

Press release – Hinwil, March 16, 2009, 7.00 a.m.

Media information on Belimo Group results for the financial year 2008

Belimo enjoys continued growth and increased profitability

The Belimo Group, a global leader in electrical actuators and valves for heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems, can look back on a successful year in 2008. Despite the known economic uncertainties and the deterioration in the construction industry in some countries, steady growth was achieved in all three market regions. At the same time, profitability was further increased.

Net sales in Swiss francs rose by 8.6 percent to CHF 403.8 million. Operating income (EBIT) rose to CHF 64.5 million, increasing the operating profit margin to 16.0 percent (previous year 15.5 percent). Negative currency movements meant only a slight increase in net income of 0.1 percent to CHF 46.1 million. Earnings per share rose by 3.8 percent to CHF 75.88 (previous year CHF 73.08), mainly due to the reduction in capital by 35'000 shares following the share buyback program the previous year. Return on equity (ROE) was 32.3 percent (previous year 31.1 percent), and the return on invested capital (ROIC) amounted to 28.2 percent.

Cash flow from operating activities rose significantly by 28.3 percent to CHF 60.6 million. Free cash flow was CHF 46.4 million in the financial year 2008 (previous year CHF 33.5 million).

The Board of Directors will propose a dividend of CHF 40.00 per share to the Annual General Meeting on April 27, 2009.

Growth in all regions

Belimo succeeded in increasing its market share and in some regions even recorded stronger growth than the market as a whole. The economic environment in the European markets was largely favorable. Construction activity in Central, Northern and Eastern Europe was good, and in the Middle East nothing short of euphoric. The Americas, too, posted a rise in sales in both application sectors. Growth in water applications was twice that in air applications. The trend in the countries of Central America fell short of expectations. In the Asia/Pacific region the greatest growth was achieved in India and Japan, but South-East Asia and Australia also recorded pleasing growth. In China, it proved impossible to match the growth rates of the previous year and to meet the high expectations due to the market slowdown.

Net sales by region

<i>in CHF 1'000</i>	2008	%	2007	%
Europe	237'840	59	206'150	56
Americas	136'598	34	139'047	37
Asia/Pacific	29'319	7	26'623	7
Total	403'757	100	371'820	100

Net sales in local currencies rose by 14.7 percent, with Europe contributing 18.0 percent, the Americas 8.9 percent and Asia/Pacific 19.8 percent to the growth.

Net sales by application sector

in CHF 1'000

	2008	%	2007	%
Air applications	265'843	66	248'407	67
Water applications	137'914	34	123'413	33
Total	403'757	100	371'820	100

Air and water applications rose by 12.5 and 19.1 percent respectively in local currencies.

Innovation

Issues such as energy-saving, sustainability and safety are reinforcing the trend towards innovative sophisticated solutions and shaping the development of a wide range of standards in fire protection and certification for buildings. These requirements, some of them new, are encouraging customized innovation and opening up numerous fields in which Belimo can deliver customer-oriented solutions. For example, the recent launch of the CM, the world's flattest air damper actuator, was well received by the market.

Production, customizing and logistics

At the Hinwil site, individual production cells, customizing and configuration were relocated to optimize the flow of goods. The Danbury site was reorganized to achieve better capacity utilization despite the tight space available. The production lines were standardized and rearranged.

Outlook 2009

The Belimo Group intends to continue to invest in research and development at the same high level in 2009, and to supplement the product range with further ground-breaking application solutions. On the whole, the Belimo Group anticipates that it will not be able to maintain its high growth rate to date. However, because of its international orientation and the great importance of the renovations business, Belimo remains confident. The goal is to continue to generate a strong EBIT margin.

Key figures of the Belimo Group for the 2008 financial year

<i>in CHF 1'000 (unless indicated otherwise)</i>	2008	2007	Change in %
Net sales	403'757	371'820	8.6%
Operating income (EBIT) as a percentage of net sales	64'543 16.0%	57'477 15.5%	12.3%
Net income as a percentage of net sales	46'148 11.4%	46'090 12.4%	0.1%
Cash flow from operating activities as a percentage of net sales	60'632 15.0%	47'246 12.7%	28.3%
Free cash flow as a percentage of net sales	46'447 11.5%	33'522 9.0%	38.6%
Earnings per share in CHF	75.88	73.08	3.8%
Dividend per share in CHF	*40	45	-11.1%
Capital expenditure	11'079	13'963	-20.7%
Research and development expenses as a percentage of net sales	23'502 5.8%	22'507 6.1%	4.4%
Employees (FTEs, average)	1'047	970	7.9%

* Proposed to the Annual General Meeting on April 27, 2009

The Belimo Group is a leading global manufacturer of innovative electrical actuator solutions in heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems. The Group achieved sales of CHF 404 million in 2008 and employs more than 1,100 people. Information regarding the Company and its products is available on the internet at www.belimo.com.

The shares of BELIMO Holding AG have been traded on SIX Swiss Exchange since 1995 (BEAN).

There will be a media information session on the 2008 financial statements and a presentation for analysts in the WIDDER HOTEL in Zurich today, starting at 10:30 a.m.

Contact Beat Trutmann, CFO Tel. +41 (0)43 843 62 65

Diary dates

Annual General Meeting	April 27, 2009
Semiannual results and shareholder letter	August 2009
Publication of preliminary results for 2009	February 2010
Year-end media briefing session	March 8, 2010
Annual General Meeting	March 29, 2010