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### **Südzucker with increased full year outlook following strong first quarter 2011/12**

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Südzucker AG Mannheim/Ochsenfurt, Mannheim, raised group revenues within the first three months (1 March 2011 to 31 May 2011) of current financial year 2011/12 by around 7 percent from EUR 1,533 million to EUR 1,639 million. Group operating profit increased by around EUR 35 million or 24 percent to EUR 184 (previous year: 149) million. The sugar, CropEnergies and fruit segments contributed to this earnings improvement.

For total financial year 2011/12 Südzucker now expects an increase of group revenues to around EUR 6.5 (previous year: 6.2) billion and a group operating profit of more than EUR 600 (previous year: 519) million. The boost in earnings will be driven by the CropEnergies and fruit segments, but predominantly by the sugar segment.

The full interim report for the first three months 2011/12 will be published on 14 July 2011.

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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 (BENEÓ), chilled/frozen products (Freiberger), portion packs and starch 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 2010/11, the group employed 17,700 persons and generated revenues of EUR 6.2 billion.