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Interim Report for the period 1 October 2007 - 31 March 2008

Today, the Board of Directors of Per Aarsleff A/S has discussed and approved the Interim Report for the first six months of the financial year 2007/2008. The Interim Report has not been audited or reviewed by the company's auditors.

Results of the first six months:

- The interim results came to DKK 149 million and are significantly above expectations. The positive performance can be attributed to an optimised cooperation between departments and subsidiaries in Denmark and abroad, a mild winter as well as generally improved planning, and risk and project management. Furthermore, some one-off contracts have progressed exceptionally well.
- Consolidated revenue reached DKK 2,486 million.
- Construction contributes with a profit before interest of DKK 88 million.
- Pipe Technologies contributes with a profit before interest of DKK 19 million.
- Piling contributes with a profit before interest of DKK 51 million.
- Cash flows from operating activities with deduction of investments constitute DKK 141 million.

Outlook for the financial year 2007/2008:

- For the financial year 2007/2008, the outlook for a profit before tax is DKK 250 million against DKK 190 million as previously announced.

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Chairman of the Board

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General Manager

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Highlights and financial ratios for the Group

Amount in DKK million	January quarter		First six months		Year
	2007/2008	2006/2007	2007/2008	2006/2007	2006/2007
Income statement					
Revenue	1,187	988	2,486	2,106	4,289
Of this figure, work performed abroad	319	363	736	781	1,556
Operating profit	58	32	151	87	176
Profit before interest	60	32	158	91	186
Financials, net	-3	-4	-9	-10	1
Profit before tax	57	28	149	81	187
Profit after tax	43	15	112	54	148
Balance sheet					
Long-term assets			1,100	1,015	1,060
Short-term assets			1,713	1,378	1,667
Total assets			2,813	2,393	2,727
Equity			1,152	956	1,050
Non-current liabilities			402	336	363
Current liabilities			1,259	1,101	1,314
Total equity and liabilities			2,813	2,393	2,727
Cash flow statement					
Cash flow from operating activities	71	144	243	209	240
Cash flow from investing activities	-47	-46	-102	-71	-172
Of this figure, investment in property, plant and equipment, net	-49	-45	-105	-71	-167
Cash flow from financing activities	-10	-10	-3	-10	-12
Change in liquidity for the period	14	88	137	128	56
Financial ratios					
Gross margin ratio, %	13.7	12.1	14.8	12.8	12.7
Profit margin (EBIT), %	5.1	3.2	6.1	4.1	4.1
Operating margin (before tax), %	4.8	2.9	6.0	3.8	4.4
Return on invested capital (ROIC), %			11.0	6.9	13.1
Return on equity (ROE), %			10.2	5.8	15.1
Equity interest, %			41.0	40.0	38.5
Earnings per share (EPS), DKK	20.7	7.3	54.1	26.2	71.5
Number of employees			3,012	2,819	2,839

Financial ratios for the Group have been calculated in accordance with the "Recommendations and financial ratios of the Danish Society of Investment Professionals 2005". Please see page 53 of the Annual Report 2006/2007 for financial ratio definitions.



Management's review concerning the first six months of the financial year 2007/2008

Financial development of the Aarsleff Group

Income statement

The Group's revenue for the first six months of the financial year grew by DKK 380 million from DKK 2,106 million to DKK 2,486 million. The increase is attributable to Construction with DKK 251 million, Pipe Technologies with DKK 73 million and Piling with DKK 56 million, respectively. Revenue growth constitutes a total of 18%.

Administrative expenses and selling costs increased by DKK 32.7 million to DKK 216.6 million or by 17.8%.

Operating profit increased by DKK 64.5 million from DKK 86.6 million to DKK 151.1 million or by 74.5%.

The profit from associates has improved by DKK 2.7 million. Financials, net have decreased by DKK 0.7 million to DKK 9 million.

As such, the profit before tax is DKK 148.6 million against DKK 80.6 million for the same period last year, an improvement of DKK 68 million.

Balance sheet

The consolidated balance sheet total amounts to DKK 2,813 million at 31 March 2008. This corresponds to an increase of DKK 86 million compared to the balance sheet total of DKK 2,727 million at 30 September 2007.

In the asset side, the change is primarily attributable to increases in long-term assets of DKK 40 million and to inventories of DKK 34 million. Work in progress has increased by DKK 34 million, and contracting debtors and other accounts receivable have decreased by DKK 60 million. Cash increased by DKK 38 million.

The consolidated interest-bearing debt minus interest-bearing assets has decreased by DKK 131 million from DKK 335 million to DKK 204 million. In addition, current liabilities have increased by DKK 43 million.

Equity amounts to DKK 1,152 million against DKK 1,050 million at the beginning of the financial year.

Acquisitions of property, plant and equipment in the first six months of 2007/2008 amount to DKK 105 million at 31 March 2008. The acquisitions primarily consist of investments in equipment.

Cash flow statement

Cash flows from operating activities amount to DKK 243 million against DKK 209 million in the same period last financial year.

Cash flows from investing activities constitute DKK 102 million against DKK 71 million last financial year.

Cash flows from financing activities constitute a negative amount of DKK 3 million against a negative amount of DKK 11 million in the same period last financial year.



Segment results

The following table shows the three business areas of the Group: Construction, Pipe Technologies and Piling. The information in the table comprises the divisions of the Parent Company, all subsidiaries and shares of joint ventures. Associates are shown separately.

All directly attributable income and expenditure have been allocated to the respective business areas. As the areas are supported by staff and joint functions in the Parent Company, comprising group management, administration, Project Development & Design and IT support, the costs connected to these functions have been allocated to the areas on the basis of their drain on the staff and joint functions.

	Construction		Pipe Technologies		Piling		Total	
	First six months		First six months		First six months		First six months	
Amount in DKK million	2007/2008	2006/2007	2007/2008	2006/2007	2007/2008	2006/2007	2007/2008	2006/2007
Revenue	1,563	1,312	438	365	485	429	2,486	2,106
Of this figure, work performed abroad	221	286	248	197	267	298	736	781
Operating profit	88	34	12	4	51	49	151	87
Profit on associates	0	0	7	4	0	0	7	4
Profit before interest	88	34	19	8	51	49	158	91
Financials, net							-9	-10
Profit before tax							149	81
Number of employees	1,862	1,789	528	470	622	560	3,012	2,819

Construction – high activity and good development of the operating margins

Revenue for the first six months came to DKK 1,563 million against DKK 1,312 million last financial year. The activity in Denmark has increased more than expected at the beginning of the year.

The profit came to DKK 88 million against DKK 34 million last financial year and exceeds expectations. The high level of activity, selective order intake and the favourable winter weather as well as improved contract management are contributing factors to the profit.

The profits of the subsidiaries Wicotec A/S, Petri & Haugsted as and Dan Jord A/S are better than forecasted.

For the financial year as a whole, Construction now expects a profit before interest of 4.5% against 3.5% as previously expected as well as a higher activity compared to last financial year.

Pipe Technologies – slightly varying level of activity in the municipal sector in Denmark

Revenue for the first six months came to DKK 438 million against DKK 365 million last financial year. Revenue from activities abroad constituted DKK 248 million against DKK 197 million last financial year.

The profit came to DKK 19 million against DKK 8 million last financial year and is slightly above expectations.

The profit of the second quarter of the financial year is negatively influenced by the decrease in the level of activity within sewer renewal projects of the municipal sector in Denmark as compared to the first quarter.

One-off water treatment projects in Eastern Europe have influenced the profit positively, and the total profit of the subsidiaries for the first six months is above expectations at the beginning of the financial year.

For the financial year as a whole, Pipe Technologies still expects a profit before interest of 3.5% of revenue. In general, Pipe Technologies expects a slightly higher level of activity for the financial year as a whole compared to last financial year, depending on the development in the demand of the municipal sector in Denmark.



The lawsuit brought by Insituform Technologies, Inc. (ITI) has now been scheduled for 16 June 2008, and ITI's claims have preliminarily been calculated at USD 29 million. The size of the claim and the information that has appeared during the preparation of the case until now do not give rise to change the provisions already made.

Piling – profit above expectations

Revenue for the first six months came to DKK 485 million against DKK 429 million last financial year. In Denmark, revenue reached DKK 218 million against DKK 131 million last financial year.

The profit came to DKK 51 million against DKK 49 million last financial year and is better than expected at the beginning of the financial year.

The total results of the subsidiaries for the first six months are better than expected at the beginning of the financial year.

For the financial year as a whole, Piling now forecasts a profit before interest of approx. 9% of revenue against 8% as previously expected. The level of activity is expected to be higher than last financial year.

Outlook for the financial year 2007/2008

In the first quarter, the expectations to the annual results were adjusted upwards from DKK 170 million to DKK 190 million. Our expectations to the annual results are now DKK 250 million. We are still a little uncertain with regard to a possible stagnation of the infrastructure development as a consequence of the credit crisis.

The total level of activity is expected to be higher than last financial year.

Investments are now expected to amount to DKK 350 million.

Accounting policies

The Interim Report covering the first six months of the financial year 2007/2008 has been prepared in accordance with IAS 34 "Interim Financial Reporting" and additional Danish disclosure requirements for interim reports of listed companies.

No interim report has been prepared for the Parent Company.

This Interim Report is the first interim report prepared in accordance with IAS 34 which has resulted in a more detailed presentation of some information compared to previous interim reports.

The accounting policies of the Interim Report remain unchanged from the 2006/2007 Annual Report which has been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) as adopted by the EU and additional Danish disclosure requirements for annual reports of listed companies. Please refer to the 2006/2007 Annual Report for a further description of the accounting policies.

Certain new or changed standards or interpretations have become effective for the financial year 2007/2008. It is the Management's view that these standards and interpretations will have no significant effect on the Annual Report.

The Interim Report is presented in Danish kroner (DKK) which is the functional currency for the Parent Company.

Dividends distributed

In the first six months of the financial year 2007/2008, an ordinary dividend of DKK 4.80 per share was distributed, corresponding to DKK 10.9 million. The dividend of treasury shares amounts to DKK 0.9 million.

Acquisitions

The Group has acquisitioned 100% of the shares in the contracting company Brødrene Hedegaard A/S in Dragør and the pile factory CentrumPåle AB in Sweden. As the companies have been acquisitioned very close to the announcement of the Interim Report, the acquisition cost allocations are being prepared.



Statement by the Board of Directors and the Executive Management

Today, the Board of Directors and the Executive Management have discussed and approved the Interim Report of Per Aarsleff A/S for the period 1 October 2007 to 31 March 2008.

The Interim Report is prepared in accordance with IAS 34 "Interim Financial Reporting" and additional Danish disclosure requirements for interim reports of listed companies.

The Interim Report has not been audited or reviewed by the company's auditors.

We consider the accounting policies used to be appropriate. Accordingly, the Interim Report gives a true and fair view of the financial position of the Group at 31 March 2008 as well as of the financial results of the Group's operations and cash flows in the period 1 October 2007 to 31 March 2008.

Therefore, in our opinion, the Management's review gives a true and fair view of the development of the activities of the Group, financial standing, results of operation for the period and financial standing in general and provides a description of the principal risks and uncertainties that the Group is facing.

Aabyhøj, 23 May 2008

Executive Management

Ebbe Malte Iversen
General Manager

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Board of Directors

Palle Svejstrup
Chairman of the Board

Niels S. Møller

Jens Bigum

Carsten Fode

Leif Endersen
Elected by the employees

Dan Bentzen
Elected by the employees



Consolidated income statement

Amount in DKK '000	January quarter		First six months	
	2007/2008	2006/2007	2007/2008	2006/2007
Revenue	1,187,260	987,950	2,485,923	2,105,634
Production costs	-1,025,584	-867,815	-2,117,883	-1,835,617
Gross profit	161,676	120,135	368,040	270,017
Administrative expenses and selling costs	-104,350	-88,687	-216,636	-183,882
Other operating income and expenses	-770	360	-315	438
Operating profit	56,556	31,808	151,089	86,573
Share of profit after tax in associates	3,666	-256	6,459	3,741
Profit before interest	60,222	31,552	157,548	90,314
Financials, net	-3,669	-4,148	-8,991	-9,732
Profit before tax	56,553	27,404	148,557	80,582
Tax on the profit for the period	-13,748	-12,386	-36,562	-26,347
Profit after tax	42,805	15,018	111,995	54,235

The profit for the year accrues in full to the shareholders of Per Aarsleff A/S.

Earnings per share (DKK)	20.7	7.3	54.1	26.2
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Consolidated balance sheet

Amount in DKK '000	31/3 2008	30/9 2007	31/3 2007
Assets			
Intangible assets	50,596	51,582	42,422
Property, plant and equipment	946,094	908,425	879,784
Other long-term assets	103,377	99,934	92,448
Long-term assets	1,100,067	1,059,941	1,014,654
Inventories	165,660	131,213	121,631
Contracting debtors	1,006,991	1,072,577	765,946
Work in progress	230,590	197,100	288,238
Other accounts receivable	70,015	64,484	83,659
Cash	239,341	201,248	119,127
Short-term assets	1,712,597	1,666,622	1,378,601
Total assets	2,812,664	2,726,563	2,393,255
Equity and liabilities			
Equity	1,152,168	1,049,979	956,289
Mortgage debt and credit institutions	179,020	172,444	173,593
Other debt and provisions	86,111	85,043	42,856
Deferred tax	136,556	105,043	119,179
Non-current liabilities	401,687	362,530	335,628
Credit institutions	262,706	363,273	207,813
Work in progress	267,776	187,944	274,806
Trade payables	464,385	492,603	372,380
Other debt	263,942	270,234	246,339
Current liabilities	1,258,809	1,314,054	1,101,338
Total liabilities	1,660,496	1,676,584	1,436,966
Total equity and liabilities	2,812,664	2,726,563	2,393,255



Consolidated cash flow statement

Amount in DKK '000	First six months	
	2007/2008	2006/2007
Cash flow from operating activities		
Profit before interest	157,548	90,314
Depreciation, amortisation and impairment loss	68,907	70,970
Other adjustments	44,286	70,240
Financials, net	-8,991	-9,732
Corporation tax paid	-18,793	-12,324
Cash flows from operating activities	242,957	209,468
Cash flow from investing activities		
Net investments in subsidiaries	2,222	0
Net investments in property, plant and equipment and intangible assets	-104,769	-72,005
Net investments in other non-current assets	129	794
Cash flow from investing activities	-102,418	-71,211
Cash flow from financing activities		
Non-current liabilities	6,566	-606
Dividend paid	-9,930	-9,932
Cash flow from financing activities	-3,364	-10,538
Change in liquidity for the period	137,175	127,719
Opening liquidity	-160,540	-216,405
Change in liquidity for the period	137,175	127,719
Closing liquidity	-23,365	-88,686



Statement of changes in equity

Amount in DKK '000	Share capital		Reserve for foreign currency translation	Hedging reserve	Deferred income	Proposed dividend	In total
	A shares	B shares	adjustment				
Equity at 1 October 2006	2,700	42,600	4,432	7	851,529	10,872	912,140
Change in equity							
first six months 2006/2007 in total							
Foreign currency translation adjustment of foreign companies			-147				-147
Translation adjustment concerning derivative financial instruments				-7			-7
Net gain/loss recognised directly in equity	0	0	-147	-7	0	0	-154
Profit for the period					54,235		54,235
Total comprehensive income	0	0	-147	-7	54,235	0	54,081
Dividend paid						-10,872	-10,872
Dividend, treasury shares					940		940
Total change in equity first six months 2006/2007	0	0	-147	-7	55,175	-10,872	44,149
Equity at 31 March 2007	2,700	42,600	4,285	0	906,704	0	956,289
Equity at 1 October 2007	2,700	42,600	4,565	-393	989,635	10,872	1,049,979
Change in equity							
first six months 2007/2008							
Foreign currency translation adjustment of foreign companies			-787				-787
Translation adjustment concerning derivative financial instruments				911			911
Net gain/loss recognised directly in equity	0	0	-787	911	0	0	124
Profit for the period					111,995		111,995
Total comprehensive income	0	0	-787	911	111,995	0	112,119
Dividend paid						-10,872	-10,872
Dividend, treasury shares					942		942
Total change in equity First six months 2007/2008	0	0	-787	911	112,937	-10,872	102,189
Equity at 31 March 2008	2,700	42,600	3,778	518	1,102,572	0	1,152,168