

## **PRESS RELEASE**

Heading: 1st half 2004 results

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# H1 2004: operating margin of 6.3% 2004 operating profit target raised to € 6m

(in millions of euros)	H1 2004	H1 2003	2003
Revenues	46.1	46.8	92.7
Operating profit	2.9 (6.3%)	3.6 (7.6%)	7.6
Financial profit	0.4	0.4	0.7
Extraordinary profit	0.1	0.0	0.0
Net profit before goodwill	2.2 (4.7%)	2.7 (5.7%)	5.5
Net attributable profit after goodwill	1.7 (3.7%)	2.2 (4.6%)	4.5

During the first half, revenues from services were stable. This was due to a combination of higher volumes, satisfactory rates of occupancy and the ongoing effects of lower prices.

#### **Outlook for 2004**

The gradual improvement in margin since the end of the first quarter now enables us to expect operating profit for the full-year in the region of €6m instead of the previously forecast €5.5m.

## **About NEURONES**

Since its creation in 1985, NEURONES, an IT services company employing 1,300 people, has developed a global offer for integrating systems and networks (16% of 2003 revenues), outsourcing of distributed environments (32%) and e-Services (52%). Listed on the Nouveau Marché and member of the NextEconomy, NEURONES reported revenues of  $\leqslant$  92.7m in 2003 with net attributable profit after goodwill of  $\leqslant$  4.5m. Recurring business accounts for 60% of total group revenues, and the group has more than  $\leqslant$  40m in net cash to finance its growth.

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