

Press Release

Eppendorf back on sound course for growth

- Sales increase 5.7%
- Income from operations (EBIT) of approximately €95.7 million

Hamburg, May 26, 2015 – In fiscal year 2014, the Eppendorf Group achieved sales of €531.1 million (prior year: €502.7 million), corresponding to a 5.7% increase when adjusted for currency effects. Income from operations (EBIT) rose to €95.7 million (prior year: €93.8 million), and 2014 net income declined to €65.7 million (prior year: €67.5 million).

In addition, significant capital investments were made in the further expansion of the company's sales structures and the set-up of production facilities, i.e. for the introduction of new product lines. Expenses for research and development also increased to €29.4 million (prior year: €28.2 million). The number of employees rose to 2,927 worldwide (prior year: 2,848).

Detmar Ammermann, Spokesman of the Management Board and Eppendorf's Chief Financial Officer: "The outstanding performance of our employees, our rigorous implementation of our strategies and the positive developments on the market all resulted in very positive sales growth of 5.7%. On the basis of this solid result, we will continue to pursue our strategic goals and increase customer benefit sustainably."

About Eppendorf AG

Eppendorf is a leading life science company that develops and sells instruments, consumables, and services for liquid handling, sample handling, and cell handling in laboratories worldwide. Its product range includes pipettes and automated pipetting systems, dispensers, centrifuges, mixers, spectrometers, and DNA amplification equipment as well as ultra-low temperature freezers, fermentors, bioreactors, CO₂ incubators, shakers, and cell manipulation systems. Consumables such as pipette tips, test tubes, microliter plates, and disposable bioreactors complement the range of highest-quality premium products.

Eppendorf products are most broadly used in academic and commercial research laboratories, e.g., in companies from the pharmaceutical and biotechnological as well as the chemical and food industries. They are also aimed at clinical and environmental analysis laboratories, forensics, and at industrial laboratories performing process analysis, production, and quality assurance.

Eppendorf was founded in Hamburg, Germany in 1945 and has about 2,930 employees worldwide. The company has subsidiaries in 25 countries and is represented in all other markets by distributors.

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