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Interim Report Q1 2021

FIRST SENSOR AG, BERLIN



TO OUR SHARFHOLDERS

Dear shareholders and business partners,

Unlike the first quarter of last year, business in the first three months of 2021 was dominated by the coronavirus pandemic. However, the €4.9 million decline in sales to €33.9 million largely reflects changes to the Group structure in the last financial year and was therefore expected. A shortage of chips as well as various raw materials stood in the way of better performance in some cases, in particular in the automotive industry. In light of this, we have been working hard in recent weeks to secure our supply capacity. This aims to ensure that First Sensor has a suitable share in in the post-pandemic upturn. In terms of our order backlog, the signs look promising.

Operating profitability also developed well. However, provisions for the planned closure of the Puchheim location near Munich, a one-time effect, had a significant impact on the income statement. By contrast, plans to move a wafer line and a PT line from a TE location in Dortmund to our location in Berlin-Oberschöneweide did not affect the quarterly figures. Nevertheless, we will still make some investments during the year so that both lines can contribute to sales for the first time in 2022. The plan comprises an estimated annual sales volume of up to €9 million. This will boost First Sensor's importance as a production unit at the TE Group while also helping us improve our operating efficiency.

This integration, which is proceeding as planned, also encompasses the expansion of the Executive Board: Two top-level TE executives, Sibylle Büttner and Robin Maly, were appointed to First Sensor's Executive Board on April 20, 2021. Dirk Schäfer will join the team from June 1 after resigning from his previous post as a member of the Supervisory Board on May 31, 2021. Since January, First Sensor's production manager has been a part of the Global Operations Leadership Team in the Sensors Business Unit and our sales manager has also taken on responsibility for TE sensors business in Europe, the Middle East and Africa as Director of Sales EMEA in addition to his previous responsibilities at First Sensor. His goal is for Sales to think and act as one team in the future. First Sensor is taking the lead in developing a global sales organization with a focus on standards and solutions, key accounts and key applications. These personnel appointments will help integrate First Sensor even more closely into the existing structures of the TE Group. A number of projects in all functions are contributing to this, most of which will be completed this year.

We thank you for your interest in the ongoing development of our company and will continue to update you on our progress as usual.

Your Executive Board

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Sibylle Büttner

Robin Maly

Marcus Resch

ONE-TIME EFFECTS AFFECT SALES AND EARNINGS AT FIRST SENSOR¹

Sales at First Sensor reached \leq 33.9 million in the first quarter of 2021 (previous year: \leq 38.8 million). The \leq 4.9 million decline (12.5%) was chiefly due to changes to the Group structure in the last financial year. In operating terms, this represented a decrease of just 4.3% on the previous year, which was not significantly affected by the pandemic. In line with sector performance, sales with customers in the automotive industry recovered whereas the Medical target market normalized following the boom in the last financial year.

Earnings in Q1 2021 were shaped predominantly by expenses in connection with the planned closure of the Puchheim location near Munich. Its activities are to be relocated to the locations in Berlin-Weißensee and Oberdischingen by the end of 2021. Earnings (EBIT) were therefore negative in the first quarter of 2021 at \notin -10.1 million (previous year: \notin +0.0 million). Adjusted for these effects and for expenses associated with the integration with TE Connectivity, the EBIT margin would have been 4.1% (previous year: 1.5%), approximately in line with the upper end of the planned margin for the 2021 financial year.

MIXED SALES PERFORMANCE ON TARGET MARKETS

In € thousand	Q1 2020	Q2 2020	Q3 2020	Q4 2020	Q1 2021
Industrial	20,275	19,096	18,372	19,099	16,636
Medical	8,485	12,582	12,875	10,077	7,093
Mobility	10,024	6,470	7,582	9,822	10,198
Total	38,783	38,147	38,828	39,058	33,927

In the Industrial target market, sales decreased by ≤ 4.0 million (19.5%) in the first quarter of 2021 to ≤ 16.6 million (previous year: ≤ 20.3 million). This decline was driven partly by the circumstances of the pandemic but also by changes to the Group structure due to the sale of foreign subsidiaries. At 49.0%, there was only a minor change to the share of total sales (previous year: 52.3%).

Sales in the Medical target market declined by ≤ 1.4 million or 16.4% to ≤ 7.1 million compared with the previous year (previous year: ≤ 8.5 million) as a result of the discontinuation of a customer product and normalizing demand for pressure sensors for respirators. This put this target market's proportion of total sales at 20.9% (previous year: 21.9%).

In the Mobility target market, sales in the first quarter increased slightly compared with the previous year and reached €10.2 million (previous year: €10.0 million). First Sensor thus benefited from the upturn in the automotive industry for the third consecutive quarter, experiencing an increase on the previous year. This target market boosted its share of total sales to 30.1% (previous year: 25.8%).

¹ The following results in this report are presented in accordance with IFRS and additionally adjusted for transaction costs in connection with the business combination with TE Connectivity Sensors Germany Holding AG. Adjusted key figures are shown by the addition "adjusted". Figures for the first quarter of 2020 have not been adjusted retrospectively to take account of changes to the Group structure in the 2020 financial year (sale of foreign subsidiaries to TE Connectivity). This also applies to the merger loss from the retrospective merger of First Sensor Packaging GmbH with First Sensor AG as of January 1, 2020.

REGIONAL SALES REFLECT NEW GROUP STRUCTURE

The international breakdown of sales was also affected by the sale of foreign subsidiaries to TE Connectivity last year. While they continue to operate on the market in close coordination with First Sensor, they are no longer included in the consolidated financial statements. This effect is particularly striking in North America, where sales in the first quarter of 2021 came to just \pounds 1.8 million, down on \pounds 5.1 million in the same quarter of the previous year. The share of sales fell to 5.0% as a result (previous year: 13.2%). By contrast, there was no change to sales in Asia, where First Sensor's business is managed from Berlin. These remained at \pounds 6.0 million, the same as in the previous year and translating into 17.8% of total sales (previous year: 15.6%). \pounds 8.0 million was generated in Europe (previous year: \pounds 8.9 million), with the share of total sales remaining virtually stable at 23.5% (previous year: 23.0%). Sales in the DACH region (Germany, Austria, Switzerland, Liechtenstein) saw a slight decline. Sales there were down 2.5% at \pounds 17.9 million (previous year: \pounds 18.4 million) on account of the coronavirus pandemic, representing 52.8% of total sales (previous year: 47.4%).

INCOMING ORDERS GAIN MOMENTUM

In € thousand	Q1 2020	Q2 2020	Q3 2020	Q4 2020	Q1 2021
Incoming orders	43,439	31,678	37,604	41,115	44,844
Orders on hand	98,145	91,645	90,264	90,541	100,973
Book-to-Bill	1.12	0.83	0.97	0.99	1.04

In line with the economic upswing that is kicking in following the coronavirus pandemic, First Sensor has seen a substantial rise in new orders recently. Incoming orders of \leq 44.8 million were received in Q1 2021, even exceeding the previous year's figure (\leq 43.4 million). This pushed the order backlog above the \leq 100 million mark again for the first time, coming to \leq 101.0 million (previous year: \leq 98.1 million). The rolling book-to-bill ratio increased again to 1.04.

CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT (IFRS)

In € thousand	Q1 2020	Q1 2021	Δ	Δ%
Sales revenues	38,783	33,927	-4,856	-12.5%
Other operating income	282	64	-218	-77.2%
Changes in inventories in finished goods and work-in-progress	1,288	1,383	95	7.4%
Own work capitalized	591	491	-100	-16.9%
Cost of material and purchased services	-20,085	-16,674	3,412	-17.0%
Gross profit	20,859	19,192	-1,667	-8.0%
Personnel expenses	-14,007	-12,228	1,779	-12.7%
Other operating expenses	-3,997	-14,442	-10,445	261.3%
PROFIT FROM OPERATIONS (EBITDA)	2,855	-7,478	-10,597	n.a.
Depreciation	-2,795	-2,643	-153	-5.5%
EARNINGS BEFORE INTEREST AND TAX (EBIT)	60	-10,121	-10,181	n.a.
Financial result	-633	-159	-474	-74.9%
INCOME BEFORE TAX (EBT)	-574	-10,280	-9,706	1.690.9%
Income tax expenses	-296	48	344	n.a.
Result	-870	-10,232	-9,362	1.076.1%

Sales decreased by ≤ 4.9 million (12.5%) in the first quarter of 2021 to ≤ 33.9 million (previous year: ≤ 38.8 million). Sales development was therefore in line with planning, which expected sales of between ≤ 135 million and ≤ 145 million for the year as a whole.

Material costs decreased by 17.0% to ≤ 16.7 million (previous year: ≤ 20.1 million), a disproportionately high decline relative to sales that resulted in a relative improvement in gross profit. This came to ≤ 19.2 million (previous year: ≤ 20.9), only 8.0% lower than in the previous year.

Personnel expenses were down 12.7% year on year at ≤ 12.2 million (previous year: ≤ 14.0 million), corresponding to a ratio of 30.1% (previous year: 34.4%). By contrast, profitability was significantly weighed down by other operating expenses in connection with the planned closure of the Puchheim location near Munich. It came to a total of ≤ -14.4 million in the first quarter as against ≤ -4.0 million in the previous year. Operating earnings (EBITDA) thus totaled ≤ -7.5 million against ≤ 2.9 million in the previous year.

Depreciation and amortization of \pounds 2.6 million changed only slightly compared with the previous year (\pounds 2.8 million). Accordingly, EBIT came to \pounds -10.1 million (previous year: \pounds 0.0 million). This figure would have been \pounds 1.4 million adjusted for the one-time effects, which translates into an adjusted EBIT margin of 4.1% (previous year: 0.2%) and therefore at the upper end of the forecasts for the year as a whole in operating terms.

Profit for the period at the First Sensor Group came to \leq -10.2 million (previous year: \leq -0.9 million). This corresponds to earnings per share in circulation of \leq -1.00 (previous year: \leq 0.08).

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET (IFRS)

ASSETS		
In € thousand	Dec. 31, 2020	March 31, 2021
Non-current assets	78,778	83,831
Inventories	29,063	31,110
Trade accounts receivable	20,768	19,921
Current assets	1,700	2,542
Cash and cash equivalents	49,466	46,396
Total ASSETS	179,775	183,800

Total assets have increased by \notin 4.0 million to \notin 183.8 million since December 31, 2020. This rise is attributable partly to the change in fixed assets as a result of acquiring a minority interest in a subsidiary. Inventories were also increased by \notin 2.0 million to \notin 31.1 million (reporting date: \notin 39.1 million) to secure supply capacity. In line with business development, trade receivables have fallen slightly since the beginning of the year from \notin 20.8 million to \notin 19.9 million. Cash funds, which include cash and cash equivalents and receivables from shareholders (cashpooling), decreased to \notin 46.4 million (reporting date: December 31, 2020: \notin 49.5 million).

EQUITY AND LIABILITIES

In € thousand	Dec. 31, 2020	March 31, 2021
Equity	135,623	124,722
Long-term loans, excluding current portion	19,675	18,076
Non-current liabilities	6,185	5,664
Short-term loans and current portion of long-term loans	4,168	5,110
Trade accounts payables	5,785	9,611
Current liabilities	8,339	20,617
Total EQUITY AND LIABILITIES	179,775	183,800

On the equity and liabilities side of the balance sheet, profit for the period negatively affected equity, which declined by ≤ 10.9 million to ≤ 124.7 million. The equity ratio contracted from 75.4% to 67.9% accordingly. Trade payables saw a slightly disproportionate increase to ≤ 9.6 million as part of active working capital management (reporting date: ≤ 5.8 million). At the same time, current liabilities rose from ≤ 8.3 million to ≤ 20.6 million in connection with the planned closure of the Puchheim location. At the end of the first quarter of 2021, First Sensor had a net cash position of ≤ 17.9 million, ≤ 2.9 million more than at the last reporting date.

WORKING CAPITAL OPTIMIZED

In € thousand	Q1 2020	Q2 2020	Q3 2020	Q4 2020	Q1 2021
Working Capital	37,703	37,948	37,705	43,036	40,530
Capital employed	147,609	154,478	147,925	132,911	134,916

Working capital was successfully reduced by ≤ 2.5 million to ≤ 40.5 million over the first quarter of 2021, whereas capital employed has risen by ≤ 2.0 million to ≤ 134.9 million since the reporting date, largely a result of the change to fixed assets due to acquiring a minority interest in a subsidiary.

CASH FLOW AFFECTED BY ONE-TIME EFFECT

In € thousand	Q1 2020	Q2 2020	Q3 2020	Q4 2020	Q1 2021
Operating Cashflow	156	-9,088	4,489	10,925	5,600
Cashflow from Investment	-2,550	-1,963	36,884	19,299	-7,839
Cashflow from financing Activities	-896	-633	-1,880	-37,563	-819
Free Cashflow	-2,395	-11,051	41,373	30,224	-2,239

After three months of the year, cash flow from operating activities amounted to \notin 5.6 million (previous year: \notin 0.1 million). Cash flow from investing activities amounted to \notin 7.8 million and was affected by the acquisition of a minority interest in a subsidiary as well as the usual investments. Cash flow from financing activities normalized again in the reporting period after the repayments at the end of the 2020 financial year. Free cash flow after three months is negative at \notin 2.2 million due to the one-time effect in investments.

KEY FIGURES FOR FIRST SENSOR SHARES

	Dec. 31, 2020	March 31, 2021	Δ	Δ%
Share capital (€)	51,444,480	51,451,980	7,500	0.19
Number of shares (weighted, diluted)	10,288,896	10,290,396	1,500	0.19
Number of shares (basic)	10,304,360	10,305,398	1,038	-0.65

SHAREHOLDER STRUCTURE ACCORDING TO AVAILABLE VOTING RIGHTS NOTIFICATIONS



FINANCIAL CALENDAR

June 24	Annual General Meeting	Virtual
June 29	Dividend payment	Subject to approval by the Annual General Meeting
August 26	6-Month Financial Report 2021	Publication of interim report as of June 30, 2021