



**INTERIM REPORT FOR THE PERIOD
ENDED MARCH 31, 2012**

A.S. CRÉATION TAPETEN AG

		2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Sales	€ '000	49,390	48,858	51,779	53,326	55,146
EBIT	€ '000	5,152	4,079	5,048	4,658	5,174
Earnings before income taxes	€ '000	4,889	3,651	4,569	4,257	4,778
Net profit	€ '000	3,355	2,531	3,128	2,897	3,289
Earnings per share	€/share	1.21	0.92	1.13	1.05	1.19
Cash-flow	€ '000	5,469	4,634	5,155	5,132	5,504
Capital expenditures	€ '000	3,743	1,681	1,608	2,291	2,103
Depreciation	€ '000	1,989	2,223	2,318	2,559	2,405
Number of employees		684	819	766	781	808

A.S. Création Tapeten AG, Gummersbach

Management Report

on the business performance for the three-month period ended March 31, 2012

Sales performance

A.S. Création increased its Group sales revenues by 3.4% from € 53.3 million in the previous year to € 55.1 million in the first three months of 2012. It was good to see that both divisions contributed to this growth, with the Wallpaper Division reporting a growth rate of 3.3% and the Furnishing Fabrics Division achieving a growth rate of 6.3%.

Higher growth was prevented, on the one hand, by generally weak business in the month of March. On the other hand, A.S. Création increased its own sales prices with effect from March 1, 2012. Against the background of the poor earnings performance in 2011, A.S. Création deliberately refrained from sales, which due to increased manufacturing costs of the wallpapers were unprofitable and it was not possible to realise higher prices.

In the European Union (EU), the most important output market of A.S. Création, gross revenues rose by 1.5% in the first quarter of 2012. In this context, it is positive to see that sales revenues in Germany were up by 4.6% on the first quarter of 2011 although the previous year's sales figure benefited from one-time effects in conjunction with new key account customers. Moreover, the company was able to stabilise its revenues in France at the prior year level. On the other hand, A.S. Création suffered from declining sales revenues in other EU countries that were hit harder by reduced consumer spending as a result of the financial crisis. Accordingly, total sales growth in the EU did not exceed the above-mentioned 1.5%.

Growth was clearly driven by the Asian region. As a result, gross revenues generated in countries outside Western and Eastern Europe rose by as much as 25.1% in the first quarter of 2012. But growth also accelerated moderately in non-EU Eastern European countries. Gross revenues in this region rose by 6.5% in the first three months of 2012, compared to 4.5% in the full year 2011.

The above developments did not lead to material shifts in the regional breakdown of Group sales. At 81.2% (2011: 82.6%), the European Union continues to make the biggest contribution to gross revenues. In non-EU Eastern European markets, A.S. Création generated 13.2% (2011: 12.8%), while the remaining countries accounted for 5.6% (2011: 4.6%).

Employees

In the first three months of 2012, the A.S. Création Group employed an average of 808 people (2011: 781). 738 employees (2011: 713) worked in the Wallpaper Division and 70 (2011: 68) in the Furnishing Fabrics Division.

As the headcount increased in line with sales revenues, staff productivity remained unchanged in the current fiscal year. At € 0.068 million, sales per employee in the first quarter of 2012 were exactly on a par with the previous year.

Earnings position

The earnings position of A.S. Création improved in the first quarter of 2012 compared to the same period of the previous year. Earnings before interest and taxes (EBIT) increased by 11.1% from the previous year's € 4.7 million to € 5.2 million in the reporting period, while the EBIT margin stood at 9.4% (2011: 8.7%). This positive trend is attributable to the increased gross profit margin, which stood at 49.1% in the first three months of 2012, up 1.2 percentage points on the previous year's 47.9%. This improvement reflects the moderate easing in the commodity and energy markets in the first quarter of 2012 following the dramatic price increases of the year 2011. Also, A.S. Création has been able to increase its average sales prices with the help of an appropriate product policy and price adjustments for part of the product range with effect from March 1, 2012. A comparison with the gross profit margin of 50.6% achieved by A.S. Création in the first quarter of 2010 shows that this was not sufficient to fully offset the adverse impact of the increase in commodity and energy prices, especially of the year 2011. The Managing Board is nevertheless satisfied with the improved gross profit margin, which is an important performance indicator for A.S. Création. Moreover, the moderate increase in inventories had a positive impact on the gross profit margin. In the first quarter of 2011, goods worth € 1.1 million were added to inventories, compared to only € 0.1 million in the first three months of 2012. Given that these articles are valued on the basis of their respective manufacturing cost (and not at their selling prices), an inventory increase as seen in the previous year has an adverse impact on the gross profit margin.

The fact that depreciation declined by € 0.2 million from € 2.6 million in the previous year to € 2.4 million also had a positive effect on earnings before interest and taxes.

Due to the high capital expenditures of the year 2011, net financial liabilities were up by € 7.5 million on the € 18.5 million reported on March 31, 2011 to € 26.0 million on March 31, 2012. In spite of this increase, the financial result for the first three months of 2012 was on a par with the previous year at € -0.4 million. This is primarily attributable to the interest-bearing shareholder loan granted by A.S. Création Tapeten AG to the Russian joint venture A.S. & Palitra to finance the start-up of wallpaper production. The additional interest income from this loan offsets the higher interest expenses resulting from the increased liabilities.

Earnings before interest and taxes and the financial result led to earnings before taxes of € 4.8 million, which was 12.2% above the previous year's € 4.3 million. Accordingly, the profit margin before taxes improved from 8.0% in Q1 2011 to 8.7% in the reporting period. Net profit reached € 3.3 million (2011: € 2.9 million). Based on an unchanged average number of shares outstanding (2,756,351), this is equivalent to earnings per share of € 1.19 (2011: € 1.05).

Financial position

Just like the earnings position, the financial position of A.S. Création improved in the first quarter of 2012. Due to the better earnings position, cash flow for the first quarter was up by € 0.4 million or 7.2% respectively on the previous year's € 5.1 million to € 5.5 million. However, the cash flow statement shows a strong increase in cash flow from operating activities, given that the first three months of the previous year had seen a sharp pick-up in inventories as well as less tied-up capital being released from other net current assets. Cash flow from operating activities climbed from € -0.036 million in Q1 2011 to € 5.5 million in the first three months of the current fiscal year. As the first quarter's capital expenditures of € 2.1 million (2011: € 2.3 million) did not result in exceptionally high financing requirements, A.S. Création was able to reduce its net financial liabilities by € 3.4 million in the first quarter, i.e. from € 29.4 million on December 31, 2011 to € 26.0 million on March 31, 2012. In the first quarter of the previous year, net financial liabilities had increased by € 2.2 million.

The debt repayment period stood at a low 1.2 years in the first quarter of 2012 (2011: 0.9 years). Together with the high equity ratio of 55.1% as of March 31, 2012 (2011: 53.2%), this underlines the very robust and healthy financial structure of A.S. Création.

The Managing Board also considers the net asset position of A.S. Création to be very sound. Of the Group's total assets, which amounted to € 168.8 million as of March 31, 2012 (2011: € 172.5 million), the bulk (2012: 84.5% and 2011: 88.8%) was represented by tangible fixed assets, inventories, trade receivables as well as cash and cash equivalents. The goodwill recognised in the balance sheet as of the reporting date accounted for only 4.6% (2011: 4.5%) of total assets and for 8.3% (2011: 8.4%) of the Group's equity.

Outlook

The Managing Board is generally satisfied with the start to the new fiscal year, as the important gross profit margin and as a consequence the earnings position of A.S. Création improved in the first quarter of 2012.

With regard to the further course of the fiscal year, the Managing Board expects the increase in sales revenues to continue. The newly developed products have met with a good response from customers, which means that the foundation has been laid for further sales growth. Moreover, the Managing Board is of the opinion that wallpapers remain very much en vogue, as is evidenced by many articles in newspapers and (special-interest) magazines and the growing use of wallpapers for shop fittings or shop window decorations. It is uncertain, however, whether consumer spending in individual output markets will slow down and to what extent this will have a negative impact on demand for wallpapers and furnishing fabrics.

The above-mentioned increase in sales prices with effect from March 1, 2012 should take full effect in the coming months and have a positive impact on the earnings position of A.S. Création. It remains to be seen if and to what extent this effect will be offset by rising commodity and energy prices. The Managing Board currently believes that procurement

prices will rise moderately and that the increase in the full year 2012 will not be as dramatic as in the previous years. Based on these assumptions, the gross profit margin should stay above the prior year level in the current fiscal year as planned by the company.

The start-up of wallpaper production in Russia is proceeding according to plan. In the first quarter of 2012, A.S. Création made another € 1.0 million (2011: € 0.6 million) available to finance this project. This amount is included in the capital expenditures reported for the first three months of 2012. The Managing Board continues to expect the new factory to take up operations in September 2012 and assumes that A.S. Création and the second shareholder, Kof Palitra, will each have invested over € 14 million in the joint venture by this date. The start-up losses incurred in conjunction with the construction and the start-up of production and the creation of the sales organisation will weigh on the bottom line as planned in the coming months.

Overall, the Managing Board believes that A.S. Création is well on track to realise the Group projections for the year 2012, which provide for sales revenues of between € 195 million and € 205 million and a net profit of € 6.0 million to € 7.0 million

The risk and opportunity profile of A.S. Création Tapeten AG has not changed materially as compared to the presentation in the 2011 Annual Report.

Statement pursuant to section 315 paragraph 1 sentence 6 of the German Commercial Code (HGB)

To the best of our knowledge, and in accordance with the applicable reporting principles for interim financial reporting, the interim consolidated financial statements give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities, financial position and profit or loss of the Group, and the interim management report of the Group includes a fair review of the development and performance of the business and the position of the Group, together with a description of the principal opportunities and risks associated with the expected development of the Group for the remaining months of the financial year.

Gummersbach, April 25, 2012

A.S. Création Tapeten AG

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A.S. Création Tapeten AG, Gummersbach

Consolidated balance sheet

as per March 31, 2012

Assets		
	31.03.2012	31.12.2011
	€ '000	€ '000
Tangible fixed assets	45,548	46,921
Intangible fixed assets	8,807	9,001
Financial assets	7,230	6,200
Investments accounted for at equity	2,104	2,042
Other assets	1,067	1,494
Income tax receivables	1,343	1,329
Deferred tax assets	735	777
Non-current assets	66,834	67,764
Inventories	46,376	46,415
Trade receivables	45,513	33,975
Other assets	4,273	5,893
Income tax receivables	522	922
Cash and cash equivalents	5,275	2,358
Current assets	101,959	89,563
Total assets	168,793	157,327
Equity and liabilities		
	31.03.2012	31.12.2011
	€ '000	€ '000
Capital stock	9,000	9,000
Capital reserves	13,757	13,757
Revenue reserves	52,156	52,170
Profit carried forward	18,668	14,018
Net profit	3,289	4,650
Adjustment for own shares	-4,021	-4,021
Currency translation differences	73	-21
Equity	92,922	89,553
Financial liabilities (interest-bearing)	27,148	27,787
Other liabilities	1,218	1,326
Provisions for pensions	7,678	7,613
Deferred tax liabilities	6,343	6,710
Non-current liabilities	42,387	43,436
Financial liabilities (interest-bearing)	4,106	4,013
Other liabilities	14,244	10,482
Trade payables	14,032	9,256
Other provisions	77	137
Tax liabilities	1,025	450
Current liabilities	33,484	24,338
Total equity and liabilities	168,793	157,327

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Consolidated income statement

for the three-month period ended March 31, 2012

	Notes No.	2012 € '000	2011 € '000
Sales	(1)	55,146	53,326
Increase or decrease in unfinished and finished goods		148	1,052
Other own work capitalised		8	0
Total output		55,302	54,378
Cost of materials		28,163	28,310
Gross profit		27,139	26,068
Other income		310	410
		27,449	26,478
Personnel expenses		11,026	10,680
Depreciation		2,405	2,559
Operating taxes		121	124
Other operating expenses		8,723	8,457
Operating expenses		22,275	21,820
Earnings before interest and taxes (EBIT)		5,174	4,658
Interest and similar income		106	14
Results from investments accounted for at equity		-65	-34
Interest and similar expenses		437	381
Financial result		-396	-401
Earnings before income taxes		4,778	4,257
Income taxes	(2)	1,489	1,360
Net profit		3,289	2,897
Earnings per share	(3)	1.19 €	1.05 €

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Consolidated statement of comprehensive income

for the three-month period ended March 31, 2012

	2012	2011
	€ '000	€ '000
Net profit	3,289	2,897
Foreign currency translation differences for fully consolidated companies	-32	-8
Foreign currency translation differences for investments accounted for at equity	126	-14
Change in fair value of an interest rate hedge	-20	238
Deferred taxes	6	-73
Other comprehensive income	80	143
Total comprehensive income	3,369	3,040

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Consolidated statement of changes in equity

for the three-month period ended March 31, 2012

	Capital stock	Capital reserves	Revenue reserves	Profit carried forward	Net profit	Adjust- ment for own shares	Currency trans- lation diffe- rences	Total
	€ '000	€ '000	€ '000	€ '000	€ '000	€ '000	€ '000	€ '000
December 31, 2010	9,000	13,757	48,120	13,482	8,395	-4,021	56	88,789
Net profit 2010	0	0	0	8,395	-8,395	0	0	0
Dividend payments	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Allocation to revenue reserves	0	0	729	-729	0	0	0	0
Total comprehensive income 2011	0	0	165	0	2,897	0	-22	3,040
March 31, 2011	9,000	13,757	49,014	21,148	2,897	-4,021	34	91,829

	Capital stock	Capital reserves	Revenue reserves	Profit carried forward	Net profit	Adjust- ment for own shares	Currency trans- lation diffe- rences	Total
	€ '000	€ '000	€ '000	€ '000	€ '000	€ '000	€ '000	€ '000
December 31, 2011	9,000	13,757	52,170	14,018	4,650	-4,021	-21	89,553
Net profit 2011	0	0	0	4,650	-4,650	0	0	0
Dividend payments	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Allocation to revenue reserves	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total comprehensive income 2012	0	0	-14	0	3,289	0	94	3,369
March 31, 2012	9,000	13,757	52,156	18,668	3,289	-4,021	73	92,922

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Consolidated cash flow statement

for the three-month period ended March 31, 2012

	2012 € '000	2011 € '000
Operating activities		
Net profit	3,289	2,897
+ Depreciation on tangible and intangible fixed assets	2,405	2,559
+/- Increase/decrease in long-term provisions	65	-9
-/+ Income/expenses from investments accounted for at equity	65	34
-/+ Increase/decrease in present value of corporate income tax credit	-17	-19
-/+ Income/expenses from changes in deferred taxes	-303	-330
Cash-flow	5,504	5,132
-/+ Profit/losses from disposal of tangible and intangible fixed assets	164	-11
-/+ Increase/decrease in inventories	72	-2,457
-/+ Increase/decrease in trade receivables	-11,509	-11,118
+/- Increase/decrease in trade payables	4,773	4,984
-/+ Increase/decrease in other net working capital	6,478	3,434
Cash-flow from operating activities	5,482	-36
Investing activities		
Capital expenditures on tangible and intangible fixed assets	-1,073	-1,651
- Cash outflows for acquisitions of consolidated companies (less acquired cash and cash equivalents)	0	0
-/+ Cash outflows/repayments for/from extended credits and bonds	-1,030	0
- Cash outflows for acquisitions of investments accounted for at equity	0	-640
+ Proceeds from the disposal of tangible and intangible fixed assets	74	45
Cash-flow from investing activities	-2,029	-2,246
Financing activities		
Dividends paid to shareholders of A.S. Création Tapeten AG	0	0
+/- Raising/repayment of financial liabilities (interest-bearing)	-547	622
Cash-flow from financing activities	-547	622
Net change in cash and cash equivalents	2,906	-1,660
+/- Change in cash and cash equivalents due to exchange rate fluctuations	11	-4
+ Cash and cash equivalents at January 1	2,358	10,792
Cash and cash equivalents at March 31	5,275	9,128

Further information on the cash flow statement are presented in the notes to the consolidated financial statement (see No. 4).

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Notes to the consolidated financial statements

for the three-month period ended March 31, 2012

General

A.S. Création Tapeten AG is a joint stock company registered in the Federal Republic of Germany. The address of the headquarters is Südstrasse 47, D-51645 Gummersbach.

The present interim consolidated financial statements for the three-month period ended March 31, 2012 were prepared by A.S. Création Tapeten AG in condensed form in accordance with IAS 34 "Interim Financial Reporting". The accounting and valuation methods used are consistent with those used to prepare the consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2011. The latter were prepared on the basis of the International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) in force on the reporting date, such as they are applicable in the European Union, as well as the additional requirements pursuant to section 315a (1) of the German Commercial Code (HGB). For a detailed description of the accounting and valuation methods, refer to the notes to the consolidated financial statements for the period ended December 31, 2011.

A.S. Création Tapeten AG has a policy of applying new IFRS as soon as they become effective. The newly published IFRS and the interpretations of the International Accounting Standard Boards (IASB) had no material effect on the assets, liabilities, financial position and earnings position of A.S. Création.

To prepare the consolidated financial statements, the Managing Board must make estimates and assumptions that influence the recognition of assets and liabilities as well as income and expenses. All estimates and assumptions are made to the best of the Managing Board's knowledge to give a true and fair view of the net worth, financial and earnings position of the Group. The actual values may nevertheless deviate from the estimates. The results achieved in the fiscal year 2012 to date do not necessarily provide an indication of the performance in the further course of the year.

The present interim report has neither been audited nor reviewed by a certified public accountant. This English translation of the interim report is merely a convenience translation. The German version is the prevailing one.

Notes on the basis of consolidation

Next to A.S. Création Tapeten AG, 10 subsidiaries are consolidated, thereof nine companies are fully consolidated and one company is accounted for using the equity method. The consolidated entity has remained unchanged from FY 2011.

Currency translation

A.S. Création Tapeten AG's reporting currency is the euro (€).

In accordance with IAS 21, foreign currencies of subsidiaries in non-EMU countries are translated according to the functional currency concept using the modified closing rate method.

An average annual rate of £ 0.83441/€ (2011: £ 0.85389/€) and a closing rate of £ 0.83246/€ (2011: £ 0.88300/€) were used for the pound sterling, while an average annual rate of RUB 39.56160/€ (2011: RUB 40.00486/€) and a closing rate of RUB 39.23700/€ (2011: RUB 40.31240/€) were applied for the Russian rouble.

Notes to the income statement

(1) Sales

A breakdown of Group sales by region is provided below:

	Wallpaper Division		Fabrics Division		Consolidation		Group	
	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011
	€ '000	€ '000	€ '000	€ '000	€ '000	€ '000	€ '000	€ '000
Germany	21,966	21,134	2,839	2,526	-150	-79	24,655	23,581
EU (excl. Germany)	23,916	24,204	626	697	-79	-112	24,463	24,789
European Union (EU)	45,882	45,338	3,465	3,223	-229	-191	49,118	48,370
Other Eastern Europe	7,769	7,156	206	331	0	0	7,975	7,487
Other countries	3,151	2,580	226	119	0	0	3,377	2,699
Sales (gross)	56,802	55,074	3,897	3,673	-229	-191	60,470	58,556
Reduction in revenues	-5,159	-5,069	-165	-161	0	0	-5,324	-5,230
Sales (net)	51,643	50,005	3,732	3,512	-229	-191	55,146	53,326

(2) Income taxes

Income taxes in the reporting period were calculated on the basis of the tax rate anticipated for the full fiscal year. Income taxes break down as follows:

	2012	2011
	€ '000	€ '000
Current income tax expenses	1,792	1,690
Deferred taxes	-303	-330
	1,489	1,360

(3) Earnings per share

Earnings per share are calculated as follows:

		2012	2011
Number of shares outstanding (weighted average)	shares	2,756,351	2,756,351
Net profit	€ '000	3,289	2,897
Earnings per share	€/share	1.19	1.05

Given that no stock options or similar equity instruments exist that may lead to a change in the number of shares (so-called "capital dilution"), earnings per share represent both basic and diluted earnings per share.

Complementary information

(4) Cash flow statement

Cash flow from operating activities includes the following payments:

	2012	2011
	€ '000	€ '000
Interest received	5	14
Interest paid	329	239
Income tax paid	832	2,583
Dividends received	0	0

Interest paid primarily relates to investment financing.

The changes in financial liabilities shown under cash flow from financing activities are composed as follows:

	2012	2011
	€ '000	€ '000
Raising of financial liabilities (excl. financial lease)	48	1,386
Raising of liabilities under financial lease contracts	0	0
Repayment of financial liabilities (excl. financial lease)	-484	-655
Repayment of liabilities under financial lease contracts	-111	-109
	-547	622

(5) Segment reporting

According to IFRS 8, segment reporting must reflect the Group's internal organisational and reporting structures. Based on A.S. Création's products and services, the corporate structure comprises two segments, i.e. the Wallpaper Division and the Furnishing Fabrics Division. Prices charged for intragroup deliveries and services are set in line with general market prices.

A breakdown of key figures by segments is provided below:

	Wallpaper Division		Fabrics Division		Consolidation		Group	
	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011
	€ '000	€ '000	€ '000	€ '000	€ '000	€ '000	€ '000	€ '000
External sales	51,503	49,943	3,643	3,383	0	0	55,146	53,326
Intra-Group sales	140	62	89	129	-229	-191	0	0
Total sales	51,643	50,005	3,732	3,512	-229	-191	55,146	53,326
EBITDA ¹	7,389	7,099	190	118	0	0	7,579	7,217
EBITDA-margin	14.3 %	14.2 %	5.1 %	3.4 %			13.7 %	13.5 %
EBIT ²	5,021	4,575	153	83	0	0	5,174	4,658
EBIT-margin	9.7 %	9.1 %	4.1 %	2.4 %			9.4 %	8.7 %
Interest income	156	65	0	0	-50	-51	106	14
Results from investments accounted for at equity	-65	-34	0	0	0	0	-65	-34
Interest expenses	423	365	64	67	-50	-51	437	381
Earnings before taxes	4,689	4,241	89	16	0	0	4,778	4,257
Return on sales (before taxes)	9.1 %	8.5 %	2.4 %	0.5 %			8.7 %	8.0 %
Income taxes	1,461	1,355	28	5	0	0	1,489	1,360
Capital expenditures ³	2,066	2,241	37	50	0	0	2,103	2,291
Depreciation	2,368	2,524	37	35	0	0	2,405	2,559
Cash-flow	5,379	5,083	125	49	0	0	5,504	5,132
Segment assets ⁴	153,708	153,512	7,578	7,629	-367	-352	160,919	160,789
thereof non-current assets	(63,500)	(61,268)	(1,256)	(1,241)	(0)	(0)	(64,756)	(62,509)
Segment liabilities ⁵	28,195	36,200	1,743	1,672	-367	-350	29,571	37,522
Employees (average)	738	713	70	68	0	0	808	781

A breakdown of Group sales by geographical regions is provided in the notes on sales (see No. 1).

¹ **EBITDA** is the common international abbreviation of earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortisation.

² **EBIT** is the common international abbreviation of earnings before interest and taxes. It is equivalent to the segment result.

³ **Capital expenditures** correspond with the item which is shown in the consolidated cash flow statement.

⁴ **Segment assets** are the total assets of the segment less interest-bearing loans, cash and cash equivalents, deferred tax assets and income tax receivables.

⁵ **Segment liabilities** are the total liabilities less shareholders' equity, pension provisions, tax liabilities, deferred tax liabilities and financial liabilities.

Of the total non-current Group assets of € 64.756 million (2011: € 62.509 million), an amount of € 44.127 million (2011: € 44.029 million) relates to Germany, an amount of € 11.239 million (2011: € 16.513 million) to other EU countries and an amount of € 9.390 million (2011: € 1.967 million) to non-EU Eastern European countries.

(6) Managing Board

The Managing Board had the following members in the reporting period:

- Jörn Kämper, Chairman, Sales and Marketing
- Karl-Heinz Hallwig, Production and Logistics
- Maik Holger Krämer, Finance and Controlling

(7) Relationships to closely associated companies and persons

A.S. Création Tapeten AG has granted a loan at market interest rates to OOO A.S. & Palitra, which is accounted for using the equity method. The loan, which amounted to € 7.230 million (2011: € 0 million) on the balance sheet date, is recognised as a non-current financial asset. The resulting interest income of € 0.101 million (2011: € 0 million) is included in the financial result. As the interest incurred during the start-up phase is deferred in accordance with the loan agreement, receivables in an amount of € 0.219 million (2011: € 0 million) existed as of the balance sheet date, which are included in other assets.

The relationships of the company with Supervisory Board Chairman Franz Jürgen Schneider, and with A.S. Création Tapeten Stiftung, a charitable foundation, as reported in the consolidated financial statements for 2011 continued to exist in the period under review.

(8) Post balance sheet events

No events that require reporting have occurred.

Gummersbach, April 25, 2012

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