

Orion Group Interim Report 1–9/2007

Group's investments on R&D have been increased from the previous year

Orion's net sales for the first three quarters in 2007 were EUR 509.6 (478.8) million, up by 6.4% compared to the same period last year.

- Operating profit was EUR 154.9 (160.1) million.
- Profit before taxes was EUR 155.8 (160.2) million.
- Equity ratio was 75.7% (74.6%).
- Return on capital employed (ROCE) was 47.7% (52.0%).
- Earnings per share were EUR 0.81 (0.85).

Orion's key figures for the review period*

EUR million	Q3/07	Q3/06	Change %	Q1-Q3/07	Q1-Q3/06 Proforma	Change %	2006 Proforma
Net sales	163.8	149.0	+10.0%	509.6	478.8	+6.4%	641.1
Operating profit (EBIT)	49.6	54.3	-8.6%	154.9	160.1	-3.2%	196.7
% of net sales	30.3%	36.5%		30.4%	33.4%		30.7%
Profit before taxes	49.7	54.3	-8.5%	155.8	160.2	-2.7%	197.3
% of net sales	30.3%	36.5%		30.6%	33.5%		30.8%
R&D expenses	22.0	18.9	+16.8%	69.1	59.9	+15.3%	84.1
% of net sales	13.5%	12.7%		13.6%	12.5%		13.1%
Capital expenditure	9.3	5.8	+59.2%	23.9	18.0	+33.1%	25.5
% of net sales	5.7%	3.9%		4.7%	3.8%		4.0%
Balance Sheet total				550.5	558.6	-1.4%	588.1
Equity ratio, %				75.7%	74.6%		75.4%
Gearing, %				-11.9%	-16.4%		-22.6%
Interest-bearing liabilities				10.6	10.3	+2.8%	9.8
Non-interest-bearing liabilities				123.2	131.4	-6.2%	134.8
Cash and cash equivalents				60.1	78.6	-23.5%	110.0
ROCE (before taxes), %				47.7%	52.0%		46.5%
ROE (after taxes), %				35.4%	38.9%		34.5%
Earnings per share, EUR	0.26	0.29	-9.5%	0.81	0.85	-4.4%	1.03
Equity per share, EUR				2.95	2.95	-0.1%	3.14
Personnel at the end of the period				3 149	3 052	+3.2%	3 061

* The proforma figures for periods before 1 July 2006 are based on the comparable ones carved out from the financial statements of the demerged Orion.

CEO Jukka Viinanen's review

"Orion's net sales have continued to increase steadily after the previous Interim Report. Sales of the Parkinson's Disease medicines in Orion's own sales territories grew by 14%. Also the deliveries to marketing partner Novartis were higher than during the comparative period. In addition, the sales of generic prescription medicines, self-care products and veterinary medicines continued to develop positively."

"Expenditure on research as well as selling and marketing has been increased at the pace of first quarters, as planned. Planned actions to increase investments in research as well as selling and marketing have continued like reported early this year. This has slowed down the development of the Group's EBIT. In 2007 Orion has launched clinical studies with dexmedetomidine in the sedation of patients in intensive care, with the new COMT inhibition for Parkinson's Disease, as well as with levosimendan in heart diseases of dogs. All three study programmes are ongoing. The number of product launches in Orion's own European sales units has increased and will continue to increase as a result of more efficient licensing operations."

"The development of the in-market sales of Orion's most important products, those for Parkinson's Disease, continued to be positive."

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Press conference in Finnish and on-line webcast

A press conference on the Q3/2007 results will be held today **on Wednesday, 24 October 2007, starting at 14.30 EET, at the Diana Auditorium in Helsinki**, address Erottajankatu 5. The language of the conference is Finnish. The event can be followed on-line through the Group's Finnish homepage at www.orion.fi, as well as via the Kauppalehti Live web service at www.kauppalehti.fi/live.

The on-demand webcast recordings of the Q3 presentations will be available at www.orion.fi/investors (in English) and at www.orion.fi/sijoittajille (in Finnish) later in the evening of 24 October 2007. The English webcast can also be accessed via www.earnings.com or Thomson/CCBN's password-protected event management site, StreetEvents at www.streetevents.com.

Conference call in English

A teleconference for questions and answers in English will be arranged today **on Wednesday, 24 October 2007, starting at 18.00 EET** (17.00 GMT). Advice to participate the conference is provided on the front page of www.orion.fi/investors.

Orion's events during the end of the year

Capital Markets Day in London

Wednesday 21 November 2007

Orion's publication schedule for financial reporting in 2008

Orion Corporation will publish its financial result for 2007 on Thursday, 7 February 2008.

The publication dates of the Interim Reports for 2008 are as follows:

Interim Report 1–3/2008	Friday, 25 April 2008
Interim Report 1–6/2008	Tuesday, 5 August 2008
Interim Report 1–9/2008	Tuesday, 28 October 2008

Annual Report 2007 will be published during week 10/2008.

The Annual General Meeting is planned to be held on Tuesday, 25 March 2008, at 14.00 EET, in Helsinki.

Orion's financial reports and related presentation material are available on the Group's homepage at www.orion.fi/investors promptly after the publishing. The homepage also provides a possibility to register on Orion's mailing lists for publications and releases.

Financial performance in 1–9/2007

Net sales

Orion Group's net sales for the first three quarters in 2007 were EUR 509.6 (478.8) million, up by 6.4% from the comparative period of last year. The net impact of the currency exchange rates, mainly the US dollar, was a negative EUR 6.2 million.

The net sales of the **Pharmaceuticals business** were EUR 479.4 (449.1) million, up by 6.7%. The products based on the in-house R&D accounted for EUR 220.0 (206.6) million, or 46% (46%) of the business segment's total net sales. The medicines for Parkinson's Disease, i.e. Stalevo[®] and Comtess[®]/Comtan[®], contributed EUR 152.6 (137.2) million, or about 32% (31%) of the total net sales of the business segment.

The net sales of the **Diagnostics business** were EUR 31.5 (31.1) million.

Operating profit

The **Pharmaceuticals business** generated an EBIT of EUR 156.9 (150.4) million, up by 4.3%. The improvement in the operating profit was somewhat lower than that in the net sales, because the expenditure on research as well as selling and marketing were increased as planned.

The **Diagnostics business** generated an EBIT of EUR 6.4 (6.0) million, up by 6.8%.

In the comparative period **the Group's** EBIT included a capital gain of EUR 9.8 million from the divestment of residential buildings.

Operating expenses

The consolidated operating expenses were EUR 196.9 (180.8) million, up by 8.9% from the comparative period. Selling and marketing expenses were EUR 101.2 (93.2) million, up by 8.6%. The Group's R&D expenses were EUR 69.1 (59.9) million, up by 15.3% and representing 13.6% (12.5%) of the Group net sales. Pharmaceutical R&D expenses were EUR 66.4 million, representing about 96% of the total. The R&D function is reported in the segment review of the Pharmaceuticals business.

Profit before taxes

Group profit before taxes was EUR 155.8 (160.2) million. Earnings per share were EUR 0.81 (0.85). Equity per share was EUR 2.95 (2.95). Group ROCE was 47.7% (52.0%) and ROE was 35.4% (38.9%).

Balance Sheet and financial position

Gearing was -11.9% (-16.4%) and equity ratio was 75.7% (74.6%). Total liabilities in the Balance Sheet of 30 September 2007 came to EUR 133.8 (141.7) million, of which interest-bearing liabilities accounted for EUR 10.6 (10.3) million.

The Group's cash and cash equivalents were EUR 60.1 (78.6) million. The cash reserves are invested in short-term interest-bearing instruments issued by solid financial institutions and corporations.

Cash flows

The cash flow from operations was EUR 115.0 (104.3) million. Operating profit was slightly lower than in the comparative period, whereas working capital was EUR 21.1 million less than in the comparative period of last year.

The cash flow used in investments was EUR -23.1 (-5.9) million. The corresponding cash flow of the comparative period had a positive impact from the sales of residential buildings in August 2006.

The cash flow used in financing activities was EUR -141.8 (-144.0) million. The cash flow improved slightly despite higher dividend distribution compared to previous year. In addition, two significant non-recurring items affected the cash flow of the comparative period. On one hand, the repayment of short-term loans to the companies, which in the demerger became members of Oriola-KD Corporation, had a negative impact on the cash flow. On the other hand, the share capital increase and the share issue based on the executed stock options in the comparative period affected the cash flow positively.

Capital expenditure

The Group's capital expenditure was EUR 23.9 (18.0) million, of which machinery and equipment accounted for EUR 16.0 (11.5) million.

Outlook

Outlook for 2007

Net sales will grow slightly from those of 2006. Sales of pharmaceuticals via Orion's own sales network will grow moderately in Finland and the markets outside Finland will continue showing growth. In-market sales of the Parkinson's Disease products will continue showing steady, although slower growth than in the previous years. Deliveries to Novartis are anticipated to be slightly higher than in 2006.

Operating profit, excluding non-recurring items, is estimated to grow slightly from 2006, despite increasing investments in marketing and research. Marketing expenses will grow especially due to product launches by Orion's own European marketing units outside Finland.

Research and development expenditure will be about EUR 95 million, of which pharmaceutical R&D will account for about EUR 90 million. The higher expenditure is mainly caused by the new clinical studies that have been started in 2007.

Capital expenditure will be about EUR 35 million.

Preamble

The Finnish pharmaceutical market showed no growth in 2006 due to Finnish authorities' actions to restrain the growth. On this account, Orion's sales in Finland decreased last year. During 2007, the Finnish market has started to show slight growth. In addition, Orion's growth is boosted by new product launches. On the other hand, heavy price competition especially in substitutable prescription medicines is slowing down the total growth.

Novartis clearly piled up its Stalevo and Comtan stocks in 2006, when Orion's deliveries to Novartis increased by over 40%, almost twice as fast as the partner's own sales. This year Novartis has not indicated to increase the stocks. Consequently, Orion's deliveries to Novartis will be only slightly higher than in 2006, despite the fact that the in-market sales of Parkinson's products will continue to grow well.

The majority of the expenses of pharmaceutical research are caused by the clinical research phases. They are typically performed in clinics that are located in several countries, and the costs are mainly caused by the use of outsourced research services. R&D expenses also vary considerably depending on the phase in which the research programme is. In 2007, Orion has started three significant clinical study programmes, which are estimated to increase the R&D expenses by about EUR 10 million from the previous year.

The costs of the legal proceedings regarding the patent infringement lawsuit in the USA will not have a significant impact on Orion's results for 2007.

Short-term risks and uncertainties

Orion is not aware of any significant risks related to the near-term outlook of the Group's financial performance.

Product and market specific sales revenues may vary a bit depending on how the constantly tightened price and other competition in the pharmaceutical markets affects especially Orion's products. Stalevo and Comtan deliveries to Novartis are based on schedules agreed beforehand. Based on the schedules, the sales for the rest of the year can be predicted fairly accurately.

The development of the US dollar rate has only a minor effect on Orion's results, as the great majority of the Group's total sales are invoiced in euros.

Research projects always involve some uncertainties, which may increase or decrease the estimated costs. Projects may proceed ahead of schedule or lag behind it, or they might have to be discontinued. Changes in the studies are reflected in the costs so slowly that they do not have a significant effect on the estimated costs for the ongoing financial year.

Orion has been informed that Abbreviated New Drug Applications (ANDA) for generic versions of Comtan and Stalevo have been submitted to the FDA in the USA. Orion has initiated legal actions with regard to the first application. As to the latter one, Orion is currently evaluating its legal options together with Novartis. As noted earlier by Orion, the realisation of generic competition before the expiration of Orion's patents in the USA is neither certain nor imminent based on, inter alia, the circumstance that the referred legal proceedings and the ANDA review process are just in their initial stage.

Group financial objectives and dividend distribution policy

The moderate organic growth of the net sales within the next few years is accelerated via product, product portfolio and company acquisitions. Operating profit will be increased and equity ratio is maintained at the level of at least 50%.

In the dividend distribution Orion takes into account the distributable funds as well as the medium-long and long-term needs of capital expenditure and other financial needs required for the achievement of the financial objectives.

Changes in the Group's management

President and CEO of Orion Corporation Jukka Viinainen will retire on 29 February 2008 and will as of 1 January 2008 step aside from the position of President and CEO to act as a Senior Advisor to the Board of Directors of the company until his retirement. Timo Lappalainen (M.Sc. Eng.), who currently holds the position of Senior Vice President responsible for Orion's Proprietary Products and Animal Health business divisions, has been appointed as the new President and CEO of Orion Corporation as of 1 January 2008.

Personnel

The average number of personnel in the Group during the first three quarters of 2007 was 3,156 (3,064). In the end of September 2007, Orion had altogether 3,149 (3,052) employees, of which 2,656 persons were employed in Finland and 494 persons were working in other countries.

The number of employees in the Pharmaceuticals business increased by 103 persons compared to September 2006. The number of employees in the Diagnostics business decreased by five persons compared to September 2006.

Shares and ownership base

The share capital of Orion Corporation is EUR 92.2 million and the total number of shares is 141,257,828, of which 52,990,035 shares are in Class A and 88,267,793 shares are in Class B at the time of publishing this review. The counter book value of each share is EUR 0.65. Each Class A share provides 20 (twenty) votes and each Class B share provides 1 (one) vote at the Annual General Meetings of the Shareholders. Both shares provide equal rights to the company's assets and dividends.

Based on the Articles of Association, a shareholder can demand conversion of his/her Class A shares into Class B shares. During the third quarter of 2007, a total of 498,000 Class A shares were converted into Class B shares.

Orion's Board of Directors has been authorised by the Shareholders' Meeting on 2 April 2007 to acquire and convey the company's own shares. The Board of Directors decided at its meeting on 6 August 2007 to exercise its right to a total amount of 350,000 Class B shares of the company. So far, these shares have not been purchased. The Board does not have an existing authorisation to raise the share capital or to issue a bond loan, convertible loan or stock options.

Ownership base

At the end of September 2007, Orion had altogether 36,483 shareholders, of which 94.4% were private shareholders. Their holdings accounted for about 46.1% of the total number of shares and 57.9% of the total amount of votes. The number of nominee-registered shares was 38.8 million, representing 27.4% of the total number of shares and 5.5% of the total number of votes. The Company does not have treasury shares in its possession.

No transactions exceeding the flagging limits set in the Finnish Securities Market Act have been brought to the attention of the company.

Legal proceedings

Orion Corporation has on 13 September 2007 filed a patent infringement lawsuit in the United States to enforce U.S. Patent No. 5,446,194 and U.S. Patent No. 5,135,950 against generic drug companies Wockhardt USA, Inc. and Wockhardt Limited, who seek to market generic entacapone (200 mg tablets) in the United States. Entacapone is the active ingredient in Comtan®, a product originated by Orion Corporation and marketed in the United States for the treatment of Parkinson's Disease by its exclusive licensee, Novartis.

Orion Corporation and Novartis will vigorously defend the intellectual property rights covering Comtan. By virtue of the legal proceedings, the realisation of generic competition regarding Comtan is neither certain nor imminent.

Events after the review period

In early October, Orion Corporation was informed that an Abbreviated New Drug Application (ANDA) has been filed with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) by a generic drug company seeking authorisation to produce and market generic versions of Stalevo® tablets (25/100/200 and 37.5/150/200 mg strengths of carbidopa/levodopa/entacapone) in the United States. Stalevo is an enhanced levodopa treatment originated by Orion Corporation and marketed in the United States by its exclusive licensee, Novartis, for the treatment of Parkinson's Disease.

The ANDA review process is just beginning and the realisation of generic competition regarding Stalevo is neither certain nor imminent. Orion is, together with Novartis, currently evaluating its legal options to protect its intellectual property rights.

Review of the segments

Pharmaceuticals business

Market review

The most important single market for Orion is Finland. According to the statistics collected by Finnish Pharmaceutical Data Ltd, the Finnish wholesales of pharmaceuticals in the first three quarters of 2007 rose by 5.2% to EUR 1 338 (1 272) million. Self-care medicine sales grew by 11.8% from those of the comparative period and hospital sales grew by 9.5%.

Orion is strongly positioned as the leading marketer of pharmaceuticals in Finland. In the first three quarters of 2007, the wholesales of Orion's products totalled EUR 121.1 million, up by 7.9% from the comparative period. Orion's market share was 9.0% (8.8%), with which Orion was 1.4 percentage points ahead of the second-largest marketer.

According to IMS Health pharmaceutical statistics in the 12-month period up to June 2007, the US wholesales of medicines for Parkinson's Disease, a core therapy area in Orion's business, were USD 1,131 (924) million, about 22% more than in the comparative 12-month period. The exceptionally rapid growth is mainly a result of the broadened indication of one dopamine agonist to encompass also the restless legs syndrome, in addition to Parkinson's Disease. In Europe, the five largest markets for Parkinson's Disease medicines are Germany, the UK, France, Spain and Italy. In these markets, the combined total sales of Parkinson's Disease medicines in the respective 12-month periods were EUR 772 (713) million, the average growth being about 8%.

Net sales and profit of the Pharmaceuticals business

The net sales of the Pharmaceuticals business in the first three quarters of 2007 were EUR 479.4 (449.1) million, up by 6.7% from the comparative period. Operating profit was EUR 156.9 (150.4) million, up by 4.3%. The EBIT margin of the Pharmaceuticals business was 32.7% (33.5%).

Proprietary Products

The combined net sales of Orion's proprietary products for Parkinson's Disease, i.e. Stalevo[®] (levodopa, entacapone, carbidopa) and Comtess[®]/Comtan[®] (entacapone) were EUR 152.6 (137.2) million, up by 11.3% from the comparative period and accounting for one-third of the total net sales of the Pharmaceuticals business, as in the comparative period. The net sales from shipments of Stalevo and Comtan to Novartis were EUR 91.9 (83.7) million, 9.8% more than in the comparative period. The net sales generated by Orion's own sales organisation from Stalevo and Comtess were EUR 60.7 (53.5) million, up by 13.6%. The strongest sales growth continued in the UK and Germany.

A marketing authorisation for long-acting Enanton[®] (leuproreline acetate) was received in July for Finland and in September for Sweden. The products, Enanton Depot Dual 30 mg and Enanton Depot Set 30 mg, are used for the treatment of advanced prostate cancer. The new strength extends the treatment cycle from three months to six months. A marketing approval in Norway is expected by the end of 2007. Enanton, originated by Takeda Corporation, is marketed by Orion in the Nordic countries.

Specialty Products

The Specialty Products business generated net sales of EUR 178.4 (163.4) million in 1–9/2007, up by 9.1% from the comparative period.

The net sales from the Easyhaler[®] franchise of asthma medicines were EUR 12.1 million, almost at the level of the comparative period. The sales of Easyhaler have picked up during the third quarter of 2007. This is

mainly a result of the product launches in new markets areas, like Turkey, where a marketing agreement was signed with Abdi Ibrahim Pharmaceuticals, a Turkish pharmaceutical company, in the summer 2007.

The business of Specialty Products has expanded well in the eastern European countries. The increase of Orion's sales has been above average in several markets in the region, including Russia.

Sales in Finland have also continued at a good level during the year.

Animal Health

The net sales of the Animal Health business were EUR 51.4 (47.9) million and they grew by 7.3% from the comparative period, thanks to the continued favourable development of the sales by both Orion's own Scandinavian marketing organisation and the partners. The net sales of animal sedatives, Domitor[®] (medetomidine), Domosedan[®] (detomidine) and Antisedan[®] (atipamezole), continued to grow, now by 8.2%. These products accounted for about 42% (42%) of the total net sales of the Animal Health business.

Fermion

Fermion, which manufactures active pharmaceutical ingredients, generated EUR 26.7 (28.6) million in net sales, down by 6.6% from the comparative period. The impact of intra-Group transactions, i.e. supply to Orion's own operations, has been eliminated from the figures. The sales of the business division were especially affected by the weakened US dollar. On the other hand, Fermion's deliveries to Orion's internal use have increased significantly from the comparative period.

10 best-selling pharmaceutical brands

The net sales from Orion's ten best-selling pharmaceutical brands increased by 7.2% and they accounted for about 51% (51%) of the total net sales of the Pharmaceuticals business. The purchases by pharmacies of Burana[®] (ibuprofen) have returned to the long-term average levels since the downswing experienced in the previous year due to a change in the Finnish pharmaceuticals act.

Proprietary products franchise

The net sales from the proprietary products franchise were EUR 220.0 (206.6) million, up by 6.5% from the comparative period and accounting for 46% (46%) of the total net sales of the Pharmaceuticals business. Stalevo and the animal sedatives were the products showing growth.

Pharmaceutical research and development

Pharmaceutical research and development expenses were EUR 66.4 (56.9) million, representing 13.9% (12.7%) of the net sales of the Pharmaceuticals business. In accordance with its strategy, Orion aims to allocate its R&D resources in such a way that the best possible support is given to both the proprietary and generic prescription drugs businesses.

STRIDE-PD study investigates if Stalevo medication can delay Parkinson's patients' onset of motor complications, i.e. dyskinesias, compared with conventional levodopa/carbidopa medication. The study has been on-going since late 2004, and it is being carried out in collaboration with Novartis in 14 countries. The study involves 747 patients, each being treated for almost three years. The results from the research programme are expected at the turn of 2008–2009.

The clinical Phase 3 studies have started in May with **dexmedetomidine** (Precedex[®]) in patients in intensive care as an infusion administered for over 24 hours. The objective of the programme is to have the product registered in the EU. The product is already available e.g. in the USA and Japan as a sedative for patients in intensive care, administrable for up to 24 hours. The current Phase 3 programme consists of two studies, in which dexmedetomidine is compared with midazolam and propofol. Both arms are planned to involve 500 patients and they are estimated to be completed in about two years.

A research programme is under way in clinical Phase 1 for the development of a new, more efficient **COMT inhibitor** than entacapone.

The **LEVET** programme, which is studying the efficacy of levosimendan in the treatment of heart diseases in dogs, is progressing to the last research phase with an aim to receive marketing authorisations. Recruitment started in August 2007 both in the European and the US arms of the programme.

In early research phases, Orion is investigating molecules affecting alpha 2 receptors in the central nervous system, and selective androgen receptor modulators (SARM), among others.

Diagnostics business

The net sales generated by Orion Diagnostica during the first three quarters of 2007 were EUR 31.5 (31.1) million. The sales of QuikRead[®] tests continued to show positive performance. These tests are used for the detection of infections on the basis of the CRP content in a blood sample. The sales of Uricult[®], a test for the detection of urinary tract infections, as well as Hygicult[®] and Easicult[®], tests for industrial hygiene, developed favourably during the period as well. The declined sales of certain old products slowed down the business division's net sales development. Additionally, the sales were affected by the restrictions in international trade with Iran.

Steady growth continued in the sales by the division's own sales organisation covering the Nordic countries. In the export markets, the best growth was achieved in China, Czech, Spain and Slovakia.

Operating profit was EUR 6.4 (6.0) million, up by 6.8% from the comparative period. EBIT was 20.2% (19.2%). The focus of the sales efforts continued to be on the most profitable products. In addition to the development of sales, the EBIT of the third quarter was affected by non-recurring items and increased expenditure on selling and marketing.

Espoo, 24 October 2007

Board of Directors of Orion Corporation

Orion Corporation

Jukka Viinanen
President and CEO

Jari Karlson
CFO

Tables

GROUP INCOME STATEMENT

EUR million	Q3/07	Q3/06	Change %	Q1-Q3/07	Q1-Q3/06 Proforma	Change %	2006 Proforma	Financial period Q3-Q4/06
Net sales	163.8	149.0	+10.0%	509.6	478.8	+6.4%	641.1	311.2
Cost of goods sold	-53.0	-50.7	+4.5%	-160.1	-150.7	+6.2%	-205.2	-105.2
Gross profit	110.8	98.2	+12.8%	349.6	328.1	+6.5%	435.8	205.9
Other operating income	1.0	10.6	-91.0%	2.3	12.8	-82.1%	13.8	11.6
Selling and marketing expenses	-32.2	-27.5	+17.0%	-101.2	-93.2	+8.6%	-128.9	-63.2
R&D expenses	-22.0	-18.9	+16.8%	-69.1	-59.9	+15.3%	-84.1	-43.1
Administrative expenses	-7.9	-8.1	-2.4%	-26.6	-27.6	-3.8%	-39.9	-20.4
Operating profit	49.6	54.3	-8.6%	154.9	160.1	-3.2%	196.7	90.9
Financial income	0.6	0.7	-11.5%	2.5	2.5	+2.9%	3.5	1.8
Financial expenses	-0.5	-0.7	-23.0%	-1.7	-2.4	-31.0%	-3.0	-1.2
Profit before taxes	49.7	54.3	-8.5%	155.8	160.2	-2.7%	197.3	91.4
Income tax expense	-13.3	-14.1	-5.7%	-41.5	-41.4	+0.2%	-52.2	-24.8
Profit for the period	36.5	40.3	-9.5%	114.3	118.8	-3.7%	145.1	66.6
of which attributable to:								
Parent company shareholders	36.5	40.3	-9.5%	114.3	118.8	-3.7%	145.1	66.6
Minority interest	0.0	0.0		0.0	0.0		0.0	0.0
Earnings per share, EUR*	0.26	0.29	-9.5%	0.81	0.85	-4.4%	1.03	0.47
Depreciation and amortisation	7.6	8.6	-11.5%	23.8	26.1	-8.9%	34.7	17.2
Personnel expenses	33.2	31.2	+6.5%	109.3	103.6	+5.4%	145.8	73.3

* The figure has been calculated from the profit attributable to the parent company shareholders.

BALANCE SHEET

Assets:

EUR million	9/07	9/06	Change %	12/06
Non-current assets:				
Property, plant and equipment	186.5	188.0	-0.8%	187.1
Goodwill	13.5	13.5	-	13.5
Other intangible assets	21.7	22.3	-2.8%	21.9
Investments in associates	0.1	0.1	-	0.1
Available-for-sale investments	1.0	1.0	-3.0%	1.0
Pension asset	56.1	50.3	+11.5%	52.7
Deferred tax assets	1.6	1.5	+6.8%	1.4
Other non-current assets	2.3	4.4	-48.2%	3.8
Non-current assets total	282.7	281.1	+0.6%	281.4
Current assets:				
Inventories	111.3	107.7	+3.3%	107.2
Trade receivables	83.4	78.3	+6.5%	75.0
Other receivables	13.0	12.9	+0.8%	14.4
Cash and cash equivalents	60.1	78.6	-23.5%	110.0
Current assets total	267.8	277.5	-3.5%	306.6
ASSETS TOTAL	550.5	558.6	-1.4%	588.1

Equity and liabilities:

EUR million	9/07	9/06	Change %	12/06
Equity:				
Share capital	92.2	92.2	-	92.2
Share premium	17.8	17.8	-	17.8
Expendable fund	23.0	23.0	-	23.0
Other reserves	0.4	0.5	-3.3%	0.5
Retained earnings	283.1	283.4	-0.1%	309.9
Equity of the parent company shareholders	416.7	416.9	-0.1%	443.5
Minority interest	0.0	0.0	-	0.0
Equity total	416.7	416.9	-0.1%	443.5
Non-current liabilities:				
Deferred tax liabilities	50.7	51.7	-2.0%	51.5
Pension liability	1.0	0.9	+19.0%	0.9
Provisions	0.2	0.9	-76.5%	0.6
Interest-bearing non-current liabilities	7.5	7.9	-4.2%	7.5
Other non-current liabilities	0.2	1.4	-89.2%	1.8
Non-current liabilities total	59.6	62.8	-5.1%	62.3
Current liabilities:				
Trade payables	28.2	20.9	+35.0%	29.2
Other current liabilities	42.8	55.2	-22.5%	49.9
Provisions	0.1	0.3	-58.8%	0.9
Interest-bearing current liabilities	3.1	2.5	+24.8%	2.3
Current liabilities total	74.2	78.9	-5.9%	82.3
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES TOTAL	550.5	558.6	-1.4%	588.1



CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

EUR million	Share capital	Share premium	Expendable fund	Other reserves	Translation differences	Retained earnings	Equity of the parent company shareholders	Minority interest	In total
Equity on 1 Jul 06	92.2	17.8	23.0	0.5	-3.5	246.8	376.8	0.0	376.8
Translation differences					0.1		0.1		0.1
Profit for the period						66.6	66.6	-0.0	66.6
Recognised income and expenses in total					0.1	66.6	66.7	-0.0	66.7
Other changes				-0.0			-0.0		-0.0
Equity on 1 Jan 07	92.2	17.8	23.0	0.5	-3.4	313.3	443.5	0.0	443.5
Translation differences					-0.2		-0.2		-0.2
Profit for the period						114.3	114.3	0.0	114.3
Recognised income and expenses in total					-0.2	114.3	114.1	0.0	114.1
Dividend						-141.3	-141.3		-141.3
Other changes				-0.0		0.3	0.3		0.3
Equity on 30 Sep 07	92.2	17.8	23.0	0.4	-3.6	286.7	416.7	0.0	416.7

CASH FLOW STATEMENT

EUR million	Q1-Q3/07	Q1-Q3/06 Proforma	2006 Proforma	Financial period Q3-Q4/06
Cash flow from operating activities:				
Operating profit	154.9	160.1	196.7	90.9
Adjustments	19.3	9.4	16.0	4.3
Change in working capital	-18.8	-39.9	-18.6	22.5
Interest paid	-1.3	-2.8	-3.8	-1.5
Interest received	2.5	2.4	3.5	1.7
Income taxes paid	-41.6	-24.9	-52.5	-36.3
Net cash from operating activities	115.0	104.3	141.4	81.6
Cash flow from investing activities:				
Purchases of property, plant, equipment and intangible assets	-24.0	-17.0	-22.8	-12.3
Acquisition of subsidiary, net of cash	-	-1.2	-1.2	-
Proceeds from sale of property, plant, equipment, intangible assets and available-for-sale investments	0.9	12.2	13.0	12.3
Net cash used in investing activities	-23.1	-5.9	-10.9	0.0
Cash flow from financing activities:				
Share issue and share capital increase based on the use of stock options	-	21.4	21.4	-
Change in short-term loans	-0.1	-46.7	-47.5	-1.0
Repayments of long-term loans	-0.4	-0.5	-0.6	-0.4
Dividends paid and other distribution of profits	-141.3	-118.2	-118.2	0.0
Net cash used in financing activities	-141.8	-144.0	-144.9	-1.4
Net change in cash and cash equivalents	-49.8	-45.6	-14.4	80.2
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the period	110.0	124.5	124.5	29.8
Foreign exchange adjustments	-0.1	-0.2	-0.1	0.0
Net change in cash and cash equivalents	-49.8	-45.6	-14.4	80.2
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the period	60.1	78.6	110.0	110.0

CHANGES IN PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

EUR million	Q1-Q3/07	Q1-Q3/06 Proforma	2006 Proforma	Financial period Q3-Q4/06
Carrying amount at the beginning of the period	187.1	196.4	196.4	191.2
Additions	19.2	13.3	19.0	10.5
Disposals	-1.1	-2.4	-2.7	-1.9
Depreciation	-18.7	-19.3	-25.6	-12.7
Carrying amount at the end of the period	186.5	188.0	187.1	187.1

COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

EUR million	9/07	9/06	12/06
Contingent for own liabilities:			
Mortgages on land and buildings	25.5	27.9	25.5
of which those to Orion Pension Fund	9.0	11.4	9.0
Guarantees	1.4	1.9	1.8
Other liabilities:			
Leasing liabilities (excl. finance lease contracts)	4.4	3.6	5.2
Other liabilities	0.3	0.3	0.3

DERIVATES

EUR million	9/07	9/06	12/06
Currency forward contracts:			
- fair value	0.8	0.1	0.3
- nominal value	68.4	77.1	58.5

RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

EUR million	Q1-Q3/07	Q1-Q3/06 Proforma	2006 Proforma	Financial period Q3-Q4/06
Management benefits	2.2	1.7	2.1	1.0
Non-current liabilities to Orion Pension Fund at the end of the period	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0

Performance by segment

NET SALES BY BUSINESS SEGMENT

EUR million	Q3/07	Q3/06	Change %	Q1-Q3/07	Q1-Q3/06 Proforma	Change %	2006 Proforma	Financial period Q3-Q4/06
Pharmaceuticals	154.7	139.9	+10.6%	479.4	449.1	+6.7%	601.4	292.0
Diagnostics	9.4	9.5	-0.7%	31.5	31.1	+1.3%	41.5	19.9
Group items	-0.3	-0.4	-14.3%	-1.3	-1.4	-9.6%	-1.8	-0.7
Group total	163.8	149.0	+10.0%	509.6	478.8	+6.4%	641.1	311.2

OPERATING PROFIT BY BUSINESS SEGMENT

EUR million	Q3/07	Q3/06	Change %	Q1-Q3/07	Q1-Q3/06 Proforma	Change %	2006 Proforma	Financial period Q3-Q4/06
Pharmaceuticals	50.6	45.1	+12.2%	156.9	150.4	+4.3%	189.9	84.6
Diagnostics	1.3	1.5	-12.6%	6.4	6.0	+6.8%	6.6	2.1
Group items	-2.2	7.7	-129.0%	-8.3	3.7	-322.0%	0.2	4.2
Group total	49.6	54.3	-8.6%	154.9	160.1	-3.2%	196.7	90.9

NET SALES BY ANNUAL QUARTERS

EUR million	Q3/07	Q2/07	Q1/07	Q4/06	Q3/06	Q2/06 Proforma	Q1/06 Proforma
Pharmaceuticals	154.7	156.8	167.9	152.1	139.9	146.4	162.9
Diagnostics	9.4	10.3	11.8	10.4	9.5	10.4	11.2
Group items	-0.3	-0.5	-0.5	-0.4	-0.4	-0.5	-0.5
Group total	163.8	166.6	179.2	162.2	149.0	156.3	173.5

OPERATING PROFIT BY ANNUAL QUARTERS

EUR million	Q3/07	Q2/07	Q1/07	Q4/06	Q3/06	Q2/06 Proforma	Q1/06 Proforma
Pharmaceuticals	50.6	45.6	60.7	39.5	45.1	43.3	62.0
Diagnostics	1.3	1.8	3.2	0.6	1.5	1.7	2.8
Group items	-2.2	-3.2	-2.9	-3.5	7.7	-2.1	-1.9
Group total	49.6	44.3	61.1	36.6	54.3	42.9	62.9

GEOGRAPHICAL BREAKDOWN OF NET SALES BY ANNUAL QUARTERS

EUR million	Q3/07	Q2/07	Q1/07	Q4/06	Q3/06	Q2/06 Proforma	Q1/06 Proforma
Finland	48.6	48.6	50.1	49.0	45.2	45.4	44.8
Scandinavia	23.8	25.3	24.1	23.4	21.2	24.2	22.5
Other Europe	56.0	57.5	63.7	58.4	52.8	52.7	69.6
North America	20.4	20.1	24.1	22.0	20.1	20.5	20.4
Other markets	15.0	15.1	17.1	9.4	9.7	13.4	16.2
Group total	163.8	166.6	179.2	162.2	149.0	156.3	173.5

Review of the segments

Pharmaceuticals business

KEY FIGURES

EUR million	Q3/07	Q3/06	Change %	Q1-Q3/07	Q1-Q3/06 Proforma	Change %	2006 Proforma	Financial period Q3-Q4/06
Net sales	154.7	139.9	+10.6%	479.4	449.1	+6.7%	601.4	292.0
Operating profit	50.6	45.1	+12.2%	156.9	150.4	+4.3%	189.9	84.6
% of net sales	32.7%	32.2%		32.7%	33.5%		31.6%	29.0%
Capital expenditure	8.5	5.1	+65.3%	22.0	16.4	+34.1%	23.1	11.8
Net sales from proprietary products	72.9	62.7	+16.4%	220.0	206.6	+6.5%	274.9	131.0
R&D expenses	21.2	17.8	+19.0%	66.4	56.9	+16.6%	79.7	40.6
Personnel at the end of the period				2 835	2 732	+3.8%	2 742	2 742

BREAKDOWN OF PHARMACEUTICALS NET SALES BY BUSINESS AREAS

EUR million	Q3/07	Q3/06	Change %	Q1-Q3/07	Q1-Q3/06 Proforma	Change %	2006 Proforma
Proprietary Products	68.5	58.3	+17.6%	203.5	191.0	+6.6%	256.6
Specialty Products	57.7	52.6	+9.7%	178.4	163.4	+9.1%	218.7
Animal Health	15.3	15.8	-3.4%	51.4	47.9	+7.3%	63.3
Fermion	6.0	6.5	-8.3%	26.7	28.6	-6.6%	38.5
Other	7.2	6.7	+7.9%	19.4	18.2	+6.6%	24.2
Group total	154.7	139.9	+10.6%	479.4	449.1	+6.7%	601.4

NET SALES OF ORION'S 10 BEST-SELLING MEDICINALS

EUR million		Q3/07	Q3/06	Change %	Q1-Q3/07	Q1-Q3/06 Proforma	Change %	2006 Proforma
Stalevo	Parkinson's Disease	32.9	25.0	+31.9%	94.6	80.2	+18.0%	111,3
Comtess/Comtan	Parkinson's Disease	17.7	17.3	+2.4%	58.0	57.0	+1.8%	74,7
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Domosedan and Antisedan	animal sedatives	5.8	6.4	-9.4%	21.8	20.2	+8.2%	26,0
Easyhaler	asthma	4.5	3.5	+28.9%	12.1	12.3	-1.2%	15,9
Burana	inflammatory pain	3.8	3.2	+21.0%	11.6	8.4	+37.7%	12,0
Divina series	menopausal symptoms	4.3	4.3	-1.7%	11.6	12.4	-6.8%	16,2
Simdax	heart failure	3.6	2.7	+31.2%	10.2	10.3	-1.2%	13,2
Calcimagon	osteoporosis	2.2	3.8	-42.3%	10.1	9.9	+2.1%	11,7
Enanton	prostate cancer	3.1	3.2	-3.9%	9.7	10.0	-3.5%	13,3
Fareston	breast cancer	2.2	1.6	+38.8%	6.2	8.6	-28.0%	10,3
In total		80,2	71.1	+12.8%	245.8	229.2	+7.2%	304.5
Share of total pharmaceutical net sales		52%	51%		51%	51%		51%

Diagnostics business

KEY FIGURES

EUR million	Q3/07	Q3/06	Change %	Q1-Q3/07	Q1-Q3/06 Proforma	Change %	2006 Proforma	Financial period Q3-Q4/06
Net sales	9.4	9.5	-0.7%	31.5	31.1	+1.3%	41.5	19.9
Operating profit	1.3	1.5	-12.6%	6.4	6.0	+6.8%	6.6	2.1
% of net sales	13.7%	15.6%		20.2%	19.2%		15.9%	10.6%
Capital expenditure	0.2	0.4	-54.7%	0.6	1.0	-45.4%	1.4	0.8
Personnel at the end of the period				285	290	-1,7%	289	289

Information on Orion Corporation's shares on 30 September 2007

	Class A*		Class B*		A and B in total	
Share capital	36.1	EUR million	56.1	EUR million	92.2	EUR million
Total number of shares	52 990 035	pcs	88 267 793	pcs	141 257 828	pcs
Minimum share capital	-		-		50	EUR million
Maximum share capital	-		-		2 000	EUR million
Share of total share stock	38	%	62	%	100	%
Counter book value of share	0.65	EUR	0.65	EUR	-	
Votes per share	20	votes	1	vote		
Trading code on OMX Nordic Exchange Helsinki	ORNAV		ORNBV			

* Both share classes provide equal rights to the company assets and dividends.

TRADING IN ORION'S A AND B SHARES DURING 1 JANUARY–30 SEPTEMBER 2007

	Class A		Class B		A and B in total	
Total number of shares traded	3 002 547	pcs	80 348 086	pcs	83 350 633	pcs
Share of total share stock	5.5	%	92.4	%	59.0	%
Lowest quotation	15.07	EUR	15.51	EUR		
Highest quotation	20.49	EUR	20.53	EUR		
Closing quotation on 2 Jan 07	16.50	EUR	16.50	EUR		
Closing quotation on 30 Sep 07	17.68	EUR	17.82	EUR		
Market capitalisation on 30 Sep 07	936.9	EUR million	1 572.9	EUR million	2 509.8	EUR million

PERFORMANCE PER SHARE

	Q3/07	Q3/06	Change %	Q1-Q3/07	Q1-Q3/06 Proforma	Change %	2006 Proforma	Financial period Q3-Q4/06
Earnings per share, EUR	0.26	0.29	-9.5 %	0.81	0.85	-4.4 %	1.03	0.47
Equity per share, EUR				2.95	2.95	-0.1 %	3.14	3.14
Average number of shares, 1 000 pcs	141 258	141 258		141 258	140 326		140 561	141 258

Appendices

Orion Group structure

Orion Corporation was established on 1 July 2006 as one of the two new listed companies that resulted from the demerger of the former Orion. The parent company of the Orion Group, Orion Corporation consists of two businesses and five business divisions:

- Pharmaceuticals
 - Proprietary Products (patented prescription products)
 - Specialty Products (off-patent, generic prescription products and self-medication products)
 - Animal Health
 - Fermion (active pharmaceutical ingredients)
- Diagnostics
 - Orion Diagnostica (diagnostic tests).

Accounting principles

This interim report has been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in International Accounting Standard 34 on Interim Financial Reporting and in the Group's Financial Statement for 2006, with the exception of the following new IFRS-standards and IFRIC-interpretations as of 1 January 2007

- IFRS 7 Financial Instruments: Disclosures
- IAS 1 amendment to standard, Presentation of Financial Statements: Capital Disclosures
- IFRIC 9 Re-assessment of Embedded Derivatives
- IFRIC 10 Interim Financial Reporting and Impairment

These new standards, amendments to standards and interpretations do not have a substantial effect on the Group's interim report nor reported figures.

The principles and calculation methods are available on the Group's homepage at www.orion.fi/english/investors.

The figures have not been audited. Those in the parentheses are for the comparative period of the previous year. The per-share ratios have been adjusted.

The figures have been rounded. Therefore, the total sums of individual figures may differ from the total sums shown.

Calculation of the key figures

$$\text{Return on capital employed (ROCE), \%} = \frac{\text{Profit before taxes + interest and other financial expenses}}{\text{Total assets – non-interest-bearing liabilities (annual average)}} \times 100$$

$$\text{Return on equity (ROE), \%} = \frac{\text{Profit for the period}}{\text{Equity total (annual average)}} \times 100$$

$$\text{Equity ratio, \%} = \frac{\text{Equity total}}{\text{Total assets – advances received}} \times 100$$

$$\text{Gearing, \%} = \frac{\text{Interest-bearing liabilities – Cash and cash equivalents}}{\text{Equity total}} \times 100$$

$$\text{Earnings per share, EUR} = \frac{\text{Profit available for the parent company shareholders}}{\text{Average number of shares}}$$

$$\text{Equity per share, EUR} = \frac{\text{Equity of the parent company shareholders}}{\text{Number of shares at the end of the period}}$$

$$\text{Market capitalisation, EUR million} = \text{Number of shares at the end of the period} \times \text{Closing quotation of the period}$$

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