

Caltagirone Editore: the Board of Directors approves the results for first half of 2019

- Group net result: 1.6 million euros (2.2 million euros for first half of 2018)
- Revenues: 66.9 million euros (70.4 million euros for first half of 2018)
- Ebitda: -911 thousand euros (-2.6 million euros for first half of 2018)
- Internet advertising revenues increased by 17.3%

Rome, July 29th, 2019 - The Board of Directors of Caltagirone Editore, chaired by Avv. Francesco Gianni, approved the results of the first half of 2019.

Performance of operations

Group net profit was positive for 1.6 million euros (2.2 million euros in the corresponding period 2018).

Revenues amounted to 66.9 million euros, down by 5% compared to the same period of 2018 due the contraction of both circulation and advertisement income.

Total revenues from the sale of the newspapers amounted to 30.3 million euros, down by 8.9% compared to the corresponding period of 2018.

Group advertising revenue declined by 2.5% and amounted to 33.7 million euros.

On May 2019, the Total Audience (PC or mobile) of Caltagirone Editore web sites recorded 3.3 million unique average daily users, up by 65% on the same month of 2018.

Costs decreased by 7.1% on the first half of 2018 and amounted to 67.8 million euros. Labor costs, that includes non-recurrent costs of 2 million euros (851 thousand euros as of June 30th, 2018) related to operations put in place by some controlled companies, increased by 1%. Comparing the homogeneous values without taking into account such extraordinary costs, labor costs decreased by about 3%. The other operating costs decreased by 14.5% due to the effects of the actions undertaken by controlled companies especially regarding costs for services and by the effect of the new accounting standard IFRS 16 concerning the accounting treatment of leasing contracts.



EBITDA was negative for 911 thousand euros (negative for 2.6 million euros as of June 30th, 2018).

EBIT, after amortization and write-downs of 3.5 million euros, recorded a negative balance of 4.4 million euros (-4 million euros in the first half of 2018).

Net income from financial operations was positive for 5.4 million euros (5.2 million euros in the corresponding period of 2018) mainly affected by dividends received on listed shares.

The net financial position amounted to 90.7 million euros, decreasing from 99.1 million euros as of December 31th, 2018 mainly due to the recognition of non-current and current financial liabilities relating to rights to use leased assets recorded for the same amount of tangible assets, in application of the new accounting standard IFRS 16, net of the collection of dividends on listed shares.

Shareholders' equity was 429.2 million euros (415.2 million euros as of December 31th, 2018). The increase is due to the positive effect achieved during the semester in the *fair value* valuation of the equity investments held net the profit.

Forecasts for the current year

The negative trend in circulation and advertising revenues continues both at the market and at the company level and there are no signs of an inversion at the moment. This negative trend will probably continue in the current year.

The Executive responsible for the preparation of the corporate accounting documents, Fabrizio Caprara, declares in accordance with article 154 bis, paragraph 2, of the "Testo Unico della Finanza", that the accounting information contained in the present press release corresponds to the underlying documents, records and accounting entries

Attached the statutory balance sheets and income statement currently under review of the Board of Statutory Auditors and the Independent Auditors.

CALTAGIRONE EDITORE GROUP CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET



Assets

(in Euro thousands)	30.06.2019	31.12.2018
Non-current assets		
Intangible assets with definite life	429	468
Intangible assets with indefinite life	200,203	200,203
Newspaper titles	200,203	200,203
Property, plant and equipment	49,494	37,352
Equity investments and non-current securities	108,858	96,118
Other non-current assets	105	105
Deferred tax assets	52,118	51,202
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS	411,207	385,448
Current assets		
Inventories	1,831	1,743
Trade receivables	41,682	46,194
of which related parties	246	225
Other current assets	1,331	952
Cash and cash equivalents	111,729	109,656
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	156,573	158,545
TOTAL ASSETS	567,780	543,993

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SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY AND LIABILITIES

(in Euro thousands)	30.06.2019	31.12.2018
Shareholders' Equity		
Share capital	125,000	125,000
Share capital issue costs	(18,865)	(18,865)
Other reserves	321,454	317,338
Profit/(loss) for the year	1,647	(8,298)
Group shareholders' equity	429,236	415,175
Minority interest shareholders' equity	-	-
TOTAL SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY	429,236	415,175
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LIABILITIES		
Non-current liabilities		
Employee provisions	15,198	15,590
Other non-current provisions	6,382	5,481
Non-current financial liabilities	9,782	-
of which related parties	<i>6,54</i> 8	-
Other non-current liabilities	1,421	1,441
Deferred tax liabilities	48,846	48,232
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES	81,629	70,744
Current liabilities		
Current provisions	3,643	3,805
Trade payables	21,510	22,243
of which related parties	2,126	1,615
Current financial liabilities	11,242	10,557
of which related parties	1,972	-
Tax payables	255	205
Other current liabilities	20,265	21,264
of which related parties	84	14
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	56,915	58,074
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TOTAL SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY AND LIABILITIES	567,780	543,993

CALTAGIRONE EDITORE GROUP CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT



(in Euro thousands)	1st half 2019	1st half 2018
Revenues Revenues from sales and supply of services of which related parties Other operating revenues of which related parties TOTAL REVENUES	64,788 123 2,098 23 66,886	68,379 132 1,993 30 70,372
Costs Raw material costs Personnel costs of which non-recurring charges Other operating charges of which related parties	(5,953) (30,047) (1,997) (31,797) (1,094)	(6,013) (29,759) (851) (37,168) (2,776)
TOTAL COSTS	(67,797)	(72,940)
EBITDA	(911)	(2,568)
Amortisation, depreciation and other write-downs	(3,450)	(1,436)
EBIT	(4,361)	(4,004)
Financial income of which related parties Financial charges of which related parties Net financial result PROFIT/(LOSS) BEFORE TAX Income taxes for the period	5,890 5,850 (524) (21) 5,366 1,005	5,645 5,525 (486) - 5,159 1,155
NET PROFIT/(LOSS) FOR THE PERIOD Group net loss Minority interest share	1,647 1,647 -	2,217 2,217
Earnings per share Diluted earnings per share	0.015 0.015	0.018 0.018

CALTAGIRONE EDITORE GROUP Consolidated Comprehensive Income Statement



(in Euro thousands)	1st half 2019	1st half 2018
Net loss for the year	1,647	2,217
Items which are not reclassified subsequently to profit/(loss) for the period		
Gain/(loss) from recalculation of capital instruments assets, net of fiscal effect	12,304	(5,093)
Total other items of the Comprehensive Income Statement	12,304	(5,093)
Total comprehensive loss for the year	13,951	(2,876)
Attributable to:		
Parent Company shareholders Minority interest	13,951 -	(2,876)

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Statement of changes in consolidated shareholders' equity



(in Euro thousands)	Share Capital	Quotation charges	Treasury shares	Fair Value reserve	Other reserves	Net profit/loss	Group net equity	Minority interest net equity	Total net equity
Balance at January 1st 2018 IFRS 9 application	125,000	(18,865)	(2,224)	660	373,830 (570)		448,768 (570)	-	448,768 (570)
Balance at January 1st 2018 redefined	125,000	(18,865)	(2,224)	660	373,260	(29,633)	448,198	-	448,198
Previous year result carried forward Acquisition of treasury shares			141		(29,633) 54	,	- 195		- 195
Total operations with shareholders Change in fair value reserve	-	-	141	(5,093)	(29,579)		195 (5,093)	-	195 (5,093)
Net Result						2,217	2,217		2,217
Comprehensive Profit/(Loss) for the year	-	-	-	(5,093)	-	2,217	(2,876)	-	(2,876)
Other Changes Balance at June 30th 2018	125,000	(18,865)	(2,083)	(4,433)	4 343,685	2,217	4 445,521	-	4 445,521
Balance at January 1st 2019 Previous year result carried forward	125,000	(18,865)	(23,641)	(3,002)	343,981 (8,298)		415,175 -	-	415,175 -
Total operations with shareholders	-	-	-	-	(8,298)	8,298	-	-	-
Change in fair value reserve Net Result				12,304		1,647	12,304 1,647	-	12,304 1,647
Comprehensive Profit/(Loss) for the year	-	-	-	12,304	-	1,647	13,951	-	13,951
Other Changes Balance at June 30th 2019	125,000	(18,865)	(23,641)	9,302	110 335,793		110 429,236	-	110 429,236

Caltagirone Editore Group Consolidated Cash Flow Statement



(in Euro thousands)	1st half 2019	1st half 2018
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Net loss for the year	1,647	2,217
Amortisation & Depreciation	3,085	1,376
(Revaluations) and write-downs	335	14
Net financial income/(charges)	(5,366)	(5,159)
(Gains)/losses on disposals	(1)	- (4.000)
Income taxes	(642)	(1,062)
Changes in employee provisions	(571)	(753)
Changes in current and non-current provisions	739	(189)
OPER. CASH FLOW BEFORE CHAN. IN W.CAPITAL	(774)	(3,556)
(Increase) Decrease in inventories	(88)	(13)
(Increase) Decrease in Trade receivables	4,177	6,358
Increase (Decrease) in Trade payables	(2,396)	384
Change in other current and non-current liabilities	(1,412)	(2,911)
Change in deferred and current income taxes	213	45
OPERATING CASH FLOW	(280)	307
Dividends received	5,850	5,525
Interest received	40	120
Interest paid	(345)	(287)
Income taxes paid	(258)	(38)
A) CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	5,007	5,627
Investments in intangible fixed assets	(108)	(106)
Investments in tangible fixed assets	(180)	(96)
Non-current investments and securities	` -	(12,287)
Sale of intangible and tangible assets	-	8
B) CASH FLOW FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES	(288)	(12,481)
Change in current fin. liabilities	(2,646)	167
Other changes	-	195
C) CASH FLOW FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES	(2,646)	362
D) Effect exc. diffs. on cash & cash equivalents	(_,,,,,,	-
Change in net liquidity	2,073	(6,492)
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT END OF PERIOD	111,729	130,006
	111,120	100,000