

B&P Barabino & Partners Consulenza di direzione in Comunicazione d'Impresa

PRESS RELEASE

DE' LONGHI S.p.A.: FY 2002 results approved by the Board of Directors:

- Net Sales up to € 1,273.7 mn (+6.3% compared to 2001; +8.7% at constant-exchange rates);
- EBITDA up to € 180.4 mn (+9.9% compared to 2001);
- Net Income up to € 40.0 mn (+52.0% compared 2001).

The Board of Directors will propose on the General Meeting of Shareholders a dividend of \in 0.06 per share (+ 82% compared to 2001, implying a pay out ratio of 22.4% compared to 18.7% in 2001).

The Board of Directors of De' Longhi Group - leader in the Heating, Air Conditioning and Treatment, Cooking & Food Preparation and Cleaning and Ironing segments - with brands such as De' Longhi, Kenwood, Ariete, Simac – today has approved FY 2002 results.

Net sales grew by 6.3% to \in 1,273.7 mn. On a constant exchange rate basis sales growth would have been 8.7%.y-o-y. Excluding the exit from low-end microwave ovens, sales growth would have been 10% y-o-y.

EBITDA grew by 9.9% to € 180.4 mn with an EBITDA margin of 14.2% vs. 13.7%.

EBIT rose to \in 109.9 mn, up by 16.5% (vs. \in 94.4 mn in 2001), with an EBIT margin of 8.6% vs. 7.9% in 2001.

Net income rose to \in 40 mn - growing by 52.0% vs. 2001 – without any significant changes in extraordinary items.

Net financial position also improved, decreasing to \in 269.1 mn from \in 447.1 mn in 2001, driven by free cash-flow generation of \in 78.9 mn, after paying out dividends totalling \in 4.9 mn, and by securitization proceeds for \in 99.1 mn.

With regard to the business segments, the Group achieved robust growth in the Cooking & Food Preparation (+10.8%), Air Conditioning and Treatment (+8.6%), Cleaning & Ironing (+5.2%), whereas Heating (-2.7%) was penalised by a late start to the winter second, due to higher-than-average temperatures in some of the Group's core geographical markets, and by unfavourable movements of exchange-rates.

As regards geograpical performance, a key highlight worthy of note was sales growth in Italy (+8.9%), achieved in a declining small domestic appliances market. Performance was satisfactory both in Japan (+10.8%) and North America (+9.7%). At constant exchange-rates sales growth would have been 20.7% in Japan and 18.2% in North America.



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"In a difficult market environment, to grow at the same rate as we did in 2002 means the Group was able to build a balanced mix of innovation, successful products, control of distribution and strong brands" – commented the Group's Chairman Giuseppe De 'Longhi – "if we also consider that the launch of some important new products contributed to the growth of sales only in the last months of the year, we are even more satisfied with the results achieved."

The Board of Directors will propose on the General Meeting of Shareholders, to be held on April $14t^{h}$ 2003 on first call and on April 15^{th} on second call, a dividend of $\notin 0.06$ per share, up 82% compared to $\notin 0.033$ in 2001.

The share will be trading ex dividend as of April 22nd 2003; the dividend will be payable as April 25th 2003.

The Preliminary Financial Statements as of December 31st, 2002 - as approved by the Board of Directors - will be available at Company headquarters (Treviso, via L. Seitz, 47) and at Borsa Italiana S.p.A. offices within the terms requested by current law.

Attached: Reclassified Consolidated Balance Sheets and Profit and Loss Statements and Statutory Balance Sheets and Profit and Loss Statements

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Income statement

	2002	% of sales	2001	% of sales
	Euro mil.	%	Euro mil.	%
Net revenues	1.273,7	100,0%	1.197,9	100,0%
Increase 2002/2001	75,7	6,3%		
Materials	(620,7)	(48,7%)	(596,4)	(49,8%)
Services and other operating expenses	(297,5)	(23,4%)	(269,3)	(22,5%)
Value added	355,5	27,9%	332,2	27,7%
Labour costs	(162,3)	(12,7%)	(157,2)	(13,1%)
Provisions	(12,8)	(1,0%)	(10,9)	(0,9%)
EBITDA	180,4	14,2%	164,1	13,7%
Increase 2002/2001	16,3	9,9%		
Depreciation and amortisation	(70,4)	(5,5%)	(69,7)	(5,8%)
EBIT	109,9	8,6%	94,4	7,9%
Increase 2002/2001	15,6	16,5%		
Net financial expenses	(36,3)	(2,8%)	(39,0)	(3,3%)
Extraordinary income (expenses)	(5,4)	(0,4%)	(5,7)	(0,5%)
Earnings before taxes	68,3	5,4%	49,6	4,1%
Increase 2002/2001	18,6	37,6%		
Income taxes	(28,0)	(2,2%)	(23,1)	(1,9%)
Net income (loss) before minority interest	40,3	3,2%	26,5	2,2%
Minority interest	0,3	0,0%	0,2	0,0%
Net income (loss) for the year	40,0	3,1%	26,3	2,2%
Increase 2002/2001	13,7	52,0%		

De'Longhi S.p.A. consolidated financial statement as at 31 December 2002

Balance sheet

	31.12.2002	31.12.2001	Change
	Euro mil.	Euro mil.	Euro mil.
Trade receivables	309,0	412,5	(103,5)
Net inventory	233,8	234,8	(1,1)
Trade payables	(290,9)	(249,7)	(41,2)
Other current assets (liabilities)	17,2	(9,1)	26,4
Net working capital	269,1	388,5	(119,4)
Non current assets:			
Intangible assets	434,6	435,2	(0,6)
Tangible assets	221,0	193,7	27,3
Financial assets	8,0	9,6	(1,5)
Total funds and long-term liabilities	(108,8)	(54,8)	(53,9)
Total capital employed	824,0	972,2	(148,2)
Minority interests	(0,3)	(0,3)	(0,0)
Net equity	(554,5)	(524,8)	(29,7)
Total non-financial sources	(554,9)	(525,1)	(29,8)
Net financial position	(269,1)	(447,1)	177,9

ASSETS	31.12.2002		31.12.2001	
	Partial	Total	Partial	Total
A) RECEIVABLES FROM SHAREHOLDERS		0		0
B) ASSETS				
I - INTANGIBLE ASSETS				
 Start-up expenses Research, development and advertising 		8,869,223 97,906		11,739,928 139,763
3) Industrial and other patent rights		2,299,856		1,740,947
4) Concessions, licenses, trademarks and similar rights		69,029,522		78,784,885
5) Goodwill		5,164,827		161,184
6) Intangible assets under construction and advances to suppliers		119,575		0
7) Others TOTAL INTANGIBLE ASSETS		2,233,080 87,813,989		<u>659,957</u> 93,226,664
II - TANGIBLE ASSETS		01,010,000		00,220,000
1) Land and buildings		61,547,586		59,253,845
2) Plant and machinery		24,139,998		26,890,539
3) Industrial and commercial equipment		8,824,039		7,951,871
4) Other assets		1,720,888 4,408,239		1,503,308
5) Assets under construction and advances to suppliers TOTAL TANGIBLE ASSETS		100,640,750		<u>659,608</u> 96,259,171
III - FINANCIAL ASSETS		100,010,100		00,200,111
1) Equity investments in:				
a) subsidiaries	43,368,979		45,110,028	
b) associated companies	4,362,701		4,362,701	
c) other companies	10,277	47,741,957	152,076	49,624,805
2) Accounts receivables due from:				
a) subsidiaries - within 1 year	372,384,650		410,570,028	
- more than 1 year	0	372,384,650	0	410,570,028
b) associated companies				
- within 1 year	1,450,076		1,487,760	
- more than 1 year	3,509,831	4,959,907	4,708,895	6,196,655
c) parent companies - within 1 year	0		207,080	
- more than 1 year	0	0	0	207,080
d) other companies				
- within 1 year	74,718		55,736	
- more than 1 year	272,768	<u>347,486</u> 377,692,043	505,090	560,826
Total receivables TOTAL FINANCIAL ASSETS		425,434,000		<u>417,534,589</u> 467,159,394
TOTAL FIXED ASSETS		613,888,739		656,645,229
C) CURRENT ASSETS				
I - INVENTORY				
1) Raw materials and consumables		38,530,278		29,504,849
2) Work in progress		10,124,943		7,958,951
4) Finished goods and materials		52,553,416		40,090,885
TOTAL INVENTORY		101,208,637		77,554,685
II - RECEIVABLES		70 400 550		400 000 005
1) From customers: 2) From subsidiaries		72,493,556 135,694,537		138,683,295 156,650,374
3) From associated companies		100,004,007		100,000,014
- within 1 year	11,302,148		5,138,919	
- more than 1 year	508,449	11,810,597	680,333	5,819,252
4) From parent companies		0		3,098,741
5) Other receivables - within 1 year	24,163,251		6.468.984	
- more than 1 year	13,935,245	38,098,496	7,160,722	13,629,706
TOTAL RECEIVABLES		258,097,186		317,881,368
III - SHORT TERM FINANCIAL ASSETS				
4) Equity investments		606,000		905,659
TOTAL SHORT TERM FINANCIAL ASSETS		606,000		905,659
IV - LIQUID FUNDS				
1) Cash in bank		67,558,460		17,061,976
2) Cheques		0 75 271		796,981
3) Cash in hand TOTAL LIQUID FUNDS		75,271 67,633,731		86,787 17,945,744
TOTAL LIQUID FONDS TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		427,545,554		414,287,456
D) PREPAYMENTS AND CURRENT INCOME		,,		,
1) Accrued income		2,672,307		1,833,292
2) Prepaid expenses		630,947		1,290,834
TOTAL PREPAYMENTS AND CURRENT INCOME		3,303,254		3,124,126
TOTAL ASSETS		4 044 707 547		4 074 050 044
TOTAL ASSETS		1,044,737,547		1,074,056,811

				(Amounts in Euro)	
LIABILITIES	31.12.2002		31.12.2001		
	Partial	Total	Partial	Total	
A) SHAREHOLDER'S EQUITY					
I - SHARE CAPITAL		448,500,000		448,500,000	
II - ADDITIONAL PAID-IN CAPITAL		15,000,000		15,000,000	
III - REVALUATION RESERVE		0		0	
IV - LEGAL RESERVE		3,560,694		3,253,678	
V - RESERVE FOR TREASURY STOCK ON HAND		0		0	
VI - STATUTORY RESERVE		0		0	
VII -OTHER RESERVES		35,488,400		34,588,590	
IX - NET INCOME (LOSS) FOR THE YEAR		15,763,137		6,140,325	
TOTAL SHAREHOLDER'S EQUITY		518,312,231		507,482,593	
B) PROVISION FOR CONTINGENCIES AND OBLIGATIONS				· · ·	
 Provisions for agents leaving indemnity and similar obligations 		1,841,861		1,564,043	
3) Other provisions		11,310,491		4,875,359	
TOTAL		13,152,352		6,439,402	
C) STAFF LEAVING INDEMNITY		13,503,577		10,337,038	
D) PAYABLES					
3) Bank loans and overdrafts:	47,518,094		75,406,013		
- within 1 year - more than 1 year	47,518,094 85,245,590	132,763,684	121,567,914	196,973,927	
4) Other financing payables			· · · ·		
- within 1 year	14,694,955	20.007.256	417,888	2 764 227	
- more than 1 year 5) Advances	6,302,401	20,997,356 1,233,105	3,346,349	3,764,237 628,806	
6) Trade payables		134,110,326		91,834,385	
8) Payables due to subsidiaries	11 570 050		44 700 400		
- within 1 year - more than 1 year	14,576,853 158,429,497	173,006,350	41,723,163 174,680,154	216,403,317	
9) Payables due to associated companies		2,211,304		3,576,642	
10) Payables due to parent companies		11,288		11,288	
11) Payables due to tax authorities - within 1 year	16,293,418		12,117,705		
- more than 1 year	281,488	16,574,906	8,226,957	20,344,662	
12) Social security payables		3,444,986		2,430,762	
13) Other payables TOTAL PAYABLES		11,968,503 496,321,808		<u>10,518,230</u> 546,486,256	
E) ACCRUED LIABILITIES AND DEFERRED INCOME		430,321,000		540,400,230	
1) Accrued liabilities		2,888,749		2,336,500	
2) Deferred income		2,000,749 558,830		2,336,500 975,022	
TOTAL ACCRUED LIABILITIES AND DEFERRED INCOME		3,447,579		3,311,522	
TOTAL LIABILITIES		526,425,316		566,574,218	
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDER'S EQUITY		1,044,737,547		1,074,056,811	
MEMORANDUM ACCOUNTS					
- Guaranties on behalf of subsidiaries associated companies		457,003,871		220,752,005	
- Guaranties on behalf of third parties - Leasing payments still due		976,388 3,087,041		1,951,000 0	
TOTAL MEMORANDUM ACCOUNTS		461,067,300		222,703,005	
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DE' LONGHI S.P.A. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - INCOME STATEMENT

(Amounts in Euro)

INCOME STATEMENT 31.12.2002 31.12.2001 Partial Total Partial Total A) INCOME 1) Net revenues from the sale of goods and services 618,298,288 548.392.175 2) Changes in work in progress and finished goods (inventory) 6,208,982 (8,391,259) 4) Increases in fixed assets for internal work 2,158,201 1,831,460 5) Other income 21,591,911 19,393,756 - others - contributions on operating expenses 109,991 21.701.902 841,206 20.234.962 VALUE OF PRODUCTION (REVENUE) 562,067,338 648,367,373 **B) EXPENSES** 337,428,039 6) Raw and subsidiary material and goods 288,025,850 137,686,575 113,356,154 7) Services 8) Leases 5,899,984 3,219,331 9) Personnel costs: a) salaries and wages 51,627,727 40 536 415 17.315.025 13,477,273 b) social security costs c) severances payments 3,773,849 2,857,477 e) other costs 299,320 73,015,921 234,779 57,105,944 10) Amortisation, depreciation and writedowns: a) amortisation of intangible fixed assets 15,115,551 14,127,273 b) amortisation of tangible fixed assets 22,760,710 21,760,109 2.194.585 40.070.846 1.817.939 37.705.321 d) writedowns of trade receivables 11) Changes in stock of raw materials and consumables (1,462,868) 5,331,227 12) Provision for risks 6,046,893 1,947,675 4.768.798 2,272,953 14) Sundry operating expenses TOTAL PRODUCTION COSTS (EXPENSES) 603,454,188 508,964,455 DIFFERENCE BETWEEN REVENUES AND EXPENSES (A-B) 44,913,185 53,102,883 **C) FINANCIAL INCOME AND EXPENSES** 15) Income from equity investments: a) from subsidiaries 10,206,773 48,916 b) from associated companies 6.250 0 d) others 1,038,022 11,251,045 1,376,652 1,425,568 16) Other financial income: c) from securities entered as current assets that aren't equity investments 7.152 d) other income: - from subsidiaries 19,993,850 11,545,614 - from associated companies 416,191 374,051 - others 20,138,592 40,548,633 12,659,061 24,585,878 17) Interest and other financial expenses: (3, 144, 607)(2,501,439)a) from subsidiaries (35,763,892) (41,549,139) (44.693.746) (33,262,453) c) others TOTAL FINANCIAL INCOME AND EXPENSES 7.105.932 (9,752,446)**D) ADJUSTMENTS TO FINANCIAL ASSETS** 19) Writedowns: a) of equity investments (24,689,646) (24, 853, 169)TOTAL ADJUSTMENTS TO FINANCIAL ASSETS (24,689,646) (24,853,169) E) EXTRAORDINARY INCOME AND EXPENSES 20) Income: b) other 83.091 86.713 21) Expenses: a) taxes pertaining to previous years (362,689) b) other extraordinary expenses (875,328) (1,238,017) (2,795,250) TOTAL EXTRAORDINARY INCOME AND EXPENSES (1,154,926) (2,708,537) NET INCOME (LOSS) BEFORE INCOME TAX 26.174.545 15.788.731 (10,411,408) (9,648,406) 22) Income taxes 26) NET INCOME 15,763,137 6,140,325