



LA SEDA DE BARCELONA

### **On the way to operational normalization**

## **LA SEDA DE BARCELONA REACHES RECURRING EBITDA OF 55 M EUROS IN SEPTEMBER**

- The Company recorded recurring EBITDA of 55 million euros at the end of the third quarter of the year, overcoming the losses obtained in the same period of 2009
- The Group has obtained accumulated turnover of 751 million euros
- The preforms division has become consolidated as the main segment of activity, with 55% of the total sales

El Prat de Llobregat, 11 November 2010.- La Seda de Barcelona has obtained a recurring EBITDA of 55 million euros in the first ninth months of 2010 and has left behind the losses for the same period last year. The Group reached turnover of 751 million euros in September, 9,5% more than the same period of 2009, with an increase in the level of activity both in the Preforms division –more than 6%– and in PET, with 11%.

For the first time in 21 months, the Company has obtained an operating profit, which totals 822,000 euros. According to its Chairman, Carlos Moreira da Silva, this increase “is proof of a change in trend in the Group’s results, which clearly show an increase in turnover by 9,5%, a recurring EBITDA of 55 M€, an operating profit and contained costs”.

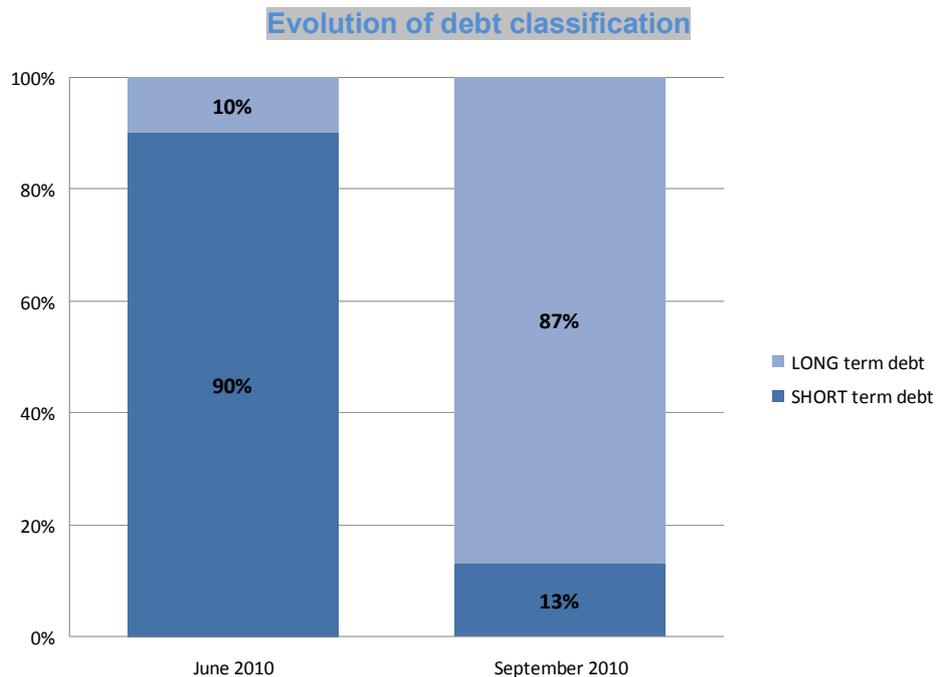
### **Reduction in borrowing and increase in equity**

After the capital increase that was carried out in August, the Company has improved its equity situation considerably. Equity has trebled, after appealing to the market, and totals 374 million euros. The Company has also totally transformed the debt structure to ensure the Company’s financial viability.



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It should be noted that at 31 December of last year, 90% of the PET-Packaging multinational's net debt was short-term. The agreements reached after breaking the deadlock thanks to the capital increase and an intense negotiating process with creditors have enabled the Company to improve the situation and now have 13% of the debt as short-term while the remaining 87% has become long-term debt. This fact releases funds to the Company when it most needs them to develop the business.



### **New Board of Directors for a new era**

The Board of Directors of La Seda de Barcelona has been involved in a restructuring process in line with the restructuring of the Company, and this transformation is expected to be completed at the beginning of 2011 with the incorporation of for new independent directors.

In this regard, the last Extraordinary General Shareholders' Meeting held in October ratified the appointment of Ms Sandra Soares Santos as a new representative director of the Company, as well as the appointment of BA PET, BV, represented by Mr Carlos Moreira da Silva, who was also elected Chairman of the Company by its highest decision-making body. The last of these operational changes, for the time being, is the decision of Caixa Geral to designate Mr Gonalo Botelho as the natural person to represent it, replacing Mr Rui Soares.



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**The Group continues with the process of divesting non-strategic assets, SINES**

In mid-September, the subsidiary Artenius SINES diluted its stake in the project down to 41%, in the context of a financial operation that include a capital increase and the entrance of three Portuguese investment funds as shareholders, bringing an injection of 96.9 million euros. As a result of the capital increase, Project Finance was arranged, without having recourse to La Seda de Barcelona, which has made it possible to repay all the bridging loans that had been taken out, and cancel the guarantees provided.

Artenius SINES reinforces its shareholder structure, guarantees the construction of the plant, while La Seda gradually divests an asset that does not fit in the Group's new corporate strategy.