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9-month report

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-) Revenue growth of 5.8% to EUR 1,624.4 million (Q1-Q3 2009|10: EUR 1,535.8 million) -) Operating profit improvement of 32.8% to EUR 104.8 million (Q1-Q3 2009|10: EUR 78.9 million) -) Increase in operating margin to 6.5% (Q1-Q3 2009|10: 5.1%) - While raw material costs rose in the third quarter as anticipated, increases in selling prices partly made up for this, thus keeping the strain on margins milder than expected, especially in the Sugar and Starch segments. -) Improvement of 12.5% in profit for the period to EUR 65.0 million (Q1-Q3 2009|10: EUR 57.8 million) -) Gearing of 41.4% (28 February 2010: 41.6%) -) For the 2010|11 financial year, revenue is projected to grow to more than EUR 2 billion. The good third quarter now leads AGRANA to expect a significant increase in full-year operating profit before exceptional items.

Results at a glance (IFRS):

In EUR	Q3 10 11	Q3 09 10	Q1-Q3 10 11	Q1-Q3 10 11
(except margin and staff count)				
Revenue	551.0 m	501.6 m	1,624.4 m	1,535.8 m
Operating profit before exceptional items	40.0 m	35.0 m	104.8 m	78.9 m
Operating margin	7.3%	7.0%	6.5%	5.1%
Profit before tax	35.8 m	27.6 m	84.5 m	74.0 m
Profit for the period	27.7 m	23.0 m	65.0 m	57.8 m
Earnings per share	1.85	1.58	4.43	4.04
Purchases of property, plant and equipment and intangibles (other than goodwill)	8.8 m	9.2 m	28.0 m	25.5 m
Staff count		8,558	8,117	

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