Dottikon (Aargau, Switzerland), is specialized in hazardous chemical reactions and is positioning itself as strategic development and manufacturing partner. Its safety culture created over the last 100 years is utilized to innovatively use hazardous reactions, low-temperature and high-pressure chemistry, as well as continuous processing, to question, tighten or shorten conventional chemical synthesis routes, improve yields, selectivity, and purity, as well as to reduce waste.

DOTTIKON ES employs its versatile technology and equipment portfolio to design, develop, and continuously improve chemical processes, scale up from kilograms to multi-tons, as well as to manufacture high-quality performance chemicals, intermediates, and exclusive active pharmaceutical ingredients (APIs) for the world's leading chemical and pharmaceutical companies. The one-site strategy of DOTTIKON ES allows short decision and communication pathways. This ensures quick and efficient project development as well as clear and transparent communication with the customers.



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