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**VolkerWessels interim figures for 2010:
Solid results in difficult times**

Highlights of the first six months of 2010

- **Operating revenues, first six months of 2010: €1.9 billion (first six months of 2009: € 2.0 billion)**
- **Result before interest, depreciation, amortisation and tax (EBITDA), first six months of 2010: €64.2 million (first half-year of 2009: € 68.3 million). Slight increase in EBITDA-margin**
- **Net profit, first six months of 2010: €18.6 million (first six months of 2009: €26.1 million)**
- **Order book rises by 8% to €4.8 billion (year-end 2009: €4.5 billion)**
- **Operating revenues of some €4.2 billion (2009: €4.4 billion) are expected for the full year 2010, with an operating margin in line with that of 2009.**

'Despite the current recession in the construction sector and the uncertain political climate in Holland, which is reflected in our activities, particularly in housing construction, we performed as anticipated in the first six months of 2010', says CEO Gerard van de Aast. 'Most VolkerWessels companies succeeded in achieving results in line with expectations. While our companies operating in housing construction and railways face particularly difficult market conditions, there are also opportunities for our companies that build infrastructure, energy, water and communications networks. The spread of our activities means that we also perform relatively well in difficult times. We shall continue to focus on providing high quality, sustainable solutions for our clients. We expect slightly lower operating revenues in 2010 as a whole, with an EBITDA in line with 2009.'

Operating revenues by sector are detailed below:
(in millions of euros)

	1st six months of 2010	1st six months of 2009
Building & Property Development Netherlands	583	733
Civil Engineering, Roads & Rail	588	567
Infrastructure Technology and Telecommunication	400	394
Civil Engineering, Roads and Building UK	227	281
Civil and Land Development in Canada/USA	71	60
Supplies & Services	155	161
Intercompany elimination	-149	-156
Total	1,875	2,040

Building & Property Development Netherlands

There are still no signs of recovery in the building and property development sector, which continues to suffer from reduced consumer confidence, limited availability of funds and uncertainty about the continued tax-deductibility of mortgage interest.

In the first six months of 2010, VolkerWessels sold 847 homes (2009: 745). The number of unsold homes under construction fell to 334 (first six months of 2009: 483), while the number of unsold homes delivered fell sharply, to 96 (year-end 2009: 206). The introduction of new concepts, which continues to make residential property accessible to a broader target group, produced positive results. Financing and liquidity problems among consumers, private developers and housing corporations led to delays in the execution of planned projects in the first half of this year.

Thanks to a number of large projects, such as the construction of three power stations, our activities in the Industrial Building segment were successful in the first six months of 2010.

Civil Engineering and Roads the Netherlands

One of the consequences of the economic crisis is that municipal and provincial authorities are taking an increasingly cautious line on outsourcing work in the infrastructure field. This trend leads to low price levels with growing competition.

As an extra stimulus, the Dutch central government invited tenders for infrastructural works in the first half of the year. VolkerWessels won a significant proportion of this work and was consequently able to maintain the level of operating revenues. The traffic management order book showed strong growth.

Increasingly, tenders are invited for integrated projects, with selection based on quality as well as on price. VolkerWessels sees this as a positive trend.

Rail

The rail construction and maintenance market is under pressure, both in the Netherlands and internationally. VolkerRail Netherlands faces growing pressure on prices and competition through a structurally low supply of work and diminishing volumes in the market. This leads to adjustments in the organisation.

Other VolkerRail companies, particularly those in the UK and Germany, also face heavy pressure on volumes and prices. The organisation has been adjusted to the market situation and significant improvements have been implemented in project management. A contract for the expansion of the Manchester light rail network over the next few years gave VolkerRail in the UK a considerable boost.

Infrastructure Technology and Telecommunication

Results for the first half of 2010 were good in the *Infrastructure Technology and Telecommunication* sector, mainly thanks to activities in the Energy and Water segment. Visser & Smit Hanab had strong supplies of work through the further expansion of the gas grid in North-Western Europe. Good results were also achieved for projects for building offshore wind farms. Visser & Smit Hanab acquired The Badger Engineering company in order to strengthen its engineering capacity.

VolkerWessels Telecom had a difficult start due to the severe winter weather, but in the second quarter, made a good recovery in the communications and energy market through the laying of glass fibre and high-voltage networks.

The Energy and Water and the Telecommunications segments are expected to continue their good results for the full year 2010.

Civil Engineering, Roads & Building United Kingdom

The restructuring of VolkerWessels in the UK, a process that began last year, is starting to bear fruit. Our companies work together increasingly closely and are consequently better able to operate effectively under difficult market conditions.

Despite shrinking government budgets, VolkerWessels UK's order book comprises many good quality projects. VolkerHighways achieved good results in road maintenance in the first six months of the year. In the second half of the year, VolkerFitzpatrick commences a number of large construction projects and civil works.

VolkerWessels, through its subsidiary VolkerLaser, acquired most of the UK assets of Talepine Ltd. (trading as Quickseal), which specialises in waterproofing and concrete repairs.

Infrastructure and Land Development in Canada/USA

The results of the companies in the *infrastructure/land development* segments in the USA and in particular, in Canada, are good. Our Canadian companies operate mainly in the province of Alberta, where large oil and gas reserves are having a positive impact on the market.

The newly-acquired Wilson company, operating in the Canadian oil sands, immediately made a positive contribution to the results.

Supplies and Services

Shrinking demand has placed increasing pressure on prices for construction-related supply companies. Good results were achieved in the field of maritime services. The new cable-laying vessel Stemat Spirit was launched in March and has already been successfully deployed for projects.

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