

**METRO Finance B.V.**

Financial Statements

As of

30 June 2010

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## **Report of the Board of Supervisory Directors**

On addition to the Articles of Association we are pleased to submit the financial statements for the first half year 2010 as drawn up by the Board of Managing Directors for your adoption.

We recommend you to adopt the financial statements.

Venlo (the Netherlands), 14 March 2011

The Board of Supervisory Directors,

O. Koch

T. Grad

Dr. R. Giebeler

## Report of the Board of Managing Directors

The Board of Managing Directors of the company hereby presents its financial statements for the financial year ended on 30 June 2010.

### Overview

METRO Finance B.V. ("the Company") operates as a finance company within the METRO Group. The ultimate parent company of this group is METRO AG which is incorporated in Düsseldorf, Germany and which also is the sole shareholder of the Company.

The main activities of Metro Finance B.V. consist of attracting loans for long-term funding of METRO AG and Metro Group companies as well as hedging of related interest rate and currency risks.

The operating business of the company developed in line with the expectations of management. METRO Finance B.V.'s activities are strongly focused on the financial needs of METRO subsidiaries worldwide. The company faces a stable development in 2010 with a slight increase in the total assets by EUR million to EUR million (% increase).

In July 2009 the company issued a RON denominated bond amounting to RON 100 million on the Romanian market under the Debt Issuance Program. The bond has been guaranteed by METRO AG, Düsseldorf. The proceeds were directly used to grant a corresponding loan to one of METRO Group's Romanian sales companies, so that METRO Finance B.V. is facing no currency risk.

Shareholder's equity increased from EUR 32.0 million at year end 2009 to EUR 34 million as of June 30, 2010. The net interest margin has increased by 1,9% to EUR 2,7 million. The net result for the financial first half year ended 30 June 2010 amounted to EUR 1,8 million. No dividends were declared or paid during the first half year of 2010.

As a financial service company, METRO Finance B.V. faces financial risks. These include in particular price risks, liquidity risks and cash flow risks. Price risks result from the impact of changes in market interest rates or exchange rates on the fair value of financial instruments. Interest and currency risks are substantially managed and hedged to the required risk profile, as described in the principles laid down in the internal treasury guidelines of the METRO Group. Like in previous years, foreign exchange exposure has been completely hedged into EUR via derivatives. Since the company is obliged to follow the financial strategic objectives of METRO AG, potential interest risk positions are covered contractually by METRO AG.

Due to guarantees of METRO AG, METRO Finance B.V. has access to sufficient liquidity reserves so that there is no danger of liquidity risk even if an unexpected event has a negative financial impact on the company's liquidity situation. A future change in interest rates may cause cash flows from variable interest rate asset and debt items to fluctuate.

The finance department of METRO AG accounts for these risks by defining a benchmark for the relationship between variable and fixed interest on a METRO Group level. Potential risk

positions are covered through the service agreement with METR O AG where a certain interest spread is guaranteed.

### **Statement of responsibility**

Further to the requirements set out in Article 5:525c sub 2c of the “Wet Financieel Toezicht (Wft)”, the members of the Board of Managing Directors of the Company hereby state that, to our best knowledge:

- the financial statements for the half year ended 30 June 2010 give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities, financial position of and the result generated by the Company;
- the report of the Board of Managing Directors gives a true and fair view of the status of the Company as per the balance sheet date and the state of affairs during the financial year to which the report relates; and
- the report of the Board of Managing Directors includes a description of the substantial risks the issuer is facing.

Venlo (The Netherlands), 14 March 2011

The Board of Managing Directors,

H. Laaks

O. Kruse

H.-D. Hinker

J.E. van de Laar

# Balance sheet as at 30 June 2010

(Before profit appropriation)

		2010		December 31, 2009	
		EUR 1,000	EUR 1,000	EUR 1,000	EUR 1,000
<b>Noncurrent assets</b>					
Tangible assets	1	40		28	
Financial assets	2	1,749,176		1,229,206	
Deferred tax assets	3	1		–	
			1,749,217		1,229,234
<b>Current assets</b>					
Loans and receivables	4	791,756		1,319,904	
Cash and cash equivalents	5	44		23	
Income tax		610			
Other assets				–	
			792,410		1,319,927
			2,541,627		2,549,161
<b>Shareholders' equity</b>					
Share capital	6	453		453	
Share premium		6,324		6,324	
Retained earnings		25,211		21,509	
Net result for the year		1,849		3,702	
			33,837		31,988
<b>Noncurrent liabilities</b>					
Bonds	7	1,019,994		1,768,943	
Promissory note loans	8	699,281		699,097	
Bank loans				–	
			1,719,275		2,468,040
<b>Current liabilities</b>					
Bonds	9	784,817		40,604	
Promissory note loans	10	3,673		8,362	
Other Liabilities	11	25		62	
			788,515		49,133
			2,541,627		2,549,161

## Statement of income for the first half year 2010

		June 30, 2010		June 30, 2009	
		EUR 1,000	EUR 1,000	EUR 1,000	EUR 1,000
<b>Financial income</b>	12	<b>66,152</b>		<b>68,234</b>	
<b>Financial expenses</b>	13	<b>63,406</b>		<b>65,539</b>	
<b>Net financial income</b>			<b>2,746</b>		<b>2,695</b>
Other income	14		<b>333</b>		<b>348</b>
<b>Operating expenses</b>					
Amortisation and depreciation charges		<b>5</b>		<b>7</b>	
Wages and salaries	15	<b>329</b>		<b>301</b>	
Other expenses	16	<b>263</b>		<b>225</b>	
			<b>597</b>		<b>533</b>
<b>Result before taxation</b>			<b>2,482</b>		<b>2,510</b>
Income tax	17	<b>633</b>		<b>629</b>	
Taxation			<b>633</b>		<b>629</b>
<b>Net result for the year</b>			<b>1,849</b>		<b>1,881</b>
Attributable to:					
- Shareholders of the company			<b>1,849</b>		<b>1,881</b>
- Minority interest			<b>–</b>		<b>–</b>
<b>Net result for the year</b>			<b>1,849</b>		<b>1,881</b>

## Statement of comprehensive income for the year 2010

	June 30, 2010 EUR 1,000	June 30, 2009 EUR 1,000
Other comprehensive income directly recognised in equity	–	–
Net result for the year	<b>1,849</b>	<b>1,881</b>
<b>Total comprehensive income for the year</b>	<b>1,849</b>	<b>1,881</b>
Comprehensive income attributable to:		
- Shareholders of the company	<b>1,849</b>	<b>1,881</b>
- Minority interest	–	–
<b>Total comprehensive income for the year</b>	<b>1,849</b>	<b>1,881</b>

## Statement of changes in equity June 30, 2010

	Share capital EUR 1,000	Share premium EUR 1,000	Retained Earnings EUR 1,000	Net result for the year EUR 1,000	Total EUR 1,000
1 January 2009	453	6,324	17,587	3,922	28,286
Appropriation of the net results for the year ended 31 December 2008	–	–	3,922	(3,922)	–
Net result for the year	–	–	–	3,702	3,702
31 December 2009	<b>453</b>	<b>6,324</b>	<b>21,509</b>	<b>3,702</b>	<b>31,988</b>
Appropriation of the net results for the year ended 31 December 2009	–	–	3,702	(3,702)	–
Net result for the half year	–	–	–	1,849	1,849
30 June 2010	<b>453</b>	<b>6,324</b>	<b>25,211</b>	<b>1,849</b>	<b>33,837</b>



## Cash flow statement for the first half year 2010

	June 30, 2010		2009	
	EUR 1,000	EUR 1,000	EUR 1,000	EUR 1,000
<b>Net cash flow from operating activities</b>				
Operating result from finance activities	2,746		5,345	
Operating result other income	333		696	
Operating expenses	(597)		(1,072)	
		2,482		4,969
Adjustment for amortization and depreciation		5		9
<i>Net cash flow from operating activities</i>		2,487		4,978
Corporate income tax paid		(1,348)		(1,270)
<i>Net cash flow from operating activities</i>		1,139		3,708
<b>Net cash flow from investing activities</b>				
Additions to tangible assets	(16)		(26)	
Disposals of tangible assets	0		24	
<i>Net cash flow from investing activities</i>		(16)		(2)
<b>Net cash flow from financing activities</b>				
De-/(increase) current assets	528,148		669,866	
In-/(decrease) current liabilities	740,775		(21,452)	
	1,268,923		648,414	
In-/(decrease) long term liabilities	(749,969)		25,543	
(In-)/decrease financial fixed assets	(520,056)		(677,642)	
	(1,270,025)		(652,099)	
<i>Net cash flow from financing activities</i>		(1,102)		(3,685)
<b>Changes in cash &amp; cash equivalents</b>		21		21
<b>Cash &amp; cash equivalents January 1</b>		23		2
<b>Cash &amp; cash equivalents December 31/ June 30</b>		44		23

# **Notes to the 2010 financial statements**

## **Summary of significant accounting policies**

### **General**

METRO Finance B.V. (“the Company”), domiciled in Venlo, was incorporated on October 3, 1984 as a Dutch company with limited liability (“B.V. = Besloten Vennootschap”). The financial year equals the calendar year.

### **Group structure**

METRO Finance B.V. belongs to the METRO Group. The ultimate parent company of this group is METRO AG which is incorporated in Düsseldorf, Germany which is also the sole shareholder of the company. The financial statements of Metro Finance B.V. have been included in the consolidated financial statements of Metro AG.

### **Activities**

METRO Finance B.V. operates as a finance company within the METRO Group. Its main activities consist of attracting loans for funding of METRO AG and METRO Group companies as well as hedging of related interest rate and currency risks.

### **Accounting principles**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards as adopted by the European Union (IFRSs) and with Part 9 of Book 2 of the Netherlands Civil Code.

The accounting principles as set out below have been applied in preparing the financial statements for the first half year ended June 30, 2010 and the comparative information presented in these financial statements.

These financial statements have been based on the historical cost convention, except for financial instruments that are recognised at fair value. The financial statements have been prepared in euros. All amounts are stated in thousands of euros. The accounting principles used as a basis for the financial statements have been described in the following paragraphs.

### **Comparison with prior year**

Due to no differences between the Dutch GAAP figures and the IFRS figures, no adjustments has to be made to the figures of previous year in this half year report.

### **Going concern**

There are no indications to doubt the continuity of either the Company or the sole shareholder Metro AG. Therefore the going concern assumption was applied during the preparation of these financial statements.

## Currency translation

Transactions denominated in currencies other than euro (functional currency) are translated at the exchange rate applying on the transaction date. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in currencies other than euro are translated at the rate of exchange prevailing on balance sheet date. Non-monetary assets and liabilities in foreign currency that are stated at historical cost are translated into euros at the applicable exchange rates on the transaction date. The resulting exchange rate differences are credited or charged to the statement of income.

The following currency exchange rates were applied in the translation of the key currencies to euro:

	<b>Average 2010</b>	<b>Average 2009</b>	<b>30 June 2010</b>	<b>31 December 2009</b>
Romanian Leu (RON)	<b>4.015014</b>	<b>4.23794</b>	<b>4.37</b>	<b>4.23630</b>

## Balance sheet

### Non current assets

#### *Tangible assets*

Tangible fixed assets used in operations for a period that exceeds one year are recognised at cost less scheduled depreciations. Tangible assets are depreciated solely on a straight line basis, taking into account the following useful lives:

- Computer system : 3-5 years
- Cars : 5 years
- Computer license : 6 years
- Office equipment : 5-8 years

Assets are impaired in case the recoverable amount is below the book value.

#### *Financial Assets*

Financial assets held by the Company are recognised in accordance with IAS 39 (Financial instruments: Recognition and Measurement). Financial assets are initially recognised at fair value.. Subsequently financial assets are measured at either amortised cost or fair value, depending on the applicable categorisation in accordance with IAS 39. The Company applies value date accounting.

Derivative financial instruments are measured at fair value with fair value movements in the statement of income.

### ***Income and deferred tax***

Income taxes concern direct taxes on income.

Deferred taxes are determined in accordance with IAS 12, based on which future tax benefits and liabilities are recognised in case these are related to temporary difference between the commercial and fiscal base of recognition. Anticipated future tax savings due to compensating fiscal loss carry forwards, that are expected to be realised in the foreseeable future, are capitalised.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are netted if these relate to an identical (group of) topics and subjects that are jointly assessed for income tax purposes by the same tax authority.

### **Current Assets**

#### ***Loans and receivables***

Loans are classified as “loans and receivables” and therefore recognised at amortised cost based on the effective interest method, decreased by the impairment adjustment if applicable.

#### ***Cash and Cash equivalents***

Cash and cash equivalents comprise bank deposits and monetary assets with a remaining time to maturity of 3 months and are measured at amortised cost, which equals nominal values unless stated otherwise.

#### ***Other assets***

”Other assets” include deferred expense, as well as derivative financial instruments with a time to maturity that does not exceed 12 months. Derivative financial instruments are measured at fair value with fair value movements recognised in the statement of income.

#### ***Impairment or disposal of assets***

Impairment losses on assets carried at amortised cost are measured as the difference between the carrying amount of the financial asset and the present value of estimated future cash flows discounted at the asset’s original effective interest rate. Impairment losses are recognized in profit and loss and reflected in an allowance account against loans and advances. Interest on impaired assets continues to be recognized through unwinding of the discount. When a subsequent event causes the amount of impairment loss to decrease, the decrease in impairment loss is reversed through profit and loss.

## **Liabilities**

### ***Noncurrent liabilities***

Noncurrent liabilities are either “loans and borrowings” or derivative financial instruments with a time to maturity that exceeds 12 months, that are recognised in accordance with IAS 39 (Financial instruments: Recognition and Measurement).

Loans and borrowings consist of bonds, promissory note loans and bank loans that are initially recognised at fair value. Subsequently “loans and borrowings” are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method in accordance with IAS 39. The amortised cost basis for financial liabilities designated as a hedged item in a fair value hedge relationship is increased with an amount that represents the effective part of the fair value movement of the hedging instrument designated in the fair value hedge relationship.

Derivative financial instruments are measured at fair value with fair value movements recognised in the statement of income.

### ***Current liabilities***

Current liabilities include (parts of the) loans and borrowings with times to maturity that do not exceed 12 months, income tax liabilities and “other liabilities”.

“Other liabilities” include deferred income, accrued expenses and derivative financial instruments measured at fair value or amortised cost, for which the period to maturity does not exceed 12 months. Deferred income and accrued expenses are valued at cost. Derivative financial instruments are valued at fair value.

### ***Contingent liabilities***

Contingent liabilities are, on one hand, potential obligations arising from past events whose existence is confirmed only by occurrence or non-occurrence of uncertain future events that are not entirely under the Company’s control. On the other hand, contingent liabilities represent current obligations arising from past events for which, however, an outflow of resources is not considered probable or whose size cannot be determined with reasonable certainty. According to IAS 37 (provisions, contingent liabilities and contingent assets), such liabilities are not recognised but commented upon in the notes.

## **Accounting for derivative financial instruments / hedge accounting**

Derivative financial instruments are used exclusively to reduce risks in accordance with the respective group guidelines. Usage is limited to foreign exchange spot and forward transactions, interest rate swaps and cross currency swaps.

In accordance with IAS 39, all derivative financial instruments are recognised at fair value and presented under “current assets” or “current liabilities” or “other assets” or “other liabilities” in case the remaining period to maturity does not exceed twelve months. Fair value changes are recognised directly in the statement of income. The Company does not apply cash flow hedge accounting.

In case (interest rate) fair value hedge accounting is applied, the hedged item is adjusted to reflect the effective part of the fair value change of the hedging instrument with an offsetting amount to be included in the statement of income. Both at the hedge inception and at each

reporting date, we assess whether the derivatives used are highly effective in offsetting changes in fair values or cash flows of hedged items. When a derivative is not highly effective, we discontinue hedge accounting prospectively. In case the fair value hedge is de-designated, the remaining fair value adjustment on the hedged item is amortised over the remaining time to maturity using the effective interest rate at date of de-designation.

## **Use of assumptions and estimates**

In general financial statements are prepared using assumptions and estimates that had an effect on the value and presentation of the reported assets, liabilities, income and expense as well as contingent liabilities. In the context of the Company financial statements, estimates and assumptions mainly relate to contingent liabilities, provisions, fair value assessments and impairments.

A yearly analysis of impairment triggers for financial assets is performed based on information available within the Group and external market data.

## **Shareholders' equity**

Financial instruments that are designated as equity instruments by virtue of the economic reality are presented under shareholders' equity. Payments to holders of these instruments are deducted from the shareholders' equity as part of the profit distribution.

Financial instruments that are designated as a financial liability by virtue of the economic reality are presented under liabilities. Interest, dividends, income and expenditure with respect to these financial instruments are recognised in the statement of income as financial income or expense.

## **Statement of income**

### ***Recognition of income and expense***

#### *Financial income and expense*

Financial income and expense is composed of interest income and expense, fair value changes of derivative financial instruments as well as currency revaluation gains and losses on monetary assets and liabilities. Interest income and expense are time apportioned, based on the effective interest rate for the relating assets and liabilities that includes the effects of directly related transaction costs.

#### *Other income*

Other income relates to revenue from management services rendered to the affiliated companies. For which service level agreements are in place. Revenues are recognised in the period they relate to.

### *Operating expenses*

Operating expenses are recognised in the period they relate to.

### **Segment reporting**

Segment information is not separately reported because the primary activity of the Company is financing the parent company Metro AG (Germany) and Metro Group companies within continental Europe (June 30, 2010: 98.4%; Year end 2009: 96.7%), as well as Metro Group Companies within Central Eastern Europe (June 30, 2010: 1.6%; Year end 2009: 3.3%). The interest income relates to continental Europe (Half year 2010: 98.0%; Total 2009: 96.4%) and to Central Eastern Europe (Half year 2010: 2.0%; Total 2009: 3.6%).

### **New standards and interpretations not yet adopted**

A number of new standards, amendments to standards and interpretations are not yet effective for the year ended 30 June 2010. Those newly issued standards and/or interpretations do not have an impact on the Company's financial statements.

### **Cash flow statement**

The cash flow statement has been prepared applying the indirect method.

Cash flows in foreign currencies have been translated at the weighted average exchange rates.

Receipts and payments of interest and corporate income tax are included in the cash flow from operating activities. The comparative figures included in the cash flow statement reflect no differences compared to the prior year Dutch GAAP cash flow statements.

### **Determination of fair value of financial assets and liabilities**

The estimated fair value of financial instruments as included in the either or both the balance sheet and disclosure notes has been determined by the Company using acknowledged measurement methodology, using market data as money market and swap curves and foreign exchange rates present as at balance sheet date. Specific counterparty related credit risk is assessed by using the credit default swap spreads for the parties involved.

The fair values disclosed for financial liabilities outstanding under the DIP and EMTN programmes operated via listings on (regulated) exchanges in Frankfurt and Luxembourg are based on market data.

The fair values presented are not necessarily indicative of the amounts that will ultimately be realized by the Company upon maturity or disposal. The use of different market assumptions and/or estimation methods may have a material effect on the estimated fair value amounts.

IFRS 7 specifies a fair value hierarchy that identifies the following hierarchy levels:

- Level 1: Fair values measured using quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities.
- Level 2: Fair values measured using inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly (i.e., as prices) or indirectly (i.e., derived from prices).
- Level 3: Fair values measured using inputs for the asset or liability that are not based on observable market data (unobservable inputs).

The fair values of the financial instruments included at fair value in the Company financial statements are classified as level 2 according to the before mentioned fair value hierarchy referred to in IFRS 7.

Where applicable detailed information concerning the principles for determination of the fair values has been included in the section that specifically relates to the relevant financial asset or liability.



# 1      **Tangible assets**

The movements of the tangible fixed assets can be shown as follows:

	<b>2010</b> <b>EUR 1,000</b>	2009 EUR 1,000
Balance as per January 1		
• At cost	<b>87</b>	<b>85</b>
• Accumulated depreciation	<b>(59)</b>	<b>(50)</b>
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Book value	<b>28</b>	<b>35</b>
Movements:		
• Addition	<b>17</b>	<b>26</b>
• Disposals	<b>(0)</b>	<b>(24)</b>
- Cost		
- Cumulative depreciation		
• Depreciation	<b>(5)</b>	<b>(9)</b>
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	<b>12</b>	<b>(7)</b>
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Balance as per June 30, December 31		
• At cost	<b>104</b>	<b>87</b>
• Accumulated depreciation	<b>(64)</b>	<b>(59)</b>
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Total book value	<b>40</b>	<b>28</b>
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Tangible fixed assets relate to a car as well as office and computer equipment mainly .  
Impairment adjustments were not deemed necessary.

## 2 Financial assets

	Loans to third parties EUR 1,000	Loans to METRO Group companies EUR 1,000	Total EUR 1,000
Balance as at January 1, 2009	42,066	509,500	551,566
Additions	19,298	978,217	997,515
Repayments	(1,671)	(13,605)	(15,276)
Repayments	(35,000)	(304,599)	(304,599)
Balance as at December 31, 2009	24,693	1,204,513	1,229,206
Balance as at January 1, 2010	24,693	1,204,513	1,229,206
Additions	19,899	605,123	625,022
Repayments	(19,794)	(1,370)	(21,164)
Transfers to short term	(0)	(83,888)	(83,888)
Balance as at June 30, 2010	24,798	1,724,378	1,749,176

The interest rates on fixed interest rate loans vary between 1.42 % and 11.75 % (2009: 1.4% and 11.75 %), depending on the lifetime and interest periods of the respective loans. The interest rate on the floating interest rate loans is Euribor + 1.70%.

The expiration dates of the loans are between 2010 and 2024 (2009: 2010 and 2024). Impairments adjustment were not deemed necessary.

## 3 Deferred tax assets

At 30 June 2010 a deferred tax position exist of EUR 0,5 (2009: nil).

Deferred tax assets relate to the difference in measurement basis for IFRS and fiscal reporting purposes with regards to derivative financial instruments. For Dutch fiscal purposes these are valued at cost or lower market value rule while under IFRS fair value accounting is applied. The measurement difference is temporary in nature.

The carrying amount of the deferred tax assets increased from nil to EUR 0,5 during the first half of 2010, since derivatives have agreed during the first half of 2010.

## 4 Loans and receivables

	June 30, 2010 EUR 1,000	December 31, 2009 EUR 1,000
Loans to Metro Group companies	724,076	1,251,341
Loans to third parties	35,000	35,000
Interest receivable Metro Group companies	32,075	33,538
Interest receivable third parties	593	0
Other receivables	12	25
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Balance as at 30 June ,31 December	791,756	1,319,904
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The loans to METRO AG and Metro Group companies , as well as to third parties will be due payable within one year from balance sheet date.

The interest rates on fixed interest rate loans vary between 1.8 % and 5.0% (2009 1.8% and 5.00%), depending on the original lifetime and interest periods of the respective loans. The interest rates on the floating interest rate loans vary between Euribor + 0.25% and Euribor + 0.65%. Impairment adjustments have not been deemed necessary.

The fair value of the collateral exceeds the carrying amounts of the loans provided.

## 5 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include bank balances held with commercial banks , that are due within three months after balance sheet date and which are at the free disposal of the company.

## 6 Shareholder's equity

The authorised share capital of the company as at June 30, 2010 consists of 700 ordinary shares of EUR 1 thousand each. The issued and fully paid -up share capital consists of 453 shares.

The proposal for appropriation of net results over the first half of 2010 has been adopted at the Shareholders Meeting. The 2009 net result has been added to the retained earnings.

Reference is made to the statement of changes in equity as included in the financial statements.

## 7 Bonds

	Maturity	Fixed interest	Carrying amount June 30, 2010 EUR 1,000	Principal amount June 30, 2010 EUR 1,000	Carrying amount December 31, 2009 EUR 1,000	Principal amount December 31, 2009 EUR 1,000
<u>Maturity between 1 and 5 years:</u>						
DIP Notes	2011	4.63%	0	0	748,703	750,000
EMTN Notes	2012	4.75%	499,079	500,000	498,854	500,000
EMTN Notes (RON 150 million)	2012	11.55%	22,764	22,883	23,456	23,606
EMTN Notes	2013	9.38%	498,151	500,000	497,930	500,000
<b>Total</b>			<b>1,019,994</b>	<b>1,022,883</b>	<b>1,768,943</b>	<b>1,773,606</b>

All instruments have been issued under the EMTN and DIP programs. The notes are denominated in euros, except for the RON 150 million notes, and bear interest depending on the lifetime and interest periods of the respective loans.

The DIP and EMTN programmes are operated via listings on (regulated) exchanges in Frankfurt am Main and Luxembourg. For an overview of fair values reference is made to the note on financial risk management.

## 8 Promissory note loans

	Weighted Interest	Carrying amount June 30, 2010 EUR 1,000	Principal amount June 30, 2010 EUR 1,000	Carrying amount December 31, 2009 EUR 1,000	Principal amount December 31, 2009 EUR 1,000
<u>Maturity between 1 and 5 years:</u>					
Promissory note loans	4.32 %	212,761	213,000	212,706	213,000
Promissory note loans	Floating	486,520	487,000	486,391	487,000
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>699,281</b>	<b>700,000</b>	<b>699,097</b>	<b>700,000</b>
<u>Maturity over 5 years:</u>					
Promissory note loans	Fixed	—	—	—	—
Promissory note loans	Floating	—	—	—	—
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>
<b>Total promissory note loans</b>		<b>699,281</b>	<b>700,000</b>	<b>699,097</b>	<b>700,000</b>

The promissory loan notes are denominated in euros. The floating interest rates on bank loans vary between EURIBOR +0.30% and EURIBOR +0.80%. For an overview of fair values reference is made to the note on financial risk management.

## 9 Bonds (current part)

	<b>June 30, 2010 EUR 1,000</b>	<b>December 31, 2009 EUR 1,000</b>
Bonds	749,153	–
Accrued interest	35,664	40,604
<b>Total bonds</b>	<b>784,817</b>	<b>40,604</b>

The Bonds (current part) contains the interest accruals related to the Bonds, presented as non-current liabilities.

## 10 Promissory note loans (current part)

	<b>June 30, 2010 EUR 1,000</b>	<b>December 31, 2009 EUR 1,000</b>
Promissory loans	–	–
Accrued interest	3,673	8,362
<b>Total Promissory note loans</b>	<b>3,673</b>	<b>8,362</b>

For an overview of fair values reference is made to the note on financial risk management.

## 11 Other liabilities and accrued expenses

	<b>June 30, 2010 EUR 1,000</b>	December 31, 2009 EUR 1,000
Interest payable	<b>23</b>	<b>61</b>
Derivatives	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
Other	<b>1</b>	<b>–</b>
	<b>25</b>	<b>62</b>

Interest payable relates to external parties completely as at 30 June 2010 and 31 December 2009.

The change in derivatives during the year can be specified as follows:

	<b>June 30, 2010 EUR 1,000</b>	December 31, 2009 EUR 1,000
Balance as at 1 January	<b>1</b>	<b>–</b>
Disposal of derivatives	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>
Change in fair value	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>
Balance as at 31 December	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>

The derivatives per 30 June 2010 reflect the book value of forward contract to hedge the future RON interest cash flows resulting from the RON note.

## 12 Financial income

	June 30, 2010 EUR 1,000	June 30, 2009 EUR 1,000
<b>Interest income from loans and receivable (Held to maturity)</b>		
<i>Thereof financial instruments of the IAS 39 measurement categories and related classes of financial instruments:</i>		
- Loans and receivables –external counterparties	1,595	1,579
- Loans and receivables –Metro Group companies	63,828	66,655
Fair value changes on interest derivatives– <i>external counterparties</i>	–	–
Sub total interest income	65,423	68,234
<b>Currency translation gains</b>		
Currency translation gains loans and receivables	729	0
Sub total foreign exchange income	729	0
<b>Financial income</b>	66,152	68,234

## 13 Financial expense

	June 30, 2010 EUR 1,000	June 30, 2009 EUR 1,000
<b>Interest expense from loans and receivable (Held to maturity)</b>		
<i>Thereof financial instruments of the IAS 39 measurement categories and related classes of financial instruments:</i>		
- Loans and receivables –external counterparties	62,676	65,279
- Loans and receivables –Metro Group companies	–	260
Sub total interest expense	62,676	65,539
<b>Currency translation losses</b>		
Currency translation losses loans and receivables	730	0
Sub total foreign exchange losses	730	0
<b>Financial expense</b>	63,406	65,539

## **14 Other income**

The other income consists of general expenses and services fees which were cross charged by METRO Finance B.V. to METRO Euro -Finance B.V. relating to expenses incurred and services rendered. The cross charges have been based on documented policies.

## **15 Wages and salaries**

	<b>June 30, 2010</b>	June 30, 2009
	<b>EUR 1,000</b>	EUR 1,000
Wages and salaries	<b>319</b>	285
Social security charges and pension contributions	<b>10</b>	<b>16</b>
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	<b>329</b>	301
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## **16 Other expenses**

Other expenses relate to general and administrative expenses.



## 17 Income tax

The taxation on the result from ordinary activities can be specified as follows:

	<b>June 30, 2010</b>	June 30, 2009
	<b>EUR 1,000</b>	EUR 1,000
Result from ordinary activities before taxation	<b>2,482</b>	<b>2,510</b>
Taxation on result from ordinary activities	<b>633</b>	<b>629</b>
Effective tax rate	<b>25.5%</b>	<b>25.0%</b>
Nominal tax rate	<b>25.5%</b>	<b>25.0%</b>

The nominal tax rate is 25.5% (2009: 25.0%). The tax liability in the profit and loss account over the first half of 2010 amounts to EUR 633 (2009: EUR 629) or 25.5 % of the result before taxes (2009: 25.0%).

No permanent differences between fiscal and commercial tax base were identified.

## 18 Financial risk management

The Company is exposed to the following risks from its use of financial instruments:

- Credit risk.
- Liquidity risk.
- Market risk including interest rate and currency risk.

This note presents information about the exposure of the Company to each of the above risks, the Company's objectives, policies and processes for managing and measuring these risks, and the Company's approach to capital management.

### General

During the normal course of business, the company uses various financial instruments that expose the company to market, credit and liquidity risks. The company is exposed to these risks given the portfolio of interest-bearing receivables (mainly taken up in financial fixed assets and cash at bank and in hand), interest-bearing long term and current liabilities (including bonds and bank loans) as well as derivative financial instruments.

The company does not trade these financial derivatives and follows procedures and lines of conduct to limit the size of the credit risk with each counterparty and market. If counterparties fail to meet payment obligations to the company, the resulting losses in principle are limited to the fair value of the instruments in question. The contract value or principal amounts of the financial instruments serve only as an indication of the extent to which such financial instruments are used, and not of the value of the credit or market risks.

## Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk of financial loss to the Company if a counter party to a financial instrument fails to meet its contractual obligations, and arises principally from the Company's receivables. Due to activities within the METRO Group the credit risk is very limited.

In the course of the risk management of monetary investments and financial derivatives, minimum creditworthiness requirements and maximum exposure limits have been defined for all business partners of METRO Group. This is based on a system of limits laid down in the treasury guidelines applied within the METRO Group.

The Company reviews the creditworthiness internally as part of the Company risk management procedures. This risk has not materialised and no allowance for impairment for incurred losses in respect of receivables is recognised.

Approximately 98% (2009: 98%) of the receivables of the company are held with related parties, for definition see below to related party transactions. Approximately 68% (2009: 62%) of the receivables is concentrated with METRO Cash and Carry International Holding B.V., The Netherlands.

The receivables outstanding with third parties amount to EUR 59 million (2009: EUR 59 million).

We refer to note 2 and 4, for further information. These receivables are secured by the following.

- Guarantee of Metro AG;
- Mortgage agreement, and.
- Obligation to take over rental payments.

In general management of the Company tend to assess and review credit risk for counterparties within the Group. If considered necessary receivables will be secured by adequate warranty instruments.

## Liquidity risk

Due to guarantees of METRO AG, METRO Finance B.V. has access to sufficient liquidity reserves so that liquidity risk is limited.

The following table provides a maturity overview of contractual cash flows. The amounts disclosed in the table are the contractual undiscounted amounts.

Maturity of liabilities and cash outflows(contractual cash flows)	Less than 1 year	Between 1 and 5 years	Over 5 years
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**At December 31, 2009**

Borrowings	–	2,473,605	–
Interest on borrowings	124,735	290,041	–
Other payables	62	–	–
Derivatives	–	–	–
<b>Total</b>	<b>124,797</b>	<b>2,763,646</b>	<b>–</b>

**At June 30, 2010**

Borrowings	750,000	1,800,000	–
Interest on borrowings	108,846	111,869	–
Other payables	105	–	–
Derivatives	–	–	–
<b>Total</b>	<b>858,951</b>	<b>1,911,869</b>	<b>–</b>

### Interest rate risk

The company is exposed to interest rate cash flow risk regarding floating interest rates on receivables and liabilities. In relation to fixed rate interest bearing receivables and liabilities, the company is exposed to fair value interest rate risk.

Derivative financial instruments may be used by the entity to hedge interest rate risks if deemed necessary.

Interest rate derivative financial instruments may be used to adjust the fixed or floating nature of the external loans obtained to the desired profile. The METRO Group interest rate policy aims to reduce the financing costs as much as possible. Derivative financial instruments are not used for speculative purposes.

Two cross currency interest rate swaps representing a fair value of approximately 18 million at 1 January 2008, matured during July 2008.

The estimated market value indicates the amount payable or receivable in exchange for termination of the contracts as at year-end without further obligations.

### ***Sensitivity analysis***

At June 30, 2010, if EURIBOR interest rates had been 100 basis points higher/lower with all other variables held constant, post -tax profit for the year would have been EUR 0 million higher/lower (2009: EUR 0 million lower/higher) , because of the existing service agreement with METRO AG, according to which a stable interest income is guaranteed. The change in interest rates would have had no impact on equity.

### ***Currency risk***

The company is exposed to foreign exchange risk on loans receivables and payable denominated in a currency other than the euro. Foreign currency derivative financial instruments, mainly currency forwards and swaps may be used to reduce the foreign currency risk arising on financing and funding transactions in foreign currencies. Forward exchange contracts and currency swap contracts are entered into to adjust the currency of the payables and receivables to the desired currency. Derivative financial instruments are not used for speculative purposes.

The estimated market value indicates the amount payable or receivable in exchange for termination of the contracts as at year-end without further obligations.

As per 30 June 2010 one foreign exchange forward contract (EUR/RON) was outstanding to hedge the RON currency risk of the future RON interest margin relating to the RON denominated loan receivable and Note.

### ***Sensitivity analysis***

At June 30, 2010, if the euro had weakened/strengthened by 10 percent against the RON with all other variables held constant, post -tax profit for the year would have been EUR 0 million (2009: EUR 0 million) lower/higher , because the RON positions are naturally hedged. The change in exchange rate has no impact on equity.

### ***Fair value***

The fair value of the financial instruments stated on the balance sheet can be specified as follows:

	<b>Note Ref.</b>	<b>Fair value June 2010 EUR 1,000</b>	<b>Book value June 2010 EUR 1,000</b>	<b>Fair value December 2009 EUR 1,000</b>	<b>Book value December 2009 EUR 1,000</b>
<b>Financial assets</b>	<b>2</b>				
Loans to third parties		26,630	24,798	26,694	24,693
Loans to Metro Group companies		1,829,736	1,724,377	1,260,403	1,204,513
<b>Loans and receivables</b>	<b>4</b>				
Loans to third parties		35,701	35,000	36,314	35,000
Loans to Metro AG		726,418	724,076	1,254,879	1,251,341
Loans to Metro Group companies					
<b>Noncurrent liabilities</b>					
Bond	7	1,955,791	1,769,147	1,964,368	1,768,943
Promissory loan notes	8	718,544	699,281	719,260	699,097
<b>Current liabilities</b>					
Bonds	9	35,664	35,664	40,604	40,604
Promissory note loans	10	3,672	3,672	8,362	8,362
Bank loans	11	—	—	—	—
Other liabilities-derivatives	13	1	1	1	1

We refer to notes mentioned to facilitate reconciliation to the face of the balance sheet.

The fair values represent the clean fair value excluding of interest accruals. All, except derivatives, assets and liabilities categorized as loans and receivables and valued accordingly at amortized cost. Derivatives are categorized at fair value through profit and loss and valued and accounted for accordingly.

As per 30 June 2010 a RON denominated forward contract is outstanding representing a fair value of EUR 1,4.

## **19 Related party transactions**

Metro Finance B.V. has business relationships with Metro AG, the sole shareholder, and several Metro Group companies.

The main activity of Metro Finance B.V. is to issue bonds in the external market. The proceeds are lent to the parent company (METRO AG) or to other entities within the METRO Group. An arms length interest spread is included by Metro Finance B.V. on top of the funding rate in case loans are granted to affiliated companies.

The balance outstanding with and interest revenues and expenses related to Metro AG and the overall balance Metro Group companies have been separately disclosed in balance sheet and statement of income.

For an overview of all Metro Group companies we refer to the consolidated financial statements of Metro AG.

Business relationships with related parties are based on contractual agreements providing for at arms length prices. During the year 2010, an amount of EUR 0 million regarding interim dividend was paid to METRO AG (2009: EUR 0 million).

Metro Finance B.V. has no business relations with related natural persons during the financial year.

## **20 Contingent obligations**

The company has a non -cancellable rent agreement for its office building, which will expire on May 31, 2012 with a total obligation of EUR 164 (2009: EUR 229) for the remaining contractual period, of which EUR 59 is due in financial year 2010 (2009: EUR 58 due in 2009). No other off balance sheet liabilities, guarantees or long term financial obligations are applicable.

Venlo, 14 March 2011

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## **Other information**

### **Provisions in the Articles of Association governing the appropriation of profit**

According to article 15.1 of the company's Articles of Association, the profit is at the disposal of the General Meeting of Shareholders, which can allocate the profit wholly or partly to the general or specific reserve funds.

The company can only make payments to the shareholders and other parties entitled to the distributable profit for the amount the shareholders' equity exceeds the paid-up and called-up part of the capital plus the legally required reserves.

### **Proposal for profit appropriation**

The General Meeting of Shareholders will be proposed to add the half year 2010 net result after tax, amounting to EUR 1,849 to the other reserves.

The proposed appropriation of the net result for the year has not been effectuated yet.