

Key figures EUR thousands (except earnings per share)	Q1 2014	Q1 2013	Q4 2013	
Revenues	86,295	84,858	103,458	
Gross margin in % (excluding acquisition-related costs)	56%	54%	56%	
Result from operations	15,429	10,512	24,209	
Net result	14,694	9,920	23,321	
Basic / diluted earnings per share in CHF ¹⁾	1.32 / 1.26	0.91 / 0.87	2.12 / 2.03	
Basic / diluted earnings per share in EUR	1.08 / 1.04	0.74 / 0.70	1.73 / 1.65	
Total backlog (excluding consignment stocks)	85,462	77,388	76,569	

¹⁾ Earnings per share in CHF were converted using the average currency exchange rate for the respective periods.



First quarter revenues ahead of guidance, over 500 bp year-on-year EBIT margin increase; second quarter revenues expected to reach EUR 100-105 million, further revenue growth in second half 2014

Ladies and Gentlemen

Our first quarter results demonstrate the increasing OEM penetration of our differentiated product portfolio, the profitability of our business model, and ams' strong position in the global analog market.

First quarter group revenues were EUR 86.3 million, 2% higher than in the same quarter 2013 (4% higher in constant currency terms), and 17% lower quarter-on-quarter. Gross margin was 56%, excluding acquisition-related amortization, and 54%, including acquisition-related amortization compared to 54%, excluding acquisition-related amortization, and 51%, including acquisition-related amortization, in the first quarter 2013.

The result from operations (EBIT) for the first quarter was EUR 15.4 million or 18% of revenues, up 47% from EUR 10.5 million in the same period 2013. The first quarter net result was EUR 14.7 million compared to EUR 9.9 million in the same period 2013. Basic/diluted earnings per share were CHF 1.32/1.26 or EUR 1.08/1.04 based on 13,547,542/14,177,959 shares (average; basic/diluted), up from CHF 0.91/0.87 or EUR 0.74/0.70 based on 13,410,605/14,077,837 shares (average; basic/diluted) in the first quarter 2013. Total backlog, excluding consignment stock agreements, was impacted by shortened order lead times in Consumer and Communications and stood at EUR 85.5 million on March 31, 2014, up from EUR 76.6 million on December 31, 2013 and EUR 77.4 million on March 31, 2013. Operating cash flow for the first quarter was EUR 14.3 million compared to EUR 13.7 million in the first quarter 2013.

Our business showed positive results in the first quarter given a good performance of key end markets and our leading position in high performance sensor and analog solutions for demanding applications.

In Consumer and Communications, we started shipping our innovative gesture sensor module in mass production volumes in the first quarter. The module combines RGB color and proximity sensing with mobile coupon redemption and advanced gesture recognition for mobile device applications. We are already seeing very high run rates for this product supplying major Asian smartphone OEMs. At the same time, high volume shipments of our other intelligent light sensors and MEMS microphone drivers to large smartphone and mobile device OEMs continued at an attractive pace.

Within our wireless product range we are gearing up for large scale customer projects using our NFC solutions, namely our antenna boost products which enable seamless transactions in the smallest form factors available. We expect the trend of NFC adoption in smartphones to accelerate in 2014 driving high volume NFC shipments and profitable growth for ams and confirming our strong position in NFC hardware solutions. As we develop the next generation of NFC products we continue to be agnostic toward the physical position of the NFC secure element which may be embedded into the device, integrated into a SIM card or accessed in dematerialized form over the network.

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Our industrial and medical business performed well in the first quarter. The demand environment in industrial end markets continues to be positive supporting growth of our industrial product lines. We supply dedicated sensors and sensor interfaces into a broad range of industrial applications worldwide. Our medical business remains focused around our sensor solutions for digital imaging, which includes leading edge computed tomography (CT), mammography, digital X-ray and ultrasound.

Our automotive business also had a good start into the year and sees continuing healthy demand for its sensor and sensor interface solutions in 2014. ams products will be included in additional vehicle platforms this year so that even more critical safety and control systems rely on ams' sensor expertise to provide higher levels of safety and reliability. Based on our pipeline of automotive design-ins, we continue to anticipate our automotive business delivering attractive growth in the years to come.

For the second quarter 2014, we expect strong sequential and year-on-year revenue growth with revenues of EUR 100-105 million in the current exchange rate environment. High volume shipments for new Consumer and Communications products are expected to drive this growth. We see profitability continuing to increase in the second quarter and expect EBIT margin to expand further by more than 150 bps quarter-on-quarter.

We feel confident about the positive development of our business through 2014 given our product and design-in pipeline for smartphones, mobile devices, industrial, medical, and automotive systems. Our focus on sensor solutions offers a wealth of opportunities supporting our longer term outlook for continued growth in revenues and profitability in the coming years.

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Consolidated Income Statement

(unaudited)

EUR thousands (except earnings per share)	Q1 2014	Q1 2013	
Revenue Products	76,808	76,782	
Revenue Foundry & Other	9,487	8,076	
Total revenues	86,295	84,858	
Cost of sales	- 39,767	- 41,434	
Gross profit	46,528	43,424	
Gross margin in % (excluding acquisition-related costs)	56%	54%	
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Research and development	- 16,451	- 16,487	
Selling, general and administrative	- 15,989	- 17,636	
Other operating income	1,482	1,218	
Other operating expense	- 38	- 69	
Result from investments in associates	- 102	62	
Result from operations	15,429	10,512	
Net financing result	- 74	- 174	
Result before tax	15,355	10,337	
Income tax result	- 660	- 417	
Net result	14,694	9,920	
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Consolidated Balance Sheet

(unaudited)

EUR thousands as of	March 31, 2014	December 31, 2013	
Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	72,849	83,358	
Financial assets	21,215	20,976	
Trade receivables	63,122	63,724	
Inventories	45,151	40,487	
Other receivables and assets	13,279	10,544	
Total current assets	215,615	219,089	
Property, plant and equipment	166,280	145,409	
Intangible assets	240,256	243,045	
Investments in associates	4,865	5,074	
Deferred tax assets	33,283	33,282	
Other long-term assets	6,800	7,133	
Total non-current assets	451,484	433,944	
Total assets	667,099	653,032	
Liabilities and shareholders' equity			
Liabilities			
Interest-bearing loans and borrowings	1,994	777	
Trade liabilities	28,423	28,300	
Provisions	22,301	23,176	
Other liabilities	25,117	24,070	
Total current liabilities	77,835	76,324	
Interest-bearing loans and borrowings	58,091	59,318	
Employee benefits	24,080	23,576	
Provisions	23,069	22,853	
Deferred tax liabilities	12,869	13,584	
Other long-term liabilities	12,340	12,648	
Total non-current liabilities	130,449	131,979	
Shareholders' equity			
Issued capital	35,342	35,270	
Additional paid-in capital	230,735	228,615	
Treasury shares	- 44,416	- 41,726	
Other reserves (translation adjustment)	5,951	6,319	
Retained earnings	231,204	216,253	
Total shareholders' equity and reserves	458,816	444,729	
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	667,099	653,032	

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Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows

(unaudited)

EUR thousands	Q1 2014	Q1 2013
Operating activities		
Result before tax	15,355	10,337
Depreciation (net of government grants)	8,469	8,967
Changes in employee benefits	504	554
Expenses from stock option plan (acc. to IFRS 2)	810	719
Changes in other long-term liabilities	- 807	1,536
Result from sale of plant and equipment	- 10	18
Result from sale of investments	170	0
Result from investments in associates	102	- 62
Net financing result	74	174
Changes in assets	- 6,463	- 7,797
Changes in short-term operating liabilities and provisions	- 1,699	- 546
Tax payments	- 2,250	- 183
Cash flows from operating activities	14,254	13,717
Investing activities		
Acquisition of intangibles, property, plant and equipment	- 23,011	- 13,494
Acquisition of financial investments	- 3,003	- 2,000
Proceeds from sale of plant and equipment	10	593
Proceeds from sale of investments	2,850	0
Interest received	326	443
Cash flows from investing activities	- 22,827	- 14,458
Financing activities		
Proceeds from borrowings	0	265
Repayment of debt	0	- 1,947
Repayment of finance lease liabilities	- 259	- 267
Acquisition of treasury shares	- 3,758	- 224
Sale of treasury shares	1,068	1,626
Interest paid	- 370	- 445
Changes resulting from capital increase	1,383	7,803
Cash flows from financing activities	- 1,936	6,809
Change in cash and cash equivalents	- 10,509	6,068
Cash and cash equivalents at begin of period	83,358	67,916
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	72,849	73,984

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