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PRESS RELEASE

Results first half year 2008 Insinger de Beaufort Holdings SA Net profit from continued operations €0.6 million

Insinger de Beaufort Holdings SA ("Insinger de Beaufort") reports a net profit from continued operations of €0.6 million for the first half year of 2008 compared to €3.5 million for the second half of 2007.

The reported operating income in the first half of 2008 for the continuing operations was €24.4 million compared to €30.2 million for the second half of 2007. The decline was due to lower fee, commission and other operating income as a result of adverse market conditions. In the second half of 2007, other operating income also included non recurring income items of approximately €2.5 million.

The restructuring of the group to focus on our core wealth management capabilities by the discontinuance of the UK stock broking, derivative and bond broking units was completed during the period with the transfer of these activities outside of the group. Due to adverse market conditions and higher than anticipated costs, these discontinued operations returned a loss of €3.8 million in the first half of 2008. As a result the group reports a net loss after tax of €3.5 million for the first half of 2008.

The assets under management⁽¹⁾ as at 30 June 2008 decreased by 7% to €5.7 billion compared to € 6.1 billion as at 31 December 2007. This decrease arose mainly from the decline in equity markets. The institutional assets under advice remained stable with €1.2 billion as at 30 June 2008.

Operating profit for continuing operations in the first half of 2008 was €0.6 million, a decrease of €2.3 million compared to the second half of 2007. The core operations of the group were adversely influenced by market conditions during the first half of 2008, with substantially lower transaction related income. Despite operating expenses reducing by 13% the operating margin decreased from 9.7% in the second half of 2007 to 2.3% in the first half of 2008. The continuing turbulence in the financial markets is expected to have an ongoing adverse effect on the activities of the group, which makes it difficult to predict the operating results for the second half of 2008.

The group remains risk adverse in all aspects and continues to maintain a highly liquid balance sheet and a significant part of the assets are invested in cash or near cash. Loan assets have in the main been collateralised by liquid securities. In June 237,259 of the outstanding warrants have been exercised and new shares were issued. Capital resources decreased slightly from €40.2 million as per 31 December 2007 to €39.0 million as per 30 June 2008. The solvency of the group remained at a comfortable 15%.

The Insinger de Beaufort group may from time to time take up Insinger de Beaufort shares from the market. This is executed on occasions when the group believes this to be opportune in terms of price, capital, or both. These shares will not be cancelled but could inter alia be made available to underpin the outstanding employee share options and compulsory convertible loan notes.

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⁽¹⁾ This amount includes reinvestments in own products.



As announced on 1 August 2008 in a joint press release, BNP Paribas Private Bank S.A. and Insinger de Beaufort Holdings S.A. have concluded a strategic partnership, subject to regulatory approval. The transaction has two parts. BNP Paribas Private Bank will acquire for a consideration of €60 million a 35% interest in Insinger de Beaufort Holding B.V., the immediate holding company of Bank Insinger de Beaufort N.V.. In parallel, BNP Paribas Private Bank will combine its Dutch activities (Nachenius Tjeenk) and London private banking activities with Bank Insinger de Beaufort's activities. As a result, BNP Paribas Private Bank will receive additional shares in this new combined group, to reach a 60% to 65% ownership, depending on the relative Net Asset Values of the combined businesses. Reference is made to the full press release which is available from the website.

The acquisition price paid by BNP Paribas Private Bank on the 35% interest is a payment for goodwill of €60.5 million. This transaction does not include the investment the group holds in shares and loan notes issued by Equity Trust Holdings Sarl, which have a total book value of €25 million as at 30 June 2008.

The company is in the process of preparing a circular for shareholders with information on the proposed transaction and proposals on the distribution of surplus funds to shareholders. These proposals will be put forward to a shareholders' meeting for approval.

As a result of this transaction the planned offer to shareholders for the placing of loan notes, as mentioned in the Other Information section of the 2007 financial statements, will not proceed.



CONSOLIDATED FINANCIALS (UNAUDITED)

Result in Euro

	Half year ended 30 June 2008	Half year ended 31 December 2007	Half year ended 30 June 2007
Operating income (million) – continuing operations	24.4	30.2	37.9
Operating profit (million) – continuing operations	0.6	2.9	8.9
Profit after tax (million) – continuing operations	0.4	3.5	8.9
Net result (million)	(3.5)	(17.4)	2.9
Per ordinary share			
Earnings per share from continuing operations (in cents) (fully diluted)	2.3	24.0	49.1
Proposed dividends (in cents)	-	0.22	-
Net asset value	2.90	3.05	3.24
Balance sheet			
Shareholders' equity (million)	36.8	38.0	55.3
Number of ordinary shares of €2.00 each in issue (million) (less shares held in treasury)	13.4	13.2	13.1
Number of ordinary shares held in treasury (million)	0.4	0.5	0.5
Number of warrants 2008 in issue (million) (less warrants held in treasury)	-	0.3	0.3
Other information			
Assets under management (excluding fiduciary assets) (billion)	5.7	6.1	6.9
Institutional assets under investment advisory (billion)	1.2	1.2	1.2
Total assets under management and advisory	6.9	7.3	8.1
Number of staff employed (FTE's) – continuing operations	208	213	232



About Insinger de Beaufort

Insinger de Beaufort (www.insinger.com) is an Anglo Dutch banking group with origins dating back to 1779. The Group operates through the main business lines Asset Management and Private Banking. Besides the main offices in Amsterdam and London, Insinger de Beaufort also has offices in Eindhoven, The Hague, Rome and Cape Town (South Africa).

Insinger de Beaufort offers its private clients a broad range of private banking products and services. The offering to institutional clients includes asset management, asset consulting as well as Alternative Investment products.

The Group operates through Bank Insinger de Beaufort N.V. and its subsidiaries. Insinger de Beaufort Holdings S.A., the ultimate parent company, is listed on the Luxembourg Stock Exchange.

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APPENDICES

INSINGER DE BEAUFORT HOLDINGS SA

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED INTERIM FINANCIAL REPORT

FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30 JUNE 2008

(UNAUDITED)

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STATEMENT OF CEO AND CFO



CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED INTERIM FINANCIAL REPORT

APPENDIX 1 GROUP PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

for the period ended 30 June 2008

	Unaudited		Unaudited		Unaudited	
	First	Second	First	Full year		
	half year	half year	half year	2007		
	2008	2007	2007			
	€000's	€000's	€000's	€000's		
Interest income	10,087	10,230	8,797	19,027		
Interest expense	(7,104)	(8,192)	(6,620)	(14,812)		
Net interest income	2,983	2,038	2,177	4,215		
Fee and commission income	25,178	30,243	39,569	69,812		
Fee and commission expense	(6,448)	(8,309)	(8,563)	(16,872)		
Net fee and commission income	18,730	21,934	31,006	52,940		
Gains financial assets held for trading	25	-	-	-		
Other operating income	2,618	6,275	4,702	10,977		
Operating income	24,356	30,247	37,885	68,132		
Personnel costs	(11,992)	(13,833)	(16,334)	(30,167)		
Redundancy expense	(73)	498	(1,174)	(676)		
Amortisation of intangible assets	(128)	(121)	(68)	(189)		
Depreciation	(184)	(286)	(216)	(502)		
Other operating expenses	(11,427)	(13,561)	(11,145)	(24,706)		
Operating profit	552	2,944	8,948	11,892		
Income on sale of subsidiaries	-	504	-	504		
Share of profits from associates	(1)	4	-	4		
Profit before taxation	551	3,452	8,948	12,400		
Taxation	(186)	37	(1,908)	(1,871)		
Profit for the period from continuing operations	365	3,489	7,040	10,529		
Loss for the period from discontinued operations	(3,844)	(20,882)	(4,122)	(25,004)		
Net profit/(loss) for the period	(3,479)	(17,393)	2,918	(14,475)		
Attributable to:						
Group shareholders	(3,512)	(17,482)	2,918	(14,564)		
Minority interest	33	89	(0)	89		
Net profit/(loss) for the period	(3,479)	(17,393)	2,918	(14,475)		
EARNINGS PER SHARE						
Basic earnings per share – continuing operations (in cents)	2.5	26.8	54.7	81.2		
Diluted earnings per share – continuing operations (in cents)	2.3	24.0	49.1	72.7		



CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED INTERIM FINANCIAL REPORT

APPENDIX 2 GROUP BALANCE SHEET

as at 30 June 2008

	Unaudited	
	30 June	
	2008	Dec 2007
	€000's	€000's
Assets		
Cash and balances with central banks	4,668	8,198
Treasury bills	105,073	67,405
Loans and advances to credit institutions	160,789	146,592
Trading securities	4,161	170
Derivative financial instruments	553	299
Investment securities:		
- available for sale	26,557	25,903
- held-to-maturity	15,349	39,937
Loans and advances to customers	122,280	132,773
Tangible fixed assets	1,548	1,690
Intangible fixed assets	11,763	11,892
Investment in associates	350	351
Deferred tax assets	7,250	6,936
Current income tax receivable	129	130
Other assets	11,250	15,053
Discontinued operations	5,460	2,146
Total assets	477,160	459,475
Liabilities		
Amounts owed to credit institutions	28,927	18,844
Amounts owed to customers	383,116	364,294
Loan notes and other long term debt	283	309
Loan notes short term	7,329	7,329
Other liabilities	15,178	25,458
Current income tax liabilities	3,307	3,018
Total liabilities	438,140	419,252
Capital resources		
Shareholders' equity	36,778	37,989
Shareholders' compulsory convertible loan note	2,063	2,063
Minority interest	179	171
	39,020	40,223
Total equity and liabilities	477,160	459,475
Off-Balance sheet items: contingent assets	11,464	11,464
Off-Balance sheet items: contingent liabilities	3,151	3,270



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APPENDIX 3 SEGMENTAL INFORMATION (unaudited)

	First half year 2008	Second half year 2007	First half year 2007	2007
	€ 000's	€ 000's	€ 000's	€ 000's
Segmentation of operating income				
Private Banking	14,118	17,357	18,374	35,731
Asset Management	7,277	9,892	17,405	27,297
Ops & Support	143	(188)	(484)	(672)
Group	1,771	2,245	1,447	3,692
Other	1,047	941	1,143	2,084
	24,356	30,247	37,885	68,132

	First half year 2008	Second half year 2007	First half year 2007	2007
	€ 000's	€ 000's	€ 000's	€ 000's
Segmentation of profit before tax				
Private Banking	909	4,585	3,696	8,281
Asset Management	1,309	3,418	8,459	11,877
Ops & Support	(563)	(2,510)	(2,158)	(4,668)
Group	(663)	(1,482)	(17)	(1,499)
Other	(441)	(559)	(1,032)	(1,591)
	551	3,452	8,948	12,400



CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED INTERIM FINANCIAL REPORT

APPENDIX 4 GROUP STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY for the period ended 30 June 2008 (unaudited)

	Attributable to shareholders					Total
	Share Capital	Share premium	Other reserves	Compulsory convertible loan note	Minority interest	
	€ 000's	€ 000's	€ 000's	€ 000's	€ 000's	€ 000's
Balance at 1 January 2008	27,163	10,953	(127)	2,063	171	40,223
Dividend					(31)	(31)
Net gains from changes in fair value, net of tax			(13)			(26)
Employee share option plan:						
- equity settled share based payment plan, net of tax			217			217
- cash settled share based payment plan, net of tax			(133)			(133)
-proceeds from warrants exercised	475	949	-			1,424
Translation adjustments and other movements, net of tax	(1)		774		6	792
Sale/(Purchases) of treasury shares			33			33
Net loss			(3,512)		33	(3,479)
Balance at 30 June 2008	27,637	11,902	(2,761)	2,063	179	39,020



CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED INTERIM FINANCIAL REPORT

APPENDIX 4 GROUP STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

for the half year period ended 31 December 2007 (unaudited)

	Attributable to shareholders				Minority interest	Total
	Share Capital	Share premium	Other reserves	Compulsory convertible loan note		
	€ 000's	€ 000's	€ 000's	€ 000's	€ 000's	€ 000's
Balance at 30 June 2007	26,771	10,231	18,271	2,063	113	57,449
Dividend					(30)	(30)
Net gains from changes in fair value, net of tax			208			208
Employee share option plan:						
- equity settled share based payment plan, net of tax			240			240
- cash settled share based payment plan, net of tax			(813)			(813)
- proceeds from options exercised	392	722				1,114
Translation adjustments and other movements, net of tax			(553)		(1)	(554)
Sale/(Purchases) of treasury shares			2			2
Net loss			(17,482)		89	(17,393)
Balance at 31 December 2007	27,163	10,953	(127)	2,063	171	40,223



CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED INTERIM FINANCIAL REPORT

APPENDIX 5 GROUP STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

for the period ended 30 June 2008

	unaudited First half year 2008	unaudited Second half year 2007	unaudited First half year 2007	Full year 2007
	€000's	€000's	€000's	€000's
Cash flows from operating activities				
Net result	(3,479)	(17,393)	2,918	(14,475)
Adjustment for:				
Result discontinued operations		20,882	4,122	25,004
Taxation	186	(36)	1,907	1,871
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	184	286	216	502
Amortisation of intangible assets	122	121	68	189
Impairment charges	7			
Income from associates	1	(4)	-	(4)
Fair value gains on derivative financial instruments	(236)			
Share-based compensation (IFRS 2)	217	240	241	481
Profit on sale of Insinger de Beaufort (Luxembourg) SA		(504)	-	(504)
	(2,998)	3,592	9,472	13,064
Decrease/(increase) in operating assets:				
Loans and advances to credit institutions	(14,197)	(2,444)	(9,950)	(12,394)
Loans and advances to customers	10,493	(2,655)	(5,332)	(7,987)
Purchase of trading securities	(3,991)	(81)	(257)	(338)
Other assets	3,803	(4,812)	11,138	6,326
(Decrease)/Increase in operating liabilities:				
Amounts owed to credit institutions	10,083	(9,572)	8,088	17,660
Amounts owed to customers	18,822	28,637	13,420	42,057
Other liabilities	(10,700)	322	1,316	1,638
<i>Net cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities before payment of taxation</i>	11,315	32,131	27,895	60,026
Taxation received / (paid)	211	427	(434)	(7)
<i>Net cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities after payment of taxation</i>	11,526	32,558	27,461	60,019



	unaudited First half year 2008	unaudited Second half year 2007	unaudited First half year 2007	Full year 2007
	€000's	€000's	€000's	€000's
Cash flows from investing activities				
Acquisition of subsidiaries, net of cash acquired	-	-	(2,000)	(2,000)
Purchase of investment securities	(40,185)	(205,621)	(120,798)	(326,419)
Proceeds from sale and redemption of investment securities	64,000	204,999	80,001	285,000
Purchase of associates	-	(34)	(9)	(43)
Purchase of treasury bills	(135,668)	(81,909)	(59,801)	(141,710)
Proceeds from sale and redemption of treasury bills	98,000	51,939	80,000	131,939
Sale/(Purchase) of fixed assets	(42)	(192)	(90)	(282)
Sale of susidiary Insinger de Beaufort (Luxembourg) SA				1,201
Net cash flow from discontinued activities	(3,314)			
<i>Net cash inflow/(outflow) from investing activities</i>	<i>(17,209)</i>	<i>(29,617)</i>	<i>(22,697)</i>	<i>(52,314)</i>
Cash flows from financing activities				
Dividends paid	(31)	(30)	(2,849)	(2,879)
Option exercise	1,424	300	-	300
Treasury shares	(127)	2	586	588
Accrued interest on loan notes	(26)	(29)	(23)	(52)
<i>Net cash (outflow) from financing activities</i>	<i>1,240</i>	<i>243</i>	<i>(2,286)</i>	<i>(2,043)</i>
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	(4,443)	3,184	2,478	5,662
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	8,198	5,426	2,928	2,928
Net (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	(4,443)	3,184	2,478	5,662
Exchange differences	913	(412)	20	(392)
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	4,668	8,198	5,426	8,198
* Cash flows from operating activities include:				
Interest received	9,280	8,949	8,463	17,412
Interest paid	(7,104)	(8,062)	(6,750)	(14,812)
Dividends received	-	-	-	-



CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED INTERIM FINANCIAL REPORT

APPENDIX 6 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES AND OTHER EXPLANATORY NOTES

for the period ended 30 June 2008

General

Insinger de Beaufort Holdings S.A. was incorporated on 30 November 1994 as a '1929' Holding Company' in the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, and was listed on the Luxembourg Stock Exchange on 30 September 1997.

Together with its subsidiaries, Insinger de Beaufort Holdings S.A. ("the Group") operates in the fields of private banking, asset management, securities trading and corporate advisory.

The activities of the Group are not significantly impacted by seasonal influences.
The information in this condensed interim financial report is unaudited.

Accounting Policies

These interim financial statements have been prepared in accordance with IAS 34 "Interim Financial Reporting". The consolidated condensed interim financial report has been prepared in accordance with consolidation and accounting policies consistent with the consolidated financial statements as of December 31, 2007. As disclosed in Note 2 of Insinger de Beaufort Holdings S.A.'s consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2007, on January 1, 2008, several new IFRS pronouncements became effective. The Group did not early adopt new standards, amendments and interpretations adopted by the European Union when their application in 2008 was optional. Management determined that none of the new pronouncements have a material impact on Insinger de Beaufort Holdings S.A.'s accounting principles.

Accounting estimates

The Group makes estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities. Estimates and judgements are continually evaluated. In the first half of 2008 a loss has been recorded of € 3.8 million from discontinued operations as a result of lower operating income and higher expenses than anticipated for these businesses. Management believes the current cost accrual should be sufficient to cover the expenses for the closing of the businesses.

**Business combinations and disposals**

On 31 March 2008 the Group sold its subsidiary Insinger de Beaufort Licensing International B.V. for its net asset value of EUR 18.000. No result has been recorded on the sale.

Post balance sheet date events

On 1 August the Group announced a strategic partnership with BNP Paribas Private Bank. Reference is made to the main body of this press release.



APPENDIX 7 STATEMENT OF THE CEO AND CFO

The directors are responsible for the preparation and reviewing the reliability of the interim financial statements, the underlying accounting policies and the integrity of all information included in this report.

To the best of our knowledge, the interim financial statements, which have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) as endorsed by the European Union, give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities, financial position and the loss of the Company and the undertakings included in the consolidation taken as a whole and the interim management report includes a fair review of the development and performance of the business and the position of the Company and the undertakings included in the consolidation taken as a whole.

The controls throughout the Group concentrate on focused critical risk areas. These areas are identified by operational management, confirmed by Group management and monitored by directors. The directors report that the Group's internal controls are designed to:

- provide reasonable assurance as to the integrity and reliability of the financial statements
- adequately safeguard, verify and maintain accountability of assets
- prevent and detect fraudulent financial reporting.

Such controls are based on established policies, and procedures are reinforced by appropriate risk management forums and processes. Internal controls are developed to ensure that their cost does not exceed their benefit. The controls are implemented by suitably qualified personnel with appropriate segregation of duties and are monitored throughout the Group. Processes are in place to monitor the effectiveness of internal controls to identify material breakdowns and to ensure that corrective action is taken. The directors are not aware of indications that the internal risk and control systems are not adequate or not effective.

The interim financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis. Nothing has come to the attention of the directors to indicate that the Company will not continue as a going concern until the next reporting date. The interim financial statements have been prepared by the Board of Directors.

Ian Kantor
Chief Executive Officer

Rob Mooij
Chief Financial Officer