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Decline in earnings in first quarter

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- Revenues decrease by 18 per cent to EUR 343 million
- Net income for the period is EUR 3.4 million
- 2018/2019: avoiding loss

The Nordzucker Group, Braunschweig, closed the first three months of its financial year 2018/2019 with a slight profit of EUR 3.4 million, well below the previous year. The earnings reflect the extreme drop in prices in the sugar market.

Revenues in the reporting period came to EUR 343 million, a decrease of around 18 per cent on the same period a year ago (EUR 418 million). The fall in revenues was mainly due to significantly lower sugar prices. A slight increase in the sales volume was able to only minimally counteract the fall in revenues. Revenues from animal feed and bioethanol remained largely consistent.

Due to the considerable fall in revenues, Nordzucker generated net income for the period of EUR 3.4 million in the first quarter – in the same period last year, the surplus was at EUR 41.5 million.

Financial year 2018/2019: Avoiding loss

The current financial year has been strongly influenced by the changed competitive environment (a result of the deregulation of the market) and the lower sugar prices. This year, Nordzucker will do everything in its power to avoid making a loss. From where we stand, there is no price recovery to be expected in the near future, so we must prepare for further declining earnings in the 2019/2020 financial year.

Nordzucker AG's financial year begins on 1 March and closes at the end of February the following year. The Interim Report for the first three months covers all commercial activities from 1 March 2018 to 31 May 2018. The full Interim Report for the first three months can be found in the download centre at www.nordzucker.de.

Background

The Nordzucker Group, based in Braunschweig, Germany, is one of the leading sugar manufacturers in Europe. The Group also processes sugar beet into bioethanol and animal feed. Sustainability along the entire value chain is a top priority for the company. A total of 3,200 employees and 18 production and refinery facilities across the Group ensure excellent products and services, thus providing a strong foundation for further growth.