

Ad-hoc communication of 6 June 2002:

Ahlers AG: The Board of Directors expects a decline in sales of about 10 percent for the current financial year due to the strong consumer resistance between April and May. The decline in sales may be less severe in the event of a permanent change in the current market situation.

The Board of Directors previously expected sales of EUR 380 million and an annual surplus of EUR 15,5 million. Due to the decline in sales the annual surplus is now expected to equal that of the previous year, some EUR 13 million. The dividend will be same as in the previous year.

The sales and operation result in the Ahlers premium product sector will also grow in the current financial year and will be the largest source of sales.