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## **Key Group Figures as at 30 June 2006**

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	[EUR'000]	[EUR'000]
Revenues	186,802	144,292
Gross profit	56,329	34,769
Personnel expenses	13,315	9,921
Operating income before depreciation and amortisation (EBITDA)	33,452	22,929
Depreciation	3,398	2,226
Operating profit (EBIT)	30,054	20,703
Earnings before tax (EBT)	31,173	21,374
Consolidated net income	14,452	9,223
Cash flow	22,505	16,526
	[EUR]	[EUR]
Earnings per share*, undiluted (=diluted)	0.60	0.38 ***
	[Qty.]	[Qty.]
Number of employees**	569	436
Of which temporary	(109)	(69)

Number of shares: 24 million (prior year: 12 million)
Number of employees at end of half-year (active workforce)
Earnings per share for the first half-year 2005 was calculated for comparison purposes on the basis of 24 million shares.



Dear Sirs/Mesdames,

CTS Eventim can look back at what has been the most successful first half-year in the company's history. We achieved substantial improvements in all our key performance figures. Group revenues increased by 29% year-on-year, and EBIT by 45%. Our successful sales operation to sell the around 3.2 million tickets for the 2006 World Cup provided a strong boost - in the Ticketing field, CTS Eventim generated a 71% increase in revenues and a 61% gain in EBIT. With proprietary software and a highly motivated team, we delivered outstanding work on behalf of the World Cup Organising Committee. Indeed, this was the first World Cup ever for which all 64 matches were sold out, with stadiums filled to 99.98% capacity - a historically unique success story.

Ticketing for the 2006 World Cup advanced our company in many different respects - we demonstrated our prowess and greatly increased the awareness of CTS both in Germany and abroad. We also benefited technologically from this superlative sports event. The resale and transfer platform we developed was a total success. Ticket holders were able to sell or transfer their World Cup tickets to other persons in accordance with Organisation Committee rules. In September, CTS Eventim will be the first provider on the German market to launch its own resale platform for concert and sports tickets. The value-added for customers is security and reliability when buying and selling tickets privately.

Continued increase in demand at our www.eventim.de and www.getgo.de online portals during the first half of 2006 is as impressive as ever, with approx. 53 million visitors buying about 2 million tickets over the Internet. This strength of interest was also fired by presales of high-calibre events and tours by stars of world renown, such as Robbie Williams and Madonna.

For the second half of the year, we have set ourselves ambitious targets. CTS Eventim continues to expand and consolidate its leadership of the European ticketing market. The acquisition of TicTec AG in Basel, Switzerland, was an important step in this direction. Our manifold activities – product innovations, international growth and expansion of Internet ticketing – are continuously enhancing our market position and safeguarding the success of our company.

Yours sincerely

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Klaus-Peter Schulenberg

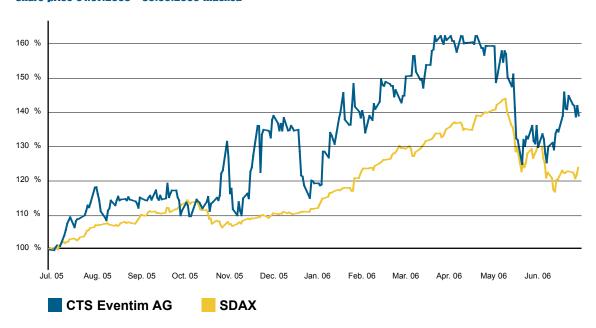


#### First dividend since IPO

In May 2006, CTS Eventim disbursed a first-ever dividend of EUR 0.34 per share. This equates to EUR 8.2 million for 24 million shares and means that shareholders participated directly in the unusually successful 2005 business year. They also profit from good share performance during the reporting period: CTS shares, listed in the SDAX index, gained around 16% during the first six months of 2006 to reach EUR 24.00. This means that the shares appreciated more in value than the index itself – the SDAX increased over the same period by around 10%.

A total of seven banks now cover CTS shares: DZ-Bank and Bayerische Landesbank – the Designated Sponsors – as well as Berenberg Bank and Nord LB, Morgan Stanley, Citigroup and Cheuvreux. The latest research reports recommend the shares as a Buy, one example being the most recent analysis by the Berenberg Bank dated 18 August 2006. The analysts at Berenberg have set a share price target of EUR 35.

#### Share price 01.07.2005 - 30.06.2006 indexed



#### Number of shares held by members of executive organs as at 30 June 2006

Members of the Management Board:	Quantity
Klaus-Peter Schulenberg (CEO)	12,016,000
Volker Bischoff	0
Alexander Ruoff	2,000

Members of the Supervisory Board:	Quantity	
Jakob Kleefass (Chairman)	1,194	
Dr. Peter Haßkamp	1,000	
Prof. Jobst W. Plog	0	

On 10 May 2006, Mr. Edmund Hug retired as Chairman of the Supervisory Board. The Shareholders' Meeting on 10 May 2006 elected Prof. Jobst W. Plog as a new member of the

Supervisory Board. The Supervisory Board elected Mr. Jakob Kleefass as the new Supervisory Board chairman.



## **Financial report**

#### **Preamble:**

The interim Group financial statements of CTS Eventim AG as at 30 June 2006 were prepared in accordance with the International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) and the Interpretations thereof, as applicable on the reporting date.

The accounting, valuation and consolidation methods underwent some changes relative to the prior year in respect of the disclosure of commission expenses for the World Cup project. Commission expenses were recognised as selling expenses and no longer as cost of sales. This leads to an increase in gross margin in the Ticketing segment and in the Group as a whole. The prior figures have been adjusted accordingly to enable comparison.

# Structure of entities within the Group / Divisional changes during the reporting period:

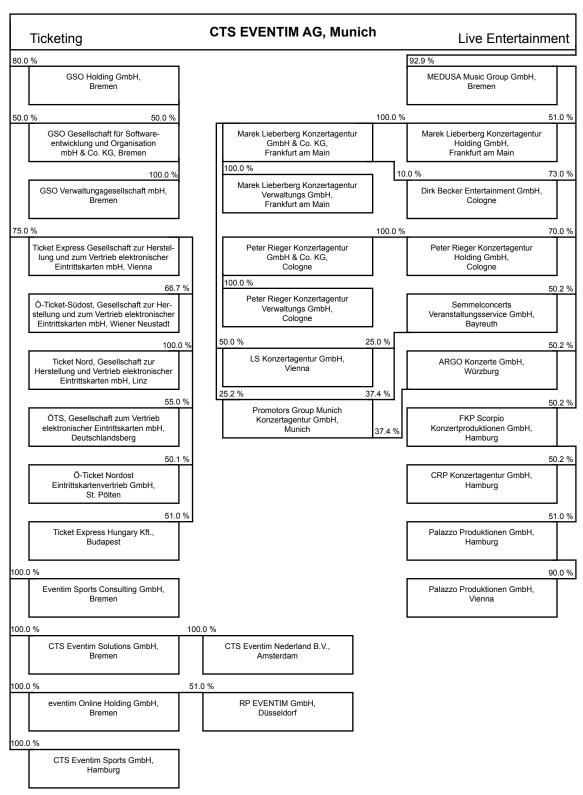
With effect from 01 January 2006, CTS Eventim Sports GmbH (formerly Sportfive Tixx GmbH), Hamburg, and the Austrian regional sales company of Ticket Express Gesellschaft zur Herstellung und zum Vertrieb elektronischer Eintrittskarten mbH, Wiener Neustadt, Ö-Ticket Nordost Eintrittskartenvertrieb GmbH, St. Pölten, were newly consolidated within the Ticketing segment.

With effect from 26 January 2006, Argo Konzerte GmbH, Würzburg, and Semmelconcerts Veranstaltungsservice GmbH, Bayreuth, sold 7.6 percentage points of their shares in Promoters Group Munich Konzertagentur GmbH, Munich, respectively to Marek Lieberberg Konzertagentur GmbH & Co. KG, Frankfurt am Main.



## Corporate structure of CTS Eventim AG and its subsidiaries

Status: 30 June 2006





# Notes on the figures for the comparative period:

The comparative figures from the preceding year relate to the consolidated financial statements as at 30 June 2005, in accordance with IFRS.

The commission expenses for the World Cup project, as disclosed in the prior-year accounts, were reallocated from cost of sales to selling expenses.

The scope of consolidation changed in relation to HY1/2005 as follows:

Vierte Herrengraben 31 Verwaltungsgesellschaft mbH, Hamburg, was merged into CTS Eventim AG with retroactive effect from 01 January 2005, on the basis of a notarial contract dated 04 July 2005. The merger was effected on 25 August 2005, when the relevant entry was made in the Commercial Register.

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The firm of Ticket Express Gesell-schaft zur Herstellung und zum Vertrieb elektronischer Eintrittskarten mbH, Vienna, increased its participation in Ö-Ticket Südost, Gesellschaft zur Herstellung und zum Vertrieb elektronischer Eintrittskarten GmbH, Wiener Neustadt, by 16.67 percentage points to 66.67% on the basis of a notarial contract dated 22 December 2005.



#### **Revenues:**

Owing to successful business growth and expansion in both segments, Group revenues improved by 29.5% to EUR 186.8 million in the period under review (01 January to 30 June 2006), compared to EUR 144.3 million in HY1/2005.

The first two quarters of the current business year were characterised in the Live Entertainment segment by a high frequency of events and well-filled booking capacity. The highly successful tours by Depeche Mode, Xavier Naidoo and the Eagles during the first quarter, combined with the variety of events and very successful festivals in the second quarter, such as Rock am Ring, Rock im Park and Hurricane, resulted, after the outstanding half-year figures for 2005, in a further 16.8% increase in revenues – before consolidation between the segments – from EUR 112.9 million in HY1/2006.

In the Ticketing segment, the 2006 World Cup and highly profitable Internet sales provided a major boost to revenues. Revenues improved by 71 % to EUR 56.8 million (HY1/2005: EUR 33.3 million). Revenues of CTS Eventim AG as a stand-alone company

grew by 81% to EUR 50.4 million (HY1/2005: EUR 27.9 million). As a result of this excellent business growth, the key financial ratios showed further improvement.

Around 53 million music and event fans (HY1/2005: 40 million) visited the Group's portals at www.eventim.de and www.getgo.de in the first half of 2006, buying approx. 2 million tickets in total (HY1/2005: EUR 1.5 million). By May 2006, ticket sales and visitor figures for the Internet portals were showing 50% growth. Despite the strong focus on the 2006 World Cup in June and the postponement of presales for new concert tours, growth rates for the Internet sales channel were around 33 % as at 30 June 2006.



## **Earnings performance:**

There was a further year-on-year increase in consolidated gross margin to 30.2% (HY1/2005: 24.1%). This increase is attributable above all to the Ticketing segment, which achieved a significantly higher gross margin of 65.8%, compared to 59.2% in HY1/2005. Due to the reallocation of commission expenses for the World Cup project from cost of sales to selling expenses, the Group's gross margin of the previous year increased from 22.7% to 24.1%, and in the Ticketing segment from 53.1% to 59.2%. In the second quarter of 2006, cost of sales in the Ticketing segment increased as a consequence of the 2006 World Cup activities and the associated increase in project-related services.

The gross margin in the Live Entertainment segment, lower due to sectoral factors, improved due to lower cost of sales from 13.3 % to 14.5%.

As at 30 June 2006, Group EBIT amounted to EUR 30.1 million (HY1/2005: EUR 20.7 million). The consolidated EBIT margin improved relative to the previous year to 16.1% (HY1/2005: 14.3%).

In the Live Entertainment segment, the high frequency of events, successful concert tours, as well as sold-out festivals resulted in an EBIT figure of EUR 13.1 million, compared to EUR 10.2 million in the first half of 2005.

In the Ticketing segment CTS Eventim increased its EBIT by 61 % to EUR 16.9 million (HY1/2005: EUR 10.5 million). EBIT margin amounted to round 30 % (HY1/2005: 31.6%). In addition to further growth in ticketing volume sold through stationary box offices and the Internet, successful handling of ticket sales for the 2006 World Cup were another factor accounting for improved earnings during the reporting period.

Group EBITDA jumped to EUR 33.5 million as at 30 June 2006 (HY1/2005: EUR 22.9 million). Of that total, EUR 13.3 million were generated by the Live Entertainment segment (HY1/2005: EUR 10.4 million). The Ticketing segment produced a further EUR 20.1 million, compared to EUR 12.6 million in HY1/2005. Group EBITDA margin improved from 15.9 % to 17.9 %. The Live Entertainment segment increased its EBITDA margin to 10.1 % compared to 9.2 % in HY1/2005.

Earnings before tax (EBT) amounted to EUR 31.2 million (HY1/2005: EUR 21.4 million). The improvement in consolidated net income to EUR 14.5 million (HY1/2005: EUR 9.2 million) results in a significant improvement in EPS to EUR 0.60 (HY1/2005: EUR 0.38 pro forma on the basis of 24 million shares).



## **Financial position:**

In the first half of 2006, the balance sheet total declined from EUR 234.6 million by EUR 12.1 million to EUR 222.5 million.

Group current assets were reduced by EUR 19.0 million to EUR 159.6 million, with shrinking cash and cash equivalents by EUR 31.0 million. This is primarily due to a reduction in other liabilities as at 30 June 2006, resulting in turn from invoiced ticket presales for events that took place in the first half of 2006. Investment and financing activities (e.g. distribution of dividends in the first half of 2006) led to additional cash outflows.

The Group equity ratio (shareholders' equity excluding minority interests divided by the balance sheet total) rose from 32.3% to 36.9%, mainly due to a decline in advance payments received and in liabilities relating to ticket revenues that have not yet been invoiced.

#### Investments:

In the six-month period under review, the Group invested EUR 7.8 million (HY1/2005: EUR 1.5 million) in other intangible and tangible assets. These investments involved improvements to rights, ticketing software, Internet applications, hardware and other office equipment.

### **Growth in workforce:**

As at the reporting date, the Group had a total of 569 employees on its payroll, including 109 part-time workers (HY1/2005: 436 employees, including 69 part-time workers). Of that total, 408 are employed in the Ticketing segment (HY1/2005: 303 employees) and 161 in the Live Entertainment segment (HY1/2005: 133 employees). The main factors behind this increase in workforce size were the World Cup project and the increase in consolidated companies.

Group personnel expenses rose from EUR 9.9 million to EUR 13.3 million, of which EUR 7.9 million are attributable to the Ticketing segment and EUR 5.4 million to the Live Entertainment segment.

#### **Dividends**

In accordance with a resolution adopted at the Shareholders' Meeting on 10 May 2006, CTS Eventim AG paid out to shareholders a total of EUR 8.160 million (EUR 0.34 per share) in dividends for the 2005 fiscal year.



### **Outlook: Expansion in Europe**

CTS Eventim continues to grow its European network in a systematic manner. The aim is to create a network of event promoters and ticket providers that collaborates successfully across national boundaries. The takeover in early August of Basle-based TicTec AG is an important step in this process. As the operator of the TicTec system and the www.tictec.ch Internet platform, this company is one of the leading providers of ticketing services in Switzerland. CTS Eventim will support the determined growth of TicTec and significantly increase its share of the market. In addition to intensifying the presence already achieved in Austria, Switzerland, the Netherlands and eastern Europe, CTS Eventim is also planning to enter the respective markets in Spain and Italy.

The market leadership held by CTS Eventim is underpinned by its unique combination of Live Entertainment and Ticketing. The highly profitable Internet ticketing business continues to be the Group's main growth driver. Convenient and secure online booking, combined with superb service, exclusive presales offers and a regular newsletter are winning over more and more customers to use the services of the Group. Print-at-home solutions, reservation of specific seats and the new resale platform for concert and sports tickets are further enhancing the attractiveness of the Internet as a sales channel. In the Live Entertainment segment, subsidiaries and participations ensure excellent positioning on the various markets. The company is profiting in fiscal year 2006 from world-class tours by top international stars of no lesser stature than Robbie Williams. Madonna, Eric Clapton, Bruce Springsteen and the Rolling Stones. Our successful business model also ensures that we will attract future crowd-pulling events.

In the sports field, CTS Eventim is already a leading supplier of sports-related content. More than 70 clubs and associations from 20 different sports disciplines make use of CTS Eventim services. Germany's leading marketer for sports tickets recently renewed its contracts with several football clubs in various leagues, and is also highly successful in other sports fields such as volleyball, handball, tennis, ice hockey, American football (NFL) and Formula 1 racing.

The Management Board expects the company's progress to continue according to plan during the 2006 business year, in which efforts will be focused primarily on improving earnings.



## Consolidated balance sheet as at 30 June 2006 (IFRS)

Assets	30.06.2006	31.12.2005
	[EUR]	[EUR]
Current assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	105,293,681	136,284,989
Trade receivables	30,055,809	16,213,035
Receivables from affiliated companies	1,115,360	823,328
Inventories	12,459,748	17,155,222
Other assets	10,691,988	8,161,921
Total current assets	159,616,586	178,638,495
Non-current assets		
Fixed assets	5,297,128	4,068,369
Intangible assets	9,118,051	5,521,783
Financial assets	1,051,558	946,295
Investments stated at equity	7,102	10,004
Loans	2,343,409	2,200,366
Trade receivables	34,150	26,530
Receivables from affiliated companies	282,544	346,326
Other assets	859,093	743,683
Goodwill	41,045,816	39,215,076
Deferred tax assets	2,882,086	2,889,766
Total non-current assets	62,920,937	55,968,198
Total assets	222,537,523	234,606,693



## Consolidated balance sheet as at 30 June 2006 (IFRS)

Shareholders' equity and liabilities	30.06.2006	31.12.2005
	[EUR]	[EUR]
Current liabilities		
Short-term financial liabilities and current portion of long-		
term financial liablities	1,295,072	2,552,784
Trade payables	21,679,824	21,016,794
Payables to affiliated companies	257,971	500,300
Advance payments received	45,191,324	57,303,948
Other provisions	1,232,912	963,876
Tax provisions	9,044,297	7,321,709
Other liabilities	47,682,757	58,578,057
Total current liabilities	126,384,157	148,237,468
Non-current liabilities		
Medium- and long-term financial liabilities	0	792,058
Other liabilities	3,153,000	0
Pension provisions	2,618,867	2,446,592
Total non-current liabilities	5,771,867	3,238,650
Shareholders' equity		
Share capital	24,000,000	24,000,000
Capital reserve	23,302,357	23,302,357
Balance sheet profit	34,817,326	28,524,850
Minority interest	8,275,375	7,303,699
Currency differences	-13,559	-331
Total shareholders' equity	90,381,499	83,130,575
Total shareholders' equity and liabilities	222,537,523	234,606,693



# Consolidated income statement from 01 January to 30 June 2006 (IFRS)

	6 - Month - Report 01.01 30.06.2006 [EUR]	6 - Month - Report 01.01 30.06.2005 [EUR]
Revenues	186,801,663	144,291,922
Cost of sales	-130,473,155	-109,523,068
Gross profit	56,328,508	34,768,854
Selling expenses	-18,733,005	-8,853,401
General and administration expenses	-6,513,455	-5,075,847
Other operating income / expenses	-1,028,291	-136,581
Operating profit (EBIT)	30,053,757	20,703,025
Financial income / expenses and other taxes	1,100,494	644,134
Income / expenses from companies in which participations are held	21,430	25,260
Income / expenses from investments stated at equity	-2,902	1,306
Earnings before tax (EBT)	31,172,779	21,373,725
Taxes on income (incl. deferred tax)	-12,190,946	-8,354,941
Earnings before minority interest	18,981,833	13,018,784
Minority interest	-4,529,358	-3,795,897
Consolidated net income	14,452,475	9,222,887
Net income per share undiluted (= diluted)	0.60	0.77
Weighted average shares outstanding undiluted (= diluted) [Qty.]	24,000,000	12,000,000
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Pro forma earnings per share (in EUR); undiluted (= diluted)		
after share split (24 million shares)		0.38



# Consolidated income statement from 01 April to 30 June 2006 (IFRS)

	Interim Report 2 / 2006 01.04 30.06.2006 [EUR]	Interim Report 2 / 2005 01.04 30.06.2005 [EUR]
Revenues	98.724.234	91.283.010
Cost of sales	-74.003.192	-69.688.932
Gross profit	24.721.042	21.594.078
Selling expenses	-7.807.784	-5.563.958
General and administration expenses	-3.277.492	-2.735.709
Other operating income / expenses	-454.250	-715.960
Operating profit (EBIT)	13.181.516	12.578.451
Financial income / expenses and other taxes	587.626	349.496
Income / expenses from companies in which participations are held	20.564	25.260
Income / expenses from investments stated at equity	7.102	3.099
Earnings before tax (EBT)	13.796.808	12.956.306
Taxes on income (incl. deferred tax)	-5.163.859	-4.976.630
Earnings before minority interest	8.632.949	7.979.676
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Minority interest	-1.572.832	-2.171.411
Consolidated net income	7.060.117	5.808.264
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Net income per share undiluted (= diluted)	0,29	0,48
Weighted average shares outstanding undiluted (= diluted) [Qty.]	24.000.000	12.000.000
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Pro forma earnings per share (in EUR); undiluted (= diluted)		
after share split (24 million shares)		0,24
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# Consolidated cash flow statement for the period from 01 January to 30 June 2006

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	[EUR]	[EUR]
Consolidated net income	14,452,475	9,222,887
Minority interest	4,529,358	3,795,897
Depreciation on intangible and fixed assets	3,397,942	2,226,456
Additons to pension provisions	133,294	88,604
Deferred tax expense / income	-7,679	1,192,238
Cash flow	22,505,390	16,526,082
Cash flow from operating activities	-6,335,102	44,541,306
Cash flow from investing activities	-11,828,146	-1,874,470
Cash flow from financing activities	-13,079,591	-4,313,983
Net increase / decrease in cash and cash equivalents	-31,242,839	38,352,853
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	136,284,989	84,609,382
Change in cash and cash equivalents due to consolidation effects	251,531	12,631
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	105,293,681	122,974 866

## Consolidated statement of changes in shareholders' equity (IFRS)

	Status at 31.12.2003 [EUR]	Status at 31.12.2004 [EUR]	Status at 30.06.2005 EUR]	Status at 31.12.2005 [EUR]	Changes [EUR]	Status at 30.06.2006 [EUR]
Share capital	12,000,000	12,000,000	12,000,000	24,000,000	0	24,000,000
Capital reserve	36,401,753	35,322,647	35,322,647	23,302,357	0	23,302,357
Balance sheet profit	2,347,578	12,549,864	21,772,753	28,524,850	6,292,476	34,817,326
Minority interest	6,794,256	6,451,873	6,592,798	7,303,699	971,676	8,275,375
Currency differences	0	4,676	3,478	-331	-13,228	-13,559
Total shareholders' equity	57,543,587	66,329,060	75,691,676	83,130,575	7,250,924	90,381,499



# **Segment reporting**

	01.01 30.06.2005	
	[EUR]	[EUR]
Segment Ticketing		
Revenues	56,760	33,285
EBITDA	20,113	12,558
EBIT	16,922	10,525
Employees [Qty.] as at 30.06.	408	303
Segment Live Entertainment		
Revenues	131,896	112,940
EBITDA	13,336	10,372
EBIT	13,130	10,178
Employees [Qty.] as at 30.06.	161	133
Consolidation		
Revenues	-1,855	-1,934
EBITDA	2	0
EBIT	2	0
Group		
Revenues	186,802	144,292
EBITDA	33,452	22,929
EBIT	30,054	20,703
Employees [Qty.] as at 30.06.	569	436