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Südzucker confirms full-year guidance after a good start

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Südzucker AG Mannheim/Ochsenfurt, Mannheim, raised group revenues within the first half year (1 March 2010 to 31 August 2010) of current financial year 2010/11 by around 5 percent from 2,935 million Euro to 3,068 million Euro. Group operating profit increased by around 103 million Euro or 57 percent from 179 to 282 million Euro. All segments contributed to this earnings improvement.

For total financial year 2010/11 Südzucker now expects a slight increase of group revenues to around 5.8 (previous year: 5.7) billion Euro and a hike of group operating profit to a level of more than 450 (previous year: 403) million Euro. The boost in earnings will be driven predominantly by the segments sugar and CropEnergies.

The full interim report for the first half year 2010/11 will be published on 14 October 2010.

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The Südzucker Group

Südzucker, with its sugar, special products, CropEnergies and fruit segments, is one of the leading companies in the food industry. In the traditional sugar business, the group is the world market leader, with 29 sugar factories and three refineries, extending from France in the west via Belgium, Germany and Austria, through to Poland, the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Romania, Hungary, Bosnia and Moldova in the east. The special products segment, consisting of the functional food (BENEO Group), starch, chilled/frozen products (Freiberger) and portion packs businesses, is an important growth driver. The CropEnergies segment covers the bioethanol activities in Germany, Belgium and France. In the fruit segment, the group operates internationally, is the world market leader for fruit preparations and is a leading supplier of fruit juice concentrates in Europe.

In 2009/10, the group employed 17,500 persons and generated revenues of € 5.7 billion euro.