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Südzucker with strong third quarter 2011/12

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Südzucker AG Mannheim/Ochsenfurt, Mannheim, raised group revenues within the first nine months (1 March 2011 to 30 November 2011) of current financial year 2011/12 by around 12 percent from EUR 4,667 million to EUR 5,244 million. Group operating profit increased by around EUR 170 million or 41 percent to EUR 586 (previous year: 416) million. This earnings improvement is mainly driven by the sugar segment.

For financial year 2011/12 Südzucker still 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 full interim report for the first nine months 2011/12 will be published on 12 January 2012.

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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.

Group figures as of November 30, 2011:

€ million	3rd quarter			1st - 3rd quarter		
	2011/12	2010/11	+/- in %	2011/12	2010/11	+/- in %
Revenues	1.906	1.599	19	5.244	4.667	12
Operating Profit	238	134	78	586	416	41
Operating margin	12,5%	8,4%		11,2%	8,9%	