

PRESS RELEASE

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF ELICA S.P.A.
APPROVE INTERIM QUARTERLY REPORT AT 31 MARCH 2009**

Consolidated results¹ for the first quarter 2009 (January-March 2009)

- **Revenues: Euro 82.3 million (Euro 101.7 million in 2008);**
- **EBITDA: Euro 4.4 million (Euro 6.6 million in 2008);**
- **EBIT: Euro 0.2 million (Euro 2.3 million in 2008);**
- **Group net profit: Euro 2.0 million (Euro 1.9 million in 2008), an increase of 2.4%;**
- **Net Debt: Euro 36.8 million, compared to Euro 34.9 million at 31 December 2008 and Euro 8.1 million at 31 March 2008.**

Fabriano, 14 May 2009 – The Board of Directors of **Elica S.p.A.**, the parent company of a Group that is the leading manufacturer of kitchen range hoods, has approved the **Interim Report at 31 March 2009**, prepared in accordance with IFRS.

Consolidated revenues² - first quarter 2009

In the first quarter of 2009, the Elica Group **consolidated revenues** amounted to **Euro 82.3 million**, a **decrease of 19.0%** on the same period of the previous year. The fall confirmed the negative trend recorded in the fourth quarter of 2008 in which the general drop in consumption in the “cooking” segment of the home appliances market particularly affected the geographic markets in which the Elica Group derives the majority of its revenue. The range hood Business Unit recorded a reduction in sales of 15.9%. Own brands decreased slightly (2.4%) principally due to the contraction in the CIS³ area. The **high-end segment decreased by 8.5%** on the same period of 2008, **better than the general market, which contracted globally by 23%⁴**. The motors Business Unit recorded a decrease in revenues of 33.7% on the previous year - slightly greater in the “heating” segment.

In relation to the geographic areas, **Europe⁵** recorded a **total decrease in revenues of 19.2%** compared to the same period of 2008, **a very positive performance in a market which contracted by over 30%**, while the **Americas⁶** reports a **drop in revenues of 21.5%** with revenues in **the other geographic areas falling overall by 13.6%** - both performances ahead of the general market trend.

¹ The 2009 amounts include the consolidation of the German company Exklusiv-Hauben Gutmann GmbH.

² See Note 1.

³ Includes the countries belonging to the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS).

⁴ Estimate by the Company, data in volumes.

⁵ See Note 3.

⁶ Includes North, Central and South America.

Profit margins in the first quarter 2009⁷

EBITDA amounted to **Euro 4.4 million** compared to Euro 6.6 million in the same period of 2008 - **5.3% of revenues**. The margin is strongly affected by the current market situation as the significant contraction in volumes has caused the non optimal absorption of fixed costs, which however has been countered by the positive effects of the industrial reorganisation process initiated by the Elica Group in 2008 and by the benefits from the corporate fixed costs reduction programme also implemented successfully in the quarter.

EBIT amounted to **Euro 0.2 million** compared to Euro 2.3 million in the same period of 2008, - **0.3% of revenues**.

Net financial income contributed Euro 0.2 million to profits, thanks to the positive contribution deriving from exchange hedging operations and the fee from Whirlpool under the Modifying Agreement of the Share Options Agreement signed on 3 December 2008.

The **Group Net Profit** amounted to **Euro 2.0 million**, an increase of 2.4% on Euro 1.9 million in the same period of 2008, **amounting to 2.4% of revenues**.

The **EPS increased by 6.7%** and **amounts to Euro 0.0347** compared to Euro 0.0265 in the same period of 2008.

<i>In Euro thousands</i>	Q1 09	revenue margin	Q1 08	revenue margin	09 Vs 08 %
Revenues	82,332		101,659		(19.0%)
EBITDA	4,352	5.3%	6,554	6.4%	(33.6%)
EBIT	206	0.3%	2,338	2.3%	(91.2%)
Financial income/(costs)	188	0.2%	144	0.1%	30.6%
Income taxes	1,739	2.1%	(825)	(0.8%)	(310.8%)
Net profit from continuing operations	2,133	2.6%	1,657	1.6%	28.7%
Net profit from continuing operations and discontinuing operations	2,133	2.6%	2,016	2.0%	5.8%
Group net profit	1,977	2.4%	1,931	1.9%	2.4%
Basic earnings per share on continuing operations and discontinuing operations	3.47		3.25		6.7%
Diluted earnings per share on continuing operations and discontinuing operations	3.47		3.25		6.7%

(*) The earnings per share was calculated by dividing the Group net profit by the number of outstanding shares at the respective reporting dates.

Balance sheet

The **Net debt at 31 March 2009** amounted to **Euro 36.8 million** compared to Euro 34.9 million at 31 December 2008 and Euro 8.1 million at 31 March 2008.

⁷ See Note 1.

	31 Mar 09	31 Dec 08	31 Mar 08
<i>In Euro thousands</i>			
Cash and cash equivalents	8,199	14,968	20,275
Finance leases and other lenders	(2,895)	(3,914)	(5,503)
Bank loans and mortgages	(4,435)	(4,677)	(6,107)
Long-term debt	(7,330)	(8,591)	(11,610)
Finance leases and other lenders	(1,789)	(1,000)	(26)
Bank loans and mortgages	(35,921)	(40,324)	(16,694)
Short-term debt	(37,710)	(41,324)	(16,720)
Net Debt	(36,841)	(34,947)	(8,055)

Net Working Capital increased as a percentage of annualised revenues from 13.2% at 31 March 2008 to **14.5% at 31 March 2009**. As the management of trade receivables and inventories improved significantly, this increase is due solely to the strong reduction in supplier payables, following an attentive management of inventories and of purchases in the first quarter of 2009 and with the continued resizing of market demand.

	31 Mar 09	31 Dec 08	31 Mar 08
<i>In Euro thousands</i>			
Trade receivables	84,595	91,335	108,414
Inventories	46,697	51,868	60,843
Trade payables	(78,131)	(86,968)	(112,518)
Managerial Working Capital	53,161	56,235	56,739
as a % of annualised revenues	16.1%	14.6%	14.0%
Other net receivables/payables	(5,424)	(7,919)	(3,244)
Net Working Capital	47,737	48,316	53,495
as a % of annualised revenues	14.5%	12.5%	13.2%

The Elica Group is implementing specific actions aimed not only at facing the changed conditions in the sector but specifically at creating levers for growth and future profitability:

- **production outsourcing plans:** 27% of volumes were produced in Low Cost Countries in the first quarter of 2009, compared to 13% in the first quarter of 2008;
- **increase of the own brand revenues mix** in the Hoods Business Unit: which increased from 26% in the first quarter of 2008 to 30% in the first quarter of 2009;
- **reduction in industrial costs;**
- **reduction in capex for non-core activities;**
- **improvement of Net Working Capital.**

Significant events after 31 March 2009

The Board of Directors' meeting of 30 March 2008 approved the 2008 Consolidated Financial Statements and the Parent Company Financial Statements to be presented to the AGM. The

Board of Directors, among other matters, approved the 2008 Corporate Governance Report (updated on 30 March 2009).

On April 27, 2009, the Shareholders' AGM of Elica S.p.A. approved the 2008 Directors' Report and parent company Financial Statements and a dividend of Euro 0.0187 per share, corresponding to a payout ratio of 33.0% on the Group Consolidated Result, with the exclusion of the shares in portfolio at 4 May 2009, date of the coupon. The dividend was paid on 7 May 2009. The residual profit for the year was allocated to the Extraordinary Reserve. At the same date the Board of Directors of Elica S.p.A. and its Chairman were appointed for the years 2009, 2010 and 2011 and the Board of Statutory Auditors were appointed for the years 2009, 2010 and 2011.

The Majority shareholder revoked the dividend right as a tangible move in support of the corporate strategy to strengthen the balance sheet of the company at this particular time.

Declaration pursuant to art. 154-bis, paragraph two, of the Consolidated Finance Act

The Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Andrea Sasso and the Executive responsible for the preparation of corporate accounting documents, Mr. Vincenzo Maragliano, declare, pursuant to section 2 of article 154 bis of the Consolidated Finance Act, that the Interim Report at 31 March 2009 corresponds to the underlying accounting documents, records and accounting entries.

The **Elica Group** has been present in the cooker hood market since the 1970s and is today world leader in terms of units sold. It is also a European leader in the design, manufacture and sale of motors for central heating boilers for domestic use. With 2,400 employees and an annual output of approx. 20 million units of kitchen hoods and motors, the Elica Group has 9 plants - of these, six are in Italy, one is in Poland, one in Mexico and one in Germany.

With over thirty years' experience in the sector, Elica has combined meticulous care in design, judicious choice of material and cutting edge technology to become the prominent market figure it is today. The company has revolutionized the traditional image of the kitchen cooker hood: it is no longer seen as a simple accessory but as a design object.

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ATTACHMENT A

Consolidated income statement for Q1 2009 (in Euro thousands)

<i>In Euro thousands</i>	Q1 09	Q1 08
Revenues	82,332	101,659
Other operating revenues	435	1,128
Changes in inventories of finished and semi-finished goods	(657)	1,387
Increase in internal work capitalised	689	415
Raw materials and consumables	(43,127)	(54,471)
Services	(16,797)	(22,178)
Labour costs	(16,587)	(19,466)
Amortisation & depreciation	(4,146)	(4,216)
Other operating expenses and provisions	(1,936)	(1,920)
EBIT	206	2,338
Share of profit/(loss) from associates	-	(79)
Financial income	611	101
Financial charges	(832)	(669)
Exchange gains/(losses)	409	791
Pre-tax profit	394	2,482
Income taxes	1,739	(825)
Net profit from continuing operations	2,133	1,657
Net profit from discontinued operations	-	359
Net profit for the period	2,133	2,016
of which:		
Minority interests share	156	85
Group net profit	1,977	1,931
<i>Basic earnings per share</i>		
From continuing and discontinued operations (Euro/cents)	3.47	3.21
From continuing operations (Euro/cents)	3.47	2.61
<i>Diluted earnings per share</i>		
From continuing and discontinued operations (Euro/cents)	3.47	3.21
From continuing operations (Euro/cents)	3.47	2.61

ATTACHMENT B

Consolidated balance sheet at 31 March 2009 (in Euro thousands)

<i>In Euro thousands</i>	31 Mar 09	31 Dec 08	31 Mar 08
Property, plant & equipment	69,587	70,010	76,504
Goodwill	35,898	35,862	29,798
Other intangible assets	18,852	20,199	5,907
Investments in associated companies	2,639	2,627	2,485
Other financial assets	30	30	31
Other receivables	178	344	1,282
Tax receivables	6	6	9
Deferred tax assets	8,492	6,372	6,302
Financial assets available-for-sale	191	191	29
Total non-current assets	135,873	135,641	122,347
Trade receivables and loans	84,595	91,335	108,414
Inventories	46,697	51,868	60,843
Other receivables	7,256	5,722	8,486
Tax receivables	7,757	9,131	4,064
Derivative financial instruments	1,430	2,554	1,762
Cash and cash equivalents	8,199	14,968	20,275
Current assets	155,934	175,578	203,844
Total assets	291,807	311,219	327,825
Liabilities for post-employment benefits	10,392	11,023	12,321
Provisions for risks and charges	2,794	3,127	2,590
Deferred tax liabilities	7,342	7,739	8,561
Finance leases and other lenders	2,895	3,914	5,503
Bank loans and mortgages	4,435	4,677	6,107
Other payables	1,315	1,225	4,018
Tax payables	1,481	1,400	4,246
Derivative financial instruments	-	-	-
Non-current liabilities	30,654	33,105	43,346
Provisions for risks and charges	1,082	1,307	657
Finance leases and other lenders	1,789	1,000	26
Bank loans and mortgages	35,921	40,324	16,694
Trade payables	78,131	86,968	112,518
Other payables	15,676	17,122	12,310
Tax payables	3,679	4,343	2,827
Derivative financial instruments	1,174	2,556	1,091
Current liabilities	137,452	153,620	146,123
Share capital	12,665	12,665	12,665
Capital reserves	71,123	71,123	71,123
Hedging, translation and stock option reserve	(11,292)	(9,081)	(1,584)
Treasury shares	(17,629)	(17,629)	(12,404)
Retained earnings	65,097	61,871	64,542
Group profit for the period	1,977	3,579	1,931
Group shareholders' equity	121,941	122,528	136,273
Capital and reserves of minority interests	1,604	1,311	1,096
Minority interest profit	156	655	85
Minority interest equity	1,760	1,966	1,181
Consolidated shareholders' equity	123,701	124,494	137,454
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	291,807	311,219	327,825

ATTACHMENT C

Consolidated cash flow statement at 31 March 2009 (in thousands of Euro)

	31 Mar 09	31 Mar 08
<i>In Euro thousands</i>		
Opening cash and cash equivalents	14,968	21,948
EBIT- Operating profit	206	2,338
Amortisation, depreciation and write-downs	4,146	4,216
EBITDA	4,352	6,554
Changes in Working Capital	(10)	(7,556)
trade working capital	2,386	(4,377)
other working capital accounts	(2,396)	(3,179)
Income taxes paid	0	(439)
Change in provisions	(1,335)	(715)
Other changes	(1,058)	(781)
Cash flow from operating activity	1,949	(2,937)
Net increases	(3,434)	(3,225)
Intangible assets	528	(971)
Property, plant & equipment	(3,867)	(2,050)
Equity investments and other financial assets	(95)	(204)
Divestment of Business Unit	0	980
Purchase of equity investments	0	
Cash flow from investments	(3,434)	(2,245)
Acquisition of treasury shares	0	(5,733)
Other movements in share capital	0	(105)
Dividends	0	0
Increase (decrease) financial payables	(4,875)	9,635
Net changes in other financial assets/liabilities	(53)	(511)
Interest paid	(81)	223
Change in cash and cash equivalents	(6,494)	(1,673)
Effect of exchange rate change on liquidity	(275)	
Closing cash and cash equivalents	8,199	20,275