



Press Release

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STRONG SALES INCREASE IN THE FIRST HALF OF 2008: +24.4%

	S1 2007 €m	S1 2008 €m	Variance
Turnover	337.8	420.1	+ 24.4%
- France	254.9	315.5	+ 23.8%
- International	82.9	104.6	+ 26.2%
Staff at end first half 2008	9,400	11,350	+ 20.8%

BUSINESS IN THE FIRST HALF OF THE YEAR

- Over the first six months of 2008, business remained well on track and has strongly increased: +24.4% as compared to the first six months of 2007. At constant perimeter, Alten Group has grown by 21% (+20.9 % in France and +21.2% on an international basis).
- Demand for technology and engineering services remains steady even in an ongoing rationalisation of "Procurement" policies. Referencing procedures in France, but also those of large international clients, require that major partners respond to international and global demands. Alten has implemented in France, and abroad, the organization and structure able to meet workpackage requirements.
- All business areas have recorded growth greater than 10%, except for telecoms and electronics, where business remained stable. The most significant growth in the six months took place in the railways, energy, automobile and banking sectors.

EXTERNAL GROWTH

- Alten made five acquisitions at the end of July of 2008:
 - ✓ Three in the first quarter (two in France and one in the Netherlands),
 - ✓ One Romania based company specialising in document engineering in the second quarter (80 consultants, turnover of € 1.7 million p.a.),
 - ✓ One Microsoft technologies experts company, to supplement Alten's offering in the Banking and Insurance sector, in July of 2008 (80 consultants, 7,5 M€ sales in 2007°).

PARTNERSHIP WITH INFOTECH

Alten and Infotech, an Indian engineering and technological solutions company (7000 people all over the world), have signed an exclusive partnership agreement especially for EADS in order to meet its requirements for offshore technological solutions.

OUTLOOK FOR 2008

- In the second half of the year, Alten expects to continue its external growth policy thanks to a more favourable market.
- Business is still well oriented. Alten, leader in technology consulting and engineering, continues to develop its market share.
Alten's growth experienced in the first six months gives rise to higher expectations of organic growth, now expected to reach at least 14% in 2008.

As the European Leader in Advanced Technology Consulting and Engineering, ALTEN meets its major industrial, telecom, or service-providing clients' needs in R&D and new technologies. ALTEN stock is listed on 'compartiment B' of the Euronext Paris stock exchange (ISIN FR0000071946). It is part of the SBF 120, the IT CAC 50 and MIDCAP 100 indexes, and is eligible for the SRD.

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