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Südzucker adapts forecast for financial year 2013/14

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Südzucker AG Mannheim/Ochsenfurt, Mannheim, now expects for financial year 2013/14 group revenues of about EUR 7.6 (previous year: 7.9) billion and a stronger than expected decrease in group operating profit to about EUR 650 (previous year: 974) million. The adaption of the forecast is based upon the marketing result of sugar produced in campaign 2013 missing the expectations and a further decline in business development since the end of the first half year 2013/14. Against this background Südzucker also expects group operating profit for the third quarter of the current financial year 2013/14 to come in significantly below previous year's level.

In spite of the reduced earnings expectation for financial year 2013/14 Südzuckers cash flow strength – with high investments into the growth of Südzucker Group at the same time – will lead to a further reduction of net financial debt to a level of EUR 300 to 400 (previous year: 464) million.

The annualized effect out of the reduced sugar marketing result and the higher fix costs following the lower sugar production volume of sugar campaign 2013 will burden operating result of segment sugar in financial year 2014/15.

The interim report for the first three quarters of 2013/14 will be published on 13 January 2014.

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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 (PortionPack Europe) and starch businesses, is an important growth driver. The CropEnergies segment covers the bioethanol activities in Germany, Belgium, France and the UK. 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 2012/13, the group employed 17,940 persons and generated revenues of about EUR 7.9 billion.