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Firm growth in sales: +9.8%

Double-digit rise in adjusted operating income: +13%

Margin up 50 basis points

Vigorous rise in net income

Healthy operating performance and sharp reduction of net financial expense

Significant increase in free cash flow: +19%

Good operating performance and tight control of capital employed

Gilles Schnepf, Chairman and CEO, comments: *"Legrand turned in what was in every way a good performance in the first quarter of 2007. Sales showed a strong rise, particularly on emerging markets where growth remains vigorous. There were also rapid rises in adjusted operating income and net income measured both by amounts and margin, and generation of free cash flow remained robust."*

Considering these very good results for the first quarter, Legrand is very confident in its ability to achieve at least the targets it has set itself for growth in sales and adjusted operating margin in 2007."

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Consolidated data (€ millions, IFRS)	1 st Quarter 2007	1 st Quarter 2006	% change 2007/2006
Sales	1,032.7	940.6	+ 9.8%
Adjusted operating income ⁽¹⁾	185.1	163.5	+ 13.2%
<i>as % of sales</i>	17.9%	17.4%	
Operating income	169.4	141.7	+ 19.6%
<i>as % of sales</i>	16.4%	15.1%	
Net income ⁽²⁾	92.4	-35.3	
<i>as % of sales</i>	8.9%	-3.8%	
Free cash flow ⁽³⁾	17.5	14.7	+ 19.0%
<i>as % of sales</i>	1.7%	1.6%	
Net financial debt at March 31 ⁽⁴⁾	1,750	2,324	-24.7%

(1) Figures restated for accounting entries relating to the acquisition of Legrand France in 2002 with no cash impact, which consisted of additional depreciation of revalued assets (€15.7 million and €21.8 million in 2007 and 2006, respectively).

(2) Net income group share. Including an exceptional €109 million charge in 2006 for refinancing of debt.

(3) Free cash flow is defined as the sum of net cash provided by operating activities and net proceeds from sales of fixed assets, less capital expenditure and capitalized development costs.

(4) Net financial debt is defined as the sum of long-term borrowings, short-term borrowings and subordinated perpetual notes, less cash and cash equivalent and marketable securities.

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Firm growth in sales: Legrand reported 2007 first quarter net sales of €1,032.7 million, up **9.8%** from the previous year and up 9.0% at constant scope of consolidation and exchange rates.

Consolidation of recent acquisitions contributed 3.3% and variations in exchange rates, principally for the dollar against the euro, had a 2.5% unfavorable impact

Sales growth by destination at constant scope of consolidation and exchange rates broke down as follows by geographical region:

	1 st Quarter 2007 / 1 st Quarter 2006
France	+ 7.1%
Italy	+ 10.0%
Rest of Europe	+ 14.7%
United States/Canada	+ 0.6%
Rest of the world	+ 12.6%
Total	+ 9.0%

- In France, sales rose 7.1%, reflecting a very favorable market response to new Celiane, Mosaic and Batibox offerings.
- In Italy, sales were up 10.0% against a backdrop of generally favorable market trends and continued improvement in the product mix.

- In the Rest of Europe area, sales growth accelerated further to reach 14.7%, once again underpinned by steep rises in Eastern Europe, including Russia, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Ukraine, and in Southern Europe, notably in Greece, Spain and Turkey.
- Sales in the USA/Canada zone edged up 0.6%. This reflects healthy resilience amid persistently difficult conditions in the residential market combined with strong growth on high value added segments (home automation, lighting control etc.) .
- Growth in sales remains very firm at 12.6% in the Rest of World area, with strong performances in most countries.

Overall, sales growth in emerging markets held very high, at nearly 18% at constant scope of consolidation and exchanges rates, a performance that illustrates once again the vast potential these fast-growing markets hold for Legrand.

Ongoing acquisition-driven growth: Since January 2007, Legrand has acquired two businesses with sales totalling more than €100 million:

- HPM, number two for wiring devices in Australia and New Zealand,
- UStec, a US specialist in structured wiring for homes.

Steep rise in income: Buoyed by strong growth in sales, adjusted operating income rose 13.2% from the corresponding period of 2006 to represent 17.9% of sales compared with 17.4% in 2006.

Net income group share is up very sharply due to the combined impact of a steep rise in operating income and a significant decline in net financial expense.

Significant increase in free cash flow: While free cash flow benefited from an exceptional foreign-exchange gain of €30 million in the first quarter of 2006, it showed a 19.0% year-on-year rise reflecting a healthy operating performance and tight control of capital employed (working capital requirement and investments) against a backdrop of strong growth in business.

Acquisition-led growth and ongoing optimization of balance sheet structure: It is Legrand's strategy, and thus its priority, to actively pursue a policy of targeted, self-financed acquisitions while at the same time optimizing balance sheet structure to combine the benefits of attractive leverage and investment-grade ratings.

To this end, since the beginning of 2007 Legrand has implemented a dynamic approach to balance-sheet management based on:

- payment of a €0.50 per share dividend for the 2006 financial year, subject to the approval of the General Meeting of Shareholders on May 15, 2007. This is 22% higher than in 2005 and
- a share buyback program to be renewed subject to the approval of the General Meeting to be held on May 15, 2007.

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Consolidated financial statements and a presentation of 2007 first quarter results are available at www.legrandelectric.com

Key dates

- General Meeting of Shareholders: May 15, 2007
- 2007 first-half results: July 26, 2007
- 2007 9-month results: November 8, 2007

ABOUT LEGRAND

Legrand (www.legrandelectric.com) is the world specialist in products and systems for electrical installations and information networks, offering solutions for use in residential, commercial and industrial buildings. Operating in over 60 countries with sales of €3.7 billion, it employs about 33,000 people and its catalogues list more than 130,000 products. At Legrand, innovation drives growth: with nearly 5% of sales invested in R&D every year, the group brings out a steady stream of new, high added-value products.

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