

Press Release

Bossard Group

Ad hoc publicity

Positive sales trend continues – marked increase in profit year on year

The uptrend in sales in the first quarter of 2010 – as reported by Bossard on April 13, 2010 – continued in the second quarter of 2010. The improvement in demand in the first half of 2010 was stronger than expected and, in Swiss francs, led to a sales increase of 18.5 %. In local currencies sales were even up by 21.5 % compared to 2009. The noticeably higher demand is reflected in a profit leap in the Group's consolidated result. Thus after the first six months of 2010 the result has already surpassed CHF 15.3 million – the net profit reported for the entire 2009 business year.

This advance information has been issued in line with the ad hoc publicity guidelines drawn up by SIX Swiss Exchange.

The six-month results for 2010 will be published on August 31, 2010, as part of Bossard's semi-annual report.

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Profile:

Bossard is a fastening technology and logistics company operating globally. Its full-service package focuses on fasteners and includes worldwide sales, technical and engineering support, and inventory management. Its customer base is made up of local and multinational industrial companies. The Group has 1,400 employees in more than 50 locations worldwide and reported sales of 395 million Swiss francs in the year 2009. Bossard is listed on the Swiss Exchange.