

Press Release

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Zumtobel Group publishes second Sustainability Report: **Sustainable development as the basis for future global growth**

Dornbirn, Austria – Today the Zumtobel Group published its second Sustainability Report at the same time as its annual financial statements for 2010/11. Just how close the links between sustainable development and corporate growth are at the Zumtobel Group is summed up by **CEO Harald Sommerer** in his foreword to the report: *“Our global growth strategy is inextricably linked to our “Through light, we care” sustainability strategy. The issue of energy efficiency remains one of the crucial growth drivers of our business. We also attach great importance to lighting quality, not least because light not only enables us to see, but also improves motivation and fosters a sense of well-being.”*

A picture of the Group’s performance and the sustainability engagement of its brands

The report documents the sustainability performance of the entire Zumtobel Group under the headings of Economics, Research and Development, Quality and Safety, In-process Environmental Protection, Employees, Supplier Management, and Sponsorship. The chapters on Thorn, Zumtobel, Tridonic and Ledon paint a comprehensive picture of the sustainability engagement of the individual brands, from current challenges and the strategies derived in response, to examples of projects that illustrate how their energy-efficient products and solutions help conserve resources. The “Sustainability Programme” provides a clear overview of the Zumtobel Group’s most important sustainability goals, including targets for sustainable products, certification of production plants to ISO 14001, evaluation of key suppliers or the automated production of Environmental Product Declarations.

Energy efficiency remains a key growth driver

The Zumtobel Group and its brands rank among the leading players in the lighting industry, with the Zumtobel and Thorn brands in the professional lighting sector, Tridonic for lighting components and the recently established Ledon brand for what are known as LED retrofit lamps. Innovation, quality and customer centricity form the foundations of all business processes. Consuming 19% of all electricity generated worldwide, artificial lighting accounts for a large slice of global energy consumption. By developing efficient lighting technology the lighting industry can play an important part in energy conservation. In the year under review, for example, the Zumtobel Group added new energy-efficient products to its portfolio and was able to win over many customers for its intelligently controlled and thus energy-efficient lighting solutions.

Technology shift in the lighting industry

The shift currently underway in the lighting industry from conventional lighting technology to LEDs and electronic systems presents the Zumtobel Group with great opportunities for the future but at the same time with new challenges. The Sustainability Report describes and explains the strategies and measures that the Zumtobel Group has adopted to meet these challenges. To do justice to the significance of the technology shift, one chapter of the report is dedicated to LED technology and its contribution to sustainable development. The main aspects of LEDs are described, such as their energy consumption

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at the various stages of the product life cycle, the LED market, their end-of-life disposal, and the impact of the new technology and the new applications it opens up for the Zumtobel Group.

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The 2010/11 Sustainability Report is based on the internationally recognised G3 reporting guidelines of the Global Reporting Initiative (GRI) and by its own assessment the Zumtobel Group attains reporting level B.

Information

The Sustainability Report is available in English and German. Printed copies can be ordered from the contacts below. A PDF version and further information about the Zumtobel Group's commitment to sustainability can be found on the Internet at: <http://www.zumtobelgroup.com/en/1018.htm>

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About the Zumtobel Group:

The Zumtobel Group, based in Dornbirn in the Vorarlberg region of Austria, is one of the few global players in the lighting industry. The Group, which started life as Elektrogeräte und Kunstharzpresswerk W. Zumtobel KG in 1950, employed a workforce of 7,814 full-time equivalent employees on the balance sheet date 30 April 2011 (PY: 7,329) and in the 2010/11 financial year posted consolidated revenues of EUR 1,228.2 million (PY: EUR 1,114.6 million). Within its multi-brand strategy, in the professional luminaire and lighting solution business the Group is represented in the marketplace by the Thorn and the Zumtobel brands. The lighting components' business (control gear, lighting management, LED components / modules) is handled by the Tridonic brand. And since the beginning of 2010 the Group has also been developing a B2C business with innovative LED lamps under the Ledon Lamp brand. The financial year of the Zumtobel Group commences on 1 May and ends on 30 April. For further information, please visit www.zumtobelgroup.com.