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### **Südzucker with strong first quarter 2012/13**

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Südzucker AG Mannheim/Ochsenfurt, Mannheim, raised group revenues within the first three months (1 March 2012 to 31 May 2012) of current financial year 2012/13 from EUR 1,639 million to EUR 1,887 million. Group operating profit increased to EUR 263 million from EUR 184 million. This earnings improvement is mainly driven by the sugar segment. Additionally, there is a positive high double digit million impact on net profit for this period due to a successful progress of a financial court proceeding leading to an extraordinary tax income.

For financial year 2012/13 Südzucker still projects an increase of group revenues above EUR 7.0 (previous year: 7.0) billion and an increase of group operating profit above EUR 800 (previous year: 751) million.

The full interim report for the first three months 2012/13 will be published on 12 July 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 (BENE0), 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 2011/12, the group employed 17,500 persons and generated revenues of about EUR 7 billion.

### Group figures as of 31 May 2012:

€ million	1st quarter		
	2012/13	2011/12	+/- in %
Revenues	1.887	1.639	+ 15
Operating profit	263	184	+ 43
Operating margin	13,9 %	11,2 %	