

## Profile

STRATEC develops and manufactures fully automated analyzer systems based on its own patented technologies for its partners in the fields of clinical diagnostics and biotechnology. STRATEC's partners are mostly global players operating in the in-vitro diagnostics industry. These companies market STRATEC's systems under their own names, in general together with their own reagents, as system solutions to laboratories, blood banks, and research institutes around the world.

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## Highlights

Sales of  $\in$  70.0 million in 6M/2015 (+1.4%; 6M/2014:  $\in$  69.1 million)

EBIT of € 12.0 million in 6M/2015 (+6.7%; 6M/2014: € 11.2 million\*)

EBIT margin of 17.1% in 6M/2015 (+80 basis points; 6M/2014: 16.3%\*)

Earnings per share of  $\le$  0.83 in 6M/2015 (+1.2%; 6M/2014:  $\le$  0.82\*)

Ongoing positive development expected for financial year as a whole

# Key Group Figures at a Glance

in € thousands	01.01 06.30.2015	01.01 06.30.2014	Change
Sales	70,012	69,050	+1.4%
EBIT	11,986	11,232 <sup>*</sup>	+6.7%
EBIT margin (%)	17.1	16.3 <sup>*</sup>	+80 bps
Consolidated net income	9,807	9,635*	+1.8%
Earnings per share (€)	0.83	0.82*	+1.2%
No. of employees (06.30.)	562	546	+2.9%

in € thousands	06.30.2015	12.31.2014	Change
Shareholders' equity	118,026	112,051	+5.3%
Total assets	150,632	137,748	+9.4%
Equity ratio (%)	78.4	81.3	-290 bps

bps = basis points

<sup>\* 2014</sup> figure adjusted to exclude a one-off negative item resulting from the recognition in the first quarter of expenses for the remaining years of the term of a management board contract for a retired member of the Board of Management. Unadjusted EBIT for the first half of 2014 amounted to € 10.3 million; the corresponding EBIT margin amounted to 14.9%, consolidated net income to € 8.9 million and earnings per share to € 0.76. The actual amount of the aforementioned expense item may differ at the time of payment from the amounts presented here.

# Letter from the Board of Management

#### DEAR SHAREHOLDERS, DEAR PARTNERS AND FRIENDS OF STRATEC,

In the second quarter, we upheld the performance already seen in the first three months of the current financial year. At  $\in$  70.0 million, our sales for the first six months were 1.4% ahead of the previous year's figure. We succeeded at the same time in further enhancing our profitability, with an EBIT margin of 17.1% as of June 30, 2015, compared to 16.3% in the same period in the previous year. This margin improvement was driven by both a higher share of sales from service parts, as well as by greater efficiency in our production activities. Consolidated net income grew by 1.8% to  $\in$  9.8 million, while earnings per share rose by 1.2% to  $\in$  0.83 compared to an adjusted earnings per share of  $\in$  0.82 in the previous year.

We continue to expect sales growth in 2015, accompanied by a slight increase in profitability, and can confirm our currently valid financial forecast through to 2017, which provides for average annual sales growth of between 8% and 12% based on figures for the 2013 financial year.

STRATEC is focusing in the current year on achieving further key development milestones for future market launches by our partners. In the first half of 2015 our Data Management business unit successfully acquired a major development order in the field of middleware software from one of the world's leading diagnostics and pharmaceuticals companies. Although the implications of this two-year order for the STRATEC Group are in the low single-digit percentage range, and thus do not impact on the current company forecast, this order nevertheless represents a significant milestone in the development of the Data Management business.

Our construction work in Romania and Switzerland is progressing well and we expect to be able to move into both buildings in the first half of 2016.

Shareholders participating in this year's Annual General Meeting, held in Pforzheim on May 22, 2015, approved all of the proposals submitted by the management. The distribution of a dividend of  $\leq$  0.70 per share for the 2014 financial year was approved. This represents the eleventh consecutive dividend increase and is consistent with our aim to remain an attractive growth investment for shareholders, while also ensuring dividend reliability.

We would like to thank you very warmly for the trust you have placed in us.

Birkenfeld, July 2015

The Board of Management of STRATEC Biomedical AG

Marcus Wolfinger

Dr. Robert Siegle

Dr. Claus Vielsack

## Interim Group Management Report

### REPORT ON THE EARNINGS, FINANCIAL AND NET ASSET POSITION

STRATEC increased its sales by 1.4% to  $\leqslant$  70.0 million in the six three months of the 2015 financial year (previous year:  $\leqslant$  69.1 million). The gross profit (gross profit on sales) grew to  $\leqslant$  25.5 million (36.4% of sales), up by  $\leqslant$  2.9 million compared with the previous year (32.7% of sales). This growth was chiefly driven by efficiency enhancements and the solid performance of the spare parts and services business.

Gross development expenses rose by € 0.2 million to € 10.8 million, of which € 7.5 million were capitalized. Sales-related expenses increased from € 3.0 million to € 3.3 million, while administration expenses decreased by € 0.5 million to € 5.3 million. This was due to the recognition in the previous year of an expense for the remaining years of the term of the employment contract with a departed member of the Board of Management.

Due to lower amortization of intangible assets, depreciation and amortization reduced from € 3.6 million to € 2.2 million. At € 12.0 million, EBIT was € 1.7 million, or 16.7%, ahead of the previous year's figure (which included a one-off charge due to the aforementioned termination of a management board contract). This resulted in an EBIT margin of 17.1% (previous year: 14.9%). Net financial expenses amounted to € 0.2 million (previous year: €-0.1 million). The tax result amounted to € 2.3 million. STRATEC can thus report consolidated net income of € 9.8 million for the period under report (previous year: € 8.9 million). Earnings per share amounted to € 0.83 (previous year: € 0.76).

Despite ongoing strong demand for analyzer systems and a full development pipeline, inventories rose only slightly from  $\in$  18.1 million in the previous year to  $\in$  19.2 million. Due to higher trade receivables and higher income tax receivables, receivables and other assets grew by  $\in$  6.5 million to  $\in$  31.0 million.

The equity ratio amounted to 78.4%. The Group has reduced its non-current financial liabilities from  $\in$  4.5 million to  $\in$  3.8 million. Current financial liabilities, by contrast, grew to  $\in$  4.5 million due to the taking up of a loan on favorable interest terms. The increase in trade payables was driven by higher procurement volumes for raw materials and supplies. Alongside the marked increase in prepayments for development services, other current liabilities also include the aforementioned one-off liability for the remaining years of the term of the employment contract with a departed member of the Board of Management.

The cash flow from operating activities decreased from  $\in$  17.1 million to  $\in$  12.3 million. At  $\in$  2.8 million, investments fell short of the previous year's figure. Even though an amount of  $\in$  8.2 million was distributed as dividends, cash and cash equivalents nevertheless increased from  $\in$  46.6 million to  $\in$  49.1 million.

#### CHANGES IN THE BUSINESS ENVIRON-MENT AND IMPLICATIONS FOR STRATEC

Macroeconomic framework: In its economic outlook published in July 2015, the International Monetary Fund (IWF) reduced its global economic growth forecast for 2015 by 0.2 percentage points. Alongside the ongoing crisis in Greece and the unexpectedly sharp dip in growth in the US, this reduction was made to account for the further increase in downside risks due to the economic slowdown and marked fall in stock market prices in China.

The IMF has so far not issued any downward correction in its growth forecast for China, but nevertheless significantly reduced its forecasts for North America. The IMF is comparatively confident with regard to further growth in the euro area. Irrespective of the permanent crisis situation in Greece, the IMF may not have changed its growth forecast for the euro area as a whole, but has nevertheless recently raised its forecasts for several euro countries. To date, the events in Greece have not led to any notable contagion. According to the IMF, the economic recovery in the euro area so far appeared largely intact, while domestic economic activity and inflation were showing robust developments.

Based on the IMF's latest forecast, the global economy is set to grow by 3.3% this year – less than the 3.5% forecast by the IMF in April 2015 and the growth of 3.4% achieved last year. The IMF has left its 2016 forecast unchanged at 3.8%.

Irrespective of the aforementioned developments, global demographic developments represent one of the most serious challenges facing the world. The dynamic growth in the world's population, together with an unprecedented increase in the elderly share of the population and the sharp rise in the number of people with access to medical care, represent key factors which will shape the 21st century. This situation is accompanied by scientific and technological progress, which is opening up ever new possibilities in the fields of medicine, research, diagnostics and life science.

These developments will lead not only to an increase in the numbers of clinical diagnostics tests to be performed, but will also result in new, unique business opportunities for which STRATEC is optimally positioned with its automation solutions and on which it will continue to focus its strategy and operations.

In view of the factors outlined above, global economic risks only have a very limited impact on STRATEC's business performance and business model. Moreover, long-term supply agreements with our customers minimize the potential implications for STRATEC.

Industry and market data: Based on different estimates, in-vitro diagnostics (IVD) will continue to show average global growth of around 4% to 5% in the years until 2018 and 2020 respectively. Some regions, such as the BRIC states, are growing significantly faster, while other regions, such as Europe, are not expected to show any growth. Similar developments can be seen in the various IVD segments. While some areas in which STRATEC consciously does not operate, such as blood sugar self-testing, are expected to decline significantly, other segments are expected to show very strong growth in future as well. STRATEC plans to continue benefiting to a disproportionate extent from these growth rates by deliberately tracking down and developing projects in high-growth niches. The company currently has both customer projects and proprietary platform solutions in development for several of these sub-segments.

The US still represent a special case. While cost savings could have a slightly negative impact on the test volumes handled at laboratories, overall test volumes are nevertheless expected to rise due to the growing number of people with health insurance. On the one hand, the number of people insured has most recently risen slightly due to lower unemployment rates and is expected to remain stable until 2018. On the other hand the Affordable Care Act (Obamacare) is expected to substantially increase the number of people insured from around 217 million in 2015 to around 235 million.

Even though the diagnostics, pharmaceuticals and healthcare industry repeatedly witnesses short-term periods of consolidation at individual market players due to corporate takeovers and new technological development possibilities, several underlying factors will guarantee sustainable growth in future as well:

- Increasing market regulation, leading manual and semi-automated, in some cases homegrown test methods to be displaced by fully automated processes – whose lifecycles are thus simultaneously extended
- Development and expansion in healthcare systems, particularly in developing and emerging economies (especially in BRIC states)
- Expansion in global infrastructure and thus improved access to medical care
- Rapidly growing niche markets due to new medical discoveries and new diagnostic possibilities
- Newly developed diagnostics tests in all major areas of application, such as for oncology, sexually transmitted diseases, or hospital bugs
- Demographic developments (growing global population, increasingly elderly population with growing diagnostics requirements).

## REPORT ON FORECASTS AND OTHER STATEMENTS CONCERNING THE COMPANY'S EXPECTED DEVELOPMENT

STRATEC aims to generate permanent, sustainable growth in all business divisions. We are building on innovative solutions enabling our customers to serve their markets with high-quality products. Alongside the activities within our group of companies, we are also relying on further growth in our target markets, especially in the field of in-vitro diagnostics and on the continuing positive trend towards outsourcing at our partners and potential customers.

STRATEC published its currently valid company forecast on July 12, 2013. This forecasts average annual growth of between 8% and 12% through to 2017 on the basis of 2013 sales (€ 128 million). Growth rates may fluctuate significantly in individual years and quarters and thus leave the target corridor in individual reporting periods. The overall forecast through to 2017 should nevertheless remain intact. This forecast remains valid for the overall period. The highly transparent forecasts provided by our customers enable us to issue forecasts with a high degree of security, but also reveal potential upward and downward deviations from forecast developments in individual periods.

For the current 2015 financial year, STRATEC expects to be able to generate slight sales growth accompanied by a slight increase in its EBIT margin. Due to expected and planned market launches, among other factors, the company expects to generate substantial sales growth once again in 2016.

Due to the immense debt accumulated by some countries and economic regions and the resultant potential implications (debt crisis), movements in currency markets, and volatile developments in individual economic regions, the level of budgeting reliability remains low for all industries, and for the global economy as a whole. This situation continues to harbor risks for STRATEC's customers and suppliers, as a result of which STRATEC also faces economic risks. The ongoing difficult economic climate also means that STRATEC continues to face increased market risk.

Apart from this, since the assessment of the company's situation provided on March 31, 2015 upon the compilation of the Annual Report for the 2014 financial year, no new information has arisen which could lead to any change in our assessment of the company's expected development.

#### OPPORTUNITY AND RISK REPORT

We analyze and evaluate the risks facing the company and its business environment within the framework of our risk management system, which has been established as an early warning risk identification system. Furthermore, this system also includes an internal control system (IKS) and a compliance system to ensure compliance with the relevant legal and industry-specific requirements.

STRATEC's business activities basically focus on sustainability and responsible behavior. In future, the company will document this in a sustainability report.

Apart from the factors outlined in the "Report on forecasts and other statements concerning the company's expected development", we do not see any changes compared with the risks and opportunities identified in the Group Management Report for the 2014 financial year dated March 31, 2015. Details of our risk management system and our company's specific opportunity and risk profile can be found in Section D "Opportunity and Risk Report" of our 2014 Group Management Report. Information about our use of financial instruments can be found in Section F of the 2014 Group Management Report.

## Consolidated Balance Sheet

as of June 30, 2015 of STRATEC Biomedical AG

Assets in € thousands	• 06.30.2015	12.31.2014
Non-current Assets		
Goodwill	5,073	4,785
Other intangible assets	26,890	25,477
Property, plant and equipment	16,840	15,954
Interests in associates	186	263
Deferred tax assets	1,452	1,260
	50,441	47,739
Current Assets		
Raw materials and supplies	10,277	8,065
Unfinished products, unfinished services	6,718	6,591
Finished products and goods	2,164	3,410
Trade receivables	23,507	18,961
Future receivables from construction contracts	1,239	1,644
Receivables from associates	20	23
Income tax receivables	3,920	2,635
Other receivables and other assets	2,287	1,167
Other financial assets	948	877
Cash and cash equivalents	49,111	46,636
	100,191	90,009
Total Assets	150,632	137,748

in € thousands	06.30.2015	12.31.2014
Shareholders' Equity		
Share capital	11,819	11,795
Capital reserve	18,878	18,129
Revenue reserves	82,030	80,478
Other equity	5,299	1,649
	118,026	112,051
Debt		
Non-current debt		
Non-current financial liabilities	3,782	4,484
Pension provisions	61	61
Deferred taxes	6,971	5,565
	10,814	10,110
Current debt		
Current financial liabilities	2,263	2,449
Trade payables	6,811	2,814
Liabilities to associates	19	41
Other current liabilities	10,386	7,140
Current provisions	1,815	1,732
Income tax liabilities	498	1,411
	21,792	15,587
Total Shareholders' Equity and Debt	150,632	137,748

Shareholders' Equity and Debt

## Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income

for the Period from April 1 to June 30, 2015 of STRATEC Biomedical AG

in € thousands	• 04.01 06.30.2015	04.01 06.30.2014
Sales	35,465	34,680
Cost of sales	-22,409	-23,327
Gross profit	13,056	11,353
Research and development expenses	-1,808	-1,545
Information only: Total research and development expenses	-5,432	-4,349
Information only: Capitalized research and development expenses	3,624	2,804
Sales-related expenses	-1,374	-1,322
General administrative expenses	-2,711	-2,302
Other operating income and expenses	-1,017	-278
EBIT	6,146	5,906
Net financial expenses	82	2
Earnings before taxes (EBT)	6,228	5,908
Current tax expenses	-608	-513
Deferred tax expenses	-552	-132
Consolidated net income	5,068	5,263
Items that may be subsequently reclassified to profit or loss		
Currency translation differences from translation of foreign operations	27	247
Comprehensive income	5,095	5,510
Earnings per share in €	0.43	0.45
No. of shares used as basis	11,791,255	11,759,486
Earnings per share, diluted, in €	0.43	0.45
No. of shares used as basis, diluted	11,894,041	11,812,079
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## Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income

for the Period from January 1 to June 30, 2015 of STRATEC Biomedical AG

in € thousands	01.0106.30.2015	01.01 06.30.2014
Sales	70,012	69,050
Cost of sales	-44,537	-46,466
Gross profit	25,475	22,584
Research and development expenses	-3,364	-2,947
Information only: Total research and development expenses	-10,814	-9,299
Information only: Capitalized research and development expenses	7,450	6,352
Sales-related expenses	-3,264	-2,997
General administrative expenses	-5,308	-5,810
Other operating income and expenses	-1,553	-556
EBIT	11,986	10,274
Net financial expenses	154	-79
Earnings before taxes (EBT)	12,140	10,195
Current tax expenses	-1,192	-969
Deferred tax expenses	-1,141	-302
Consolidated net income	9,807	8,924
Items that may be subsequently reclassified to profit or loss		
Currency translation differences from translation of foreign operations	3,650	401
Comprehensive income	13,457	9,325
Earnings per share in €	0.83	0.76
No. of shares used as basis	11,787,238	11,758,754
Earnings per share, diluted, in €	0.82	0.76
No. of shares used as basis, diluted	11,889,797	11,803,859

## Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity

for the Period from January 1 to June 30, 2014 of STRATEC Biomedical AG

in € thousands	Share capital	Capital reserve	
Balance at 01.01.2014	11,770	17,219	
Equity transactions with owners			
Dividend payment			
Issue of subscription shares from stock option programs, less costs of capital issue after taxes	21	544	
Allocations due to stock option plans		156	
Total comprehensive income			
Balance at 06.30.2014	11,791	17,919	

#### for the Period from January 1 to June 30, 2015 of STRATEC Biomedical AG

in € thousands	Share capital	Capital reserve	
Balance at 01.01.2015	11,795	18,129	
Equity transactions with owners			
Dividend payment			
Issue of subscription shares from stock option programs, less costs of capital issue after taxes	24	678	
Allocations due to stock option plans		71	
Total comprehensive income			
Change in scope of consolidation			
Balance at 06.30.2015	11,819	18,878	

	Other equity		Other equity		Revenue reserves		
Group equity	Currency translation	Pension plans	Treasury stock	Free revenue reserves	Accumulated net income		
97,179	654	-18	-212	19,392	48,374		
-7,055					-7,055		
565							
156							
9,325	401				8,924		
100,170	1,055	-18	-212	19,392	50,243		

Revenue reserves		Other equity			
Accumulated net income	Free revenue reserves	Treasury stock	Pension plans	Currency translation	Group equity
61,086	19,392	-212	-67	1,928	112,051
-8,248					-8,248
					702
					71
9,807				3,650	13,457
-7					-7
62,638	19,392	-212	-67	5,578	118,026

## Consolidated Cash Flow Statement

for the Period from January 1 to June 30, 2015 of STRATEC Biomedical AG

in € thousands	01.01 06.30.2015	01.01 06.30.2014
Consolidated net income (after taxes)	9,807	8,924
Depreciation and amortization	2,212	3,588
Current income tax expenses	1,192	969
Income taxes paid less income taxes received	-3,542	-2,774
Financial income	-168	-61
Financial expenses	85	100
Interest paid	-85	-97
Interest received	168	61
Other non-cash expenses	252	218
Other non-cash income	-211	-584
Cash flow	9,710	10,344
Change in deferred taxes through profit or loss	1,141	302
Profit on disposals of non-current assets	-57	-1
Increase (previous year: decrease) in inventories, trade receivables and other assets	-5,410	2,339
Increase in trade payables and other liabilities	6,882	4,077
Inflow of funds from operating activities	12,266	17,061
Incoming payments from disposals of non-current assets		
Property, plant and equipment	138	1
Outgoing payments for investments in non-current assets	_	
Intangible assets	-1,685	-3,048
Property, plant and equipment	-1,284	-858
Outflow of funds for investing activities	-2,831	-3,905
Incoming payments from taking up of financial liabilities	2,000	0
Outgoing payments for repayment of financial liabilities	-3,174	-747
Incoming payments for issues of shares for employee stock option programs	702	565
Dividend payment	-8,248	-7,055
Outflow of funds for financing activities	-8,720	-7,237
Cash-effective change in cash and cash equivalents	715	5,919
Cash and cash equivalents at start of period	46,636	20,734
Change in scope of consolidation	79	0
Impact of exchange rate movements	1,681	494
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	49,111	27,147

# Notes to the Group Interim Report

for the Period from January 1 to June 30, 2015 of STRATEC Biomedical AG

#### SUMMARY OF PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING AND VALUATION METHODS

The consolidated financial statements of STRATEC Biomedical AG as of December 31, 2014 were prepared in accordance with the International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) as adopted by the EU valid at the balance sheet date. In the interim report as of June 30, 2015, which has been prepared on the basis of International Accounting Standard (IAS) 34 "Interim Financial Reporting", application has been made of the same accounting methods as in the consolidated financial statements for the 2014 financial year. One exception applies to the first-time inclusion in the scope of consolidation of STRATEC Services AG, Beringen, Switzerland, a company founded in the 2014 financial year. The implications of the first-time full consolidation of this company for the net asset, financial and earnings position of the STRATEC Group are of subordinate significance. Application has also been made of all interpretations of the International Financial Reporting Interpretations Committee (IFRIC) with binding effect as of June 30, 2015.

There were no indications of any potential impairment in goodwill at the balance sheet date.

The interim reports are neither audited, nor subject to an audit review by the group auditor, Ebner Stolz GmbH & Co. KG Wirtschaftsprüfungsgesellschaft Steuerberatungsgesellschaft, Stuttgart.

Reference is made to the consolidated financial statements of STRATEC Biomedical AG as of December 31, 2014 with regard to further information concerning the individual accounting and valuation methods applied.

The Group's currency is the euro. Unless otherwise indicated, all amounts have been stated in thousand euros (€ thousand).

#### SEGMENT DISCLOSURES

Apart from the first-time inclusion of STRATEC Services AG, Beringen, Switzerland, in the "Instrumentation" segment, there have been no changes in segmentation compared with the consolidated financial statements as of December 31, 2014.

Segment data by operating segment for the period from January 1 to June 30, 2015

in € thousands	Instrumentation	All other segments	Reconciliation	Total
Sales	83,055	5,369	-18,412	70,012
EBIT	12,749	-117	-646	11,986
Assets	169,757	7,311	-26,436	150,632

Segment data by operating segment for the period from January 1 to June 30, 2014

in € thousands	Instrumentation	All other segments	Reconciliation	Total
Sales	71,258	3,537	-5,745	69,050
EBIT	10,289	43	-58	10,274
Assets	135,357	6,678	-17,043	124,992

The breakdown of sales by geographical region represents the distribution of the STRATEC Group's products. As the customers of the STRATEC Group generally supply their country outlets and customers from their own central distribution centers, however, this breakdown of sales does not represent the geographical distribution of the final operating locations of the STRATEC Group's analyzer systems.

Sales can be broken down by geographical regions (customer locations) as follows:

in € thousands	Germany	EU	Other	Total
January June 2015	11,298	28,591	30,123	70,012
January – June 2015	16.2%	40.8%	43.0%	100.0%

in € thousands	Germany	EU	Other	Total
January June 2014	8,361	29,187	31,502	69,050
January – June 2014	12.1 %	45.6%	42.3%	100.0%

#### RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT EXPENSES

Research and development expenses not fulfilling the capitalization criteria set out in IAS 38 (Intangible Assets) amounted to  $\in$  3.4 million in the first six months of the 2015 financial year (previous year:  $\in$  2.9 million) and mainly involve personnel and material expenses. The STRATEC Group invested a total of  $\in$  10.8 million in research and development in the first six months of the 2015 financial year (previous year:  $\in$  9.3 million). Due to the modification in the recognition of gross development expenses in the statement of comprehensive income at the end of the 2014 financial year, the comparative figures in the interim report have also been adjusted accordingly.

#### SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY

The development in shareholders' equity at the STRATEC Group has been presented in the consolidated statement of changes in equity on Pages 13 and 14. The number of ordinary shares with a nominal value of € 1.00 each issued by STRATEC Biomedical AG as of June 30, 2015, amounts to 11,819,045. These are all bearer shares.

DISCLOSURES ON THE VOLUME OF TREASURY STOCK AND ON SUBSCRIPTION RIGHTS HELD BY MEMBERS OF THE COMPANY'S EXECUTIVE AND SUPERVISORY BODIES AND ITS EMPLOYEES PURSUANT TO § 160 (1) NOS. 2 AND 5 OF THE GERMAN STOCK CORPORATION ACT (AKTG)

STRATEC Biomedical AG owned a total of 12,223 treasury stock at the interim balance sheet date. This corresponds to a prorated amount of € 12,223.00 of the company's share capital and to a 0.10% share of its equity.

#### Stock option programs

Members of the Board of Management / Managing Directors and employees held the following numbers of subscription rights (share option rights) at the interim balance sheet date:

in € thousands	Board of Management / Managing Directors	Employees	Total
Outstanding on 01.01.2015	171,000	99,500	270,500
Issued	3,000	8,550	11,550
Exercised	10,000	13,600	23,600
Lapsed	0	0	0
Forfeited	0	0	0
Outstanding on 06.30.2015	161,000	97,450	258,450

Of the stock option rights granted in the first six months, none related to members of the Board of Management (previous year: 40,000), 3,000 to managing directors at subsidiaries (previous year: 0), and 8,550 to employees (previous year: 9,050).

Furthermore, 10,000 stock option rights were exercised by members of the Board of Management in the first six months (previous year: 15,000). As in the previous year, the managing directors at subsidiaries did not exercise any stock option rights in this period. Employees exercised 13,600 stock option rights (previous year: 5,700). To service the stock option rights thereby exercised, a total of 23,600 shares were created from conditional capital (previous year: 20,700).

As in the previous year, no stock option rights lapsed or were forfeited in the period under report.

#### **EMPLOYEES**

Including temporary employees the STRATEC Group had a total workforce of 562 employees as of June 30, 2015 (previous year: 546).

#### MAIOR EVENTS AFTER THE INTERIM REPORTING DATE

No events of particular significance with material implications for the business performance of our Group have occurred since the interim balance sheet date.

#### RESPONSIBILITY STATEMENT

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 in the remainder of the financial year.

## **Additional Information**

### Financial Calendar

July 23, 2015	Interim Report as of June 30, 2015
October 28, 2015	Interim Report as of September 30, 2015
November 24, 2015	German Equity Forum, Frankfurt / Main, Germany – Analysts' conference –
Furthermore, based	on current planning, STRATEC will be taking part in the following capital market conferences in 2015:
September 2015	Commerzbank Sector Conference, Frankfurt / Main, Germany
·	12 <sup>th</sup> Annual Goldman Sachs European Medtech and Healthcare Services Conference, London, UK Berenberg Bank & Goldman Sachs German Corporate Conference, Munich, Germany
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#### **About STRATEC**

STRATEC Biomedical AG designs and manufactures fully automated analyzer systems for its partners in the fields of clinical diagnostics and biotechnology. These partners market such systems, in general together with their own reagents, as system solutions to laboratories, blood banks and research institutes around the world. The company develops its products on the basis of its own patented technologies.

Shares in the company (ISIN: DE0007289001) are traded in the Prime Standard segment of the Frankfurt Stock Exchange and are listed in the TecDAX select index of the German Stock Exchange.

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