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Südzucker raises outlook for financial year 2011/12

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Südzucker AG Mannheim/Ochsenfurt, Mannheim, raises the outlook for current financial year 2011/12 due to a better than expected business performance in the months September and October 2011.

Südzucker now projects an increase of group revenues to around EUR 6.8 (previous year: 6.2) billion and an increase of group operating profit to around EUR 750 (previous year: 519) million. The increase of projections is being driven predominantly by the sugar segment, which currently benefits within the European sugar market from volatile world market prices.

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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 (BNEO), 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.