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Südzucker increases full year outlook following positive second quarter

Südzucker AG group revenues in the first half year (1 March 2015 to 31 August 2015) of current financial year 2015/16 reached EUR 3,331 (previous year: 3,482) million. Group operating profit decreased in the same period to EUR 134 (previous year: 147) million. This earnings reduction is caused by the development in the sugar segment.

Against this background of a positive second quarter development, Südzucker now expects for financial year 2015/16 group revenues of EUR 6.2 to 6.4 (previous year: 6.8) billion and group operating profit to reach EUR 180 to 230 (previous year: 181) million. The forecast increase is mainly supported by the ongoing positive bioethanol price development.

The full interim report for the first half year 2015/16 will be published on 8 October 2015.

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About the Südzucker Group

Südzucker, with its sugar, special products, CropEnergies and fruit segments, is one of the leading companies in the food industry. In the traditional sugar business, the group is the world market leader, with 29 sugar factories and three refineries, extending from France in the west via Belgium, Germany and Austria, through to Poland, the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Romania, Hungary, Bosnia and Moldova in the east. The special products segment, consisting of the functional ingredients for food and animal feed (BENEO), chilled/frozen products (Freiberger), portion packs (PortionPack Europe) and starch divisions, is an important growth driver. The CropEnergies segment covers the bioethanol activities in Germany, Belgium, France and the UK. In the fruit segment, the group operates internationally, is the world market leader for fruit preparations and is a leading supplier of fruit juice concentrates in Europe.

In 2014/15, the group employed about 18,500 persons and generated revenues of EUR 6.8 billion.