



CORTICEIRA AMORIM REGISTERS A SOUND 1Q06 **POSTING HIGHER SALES AND PROFITS**

Mozelos, Portugal, 8th of May 2006 – **Corticeira Amorim, SGPS, S.A. [Euronext Lisbon: COR; ISIN: PTCOR0AE0006]**, the world's largest cork manufacturer, today announced consolidated results for the first quarter 2006 (1Q06). Unless otherwise stated, all figures are in millions of Euros (M€). Variations are referred to comparisons with values of same period 2005.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Sales reached 114,5 M€ (+7,4%) reflecting the positive performance of all Business Units (BU), namely Corkstoppers BU (+7,9%).
- EBITDA (12,8 M€) and EBIT (6,9 M€) registered increases of 9,1% and 12,4% respectively.
- Earning before taxes and minority interests soared to 5,1 M€ (+14,6%).
- Net profit attributable to Corticeira Amorim shareholders reached 3,782 M€, an increase of 7,7% when compared to 1Q05.

I – CONSOLIDATED EARNINGS STATEMENT

Consolidated sales posted a sound 7,4% increase reaching 114,5 M€. All BU had a positive contribution to this achievement. Due to its weight in overall sales (around 50%), Corkstoppers impacted materially showing a 7,9% rise in sales. All corkstoppers families registered increases in volume, which reached 11% as a consolidated figure for this BU. Highlights for the French and North American markets.

Flooring BU, the second most important representing around 25% of consolidated sales, also posted a very positive performance (+6,3%). As opposed to what happened during 2005, growth was due to its most important product, corkfloor coverings. Non cork floorings (wood) showed a tepid growth. Germany remains as the most important single market, with higher market shares, although, as a whole, corkfloor covering has been showing some decrease.

Corkcomposition and Corkrubbers BU's registered increases of 6,7% and 4,7% respectively. Insulation BU continued to show high growth rates (22% during 1Q06). Raw materials BU activity remains stable, with 83% of its sales being driven to the chain value of CORTICEIRA AMORIM. Equipar was included in consolidation for the first time in the first half of 2005, not affecting 1Q05 activity. First quarter 2006 sales of Equipar did not impact consolidated sales due to the fact that all of its output was sold to the corkstoppers BU. In terms of results and assets Equipar impact was relevant and it will be disclosed when significant.

Gross margin stood at 47%, meaning a 3,0 M€ increase on a 7,8 M€ sales growth. Operating costs posted a 2,2 M€ increase, being 0,6 M€ the result of Equipar consolidation. During 1Q06 the restructuring plan of the corkstoppers BU was continued, being the end of June the deadline for its fulfilment. This plan was responsible for an increase of 0,6 M€ in the operating costs. In spite of these two unfavourable effects, totalling 1,2 M€, EBIT reached 6,9 M€ (+12,4%) and EBITDA reached 12,8 M€ (+9,1%).

Profit before taxes posted a 14,6% growth, reaching 5,1 M€. After a higher burden on income tax and minority interests, net profit reached 3,782 M€, an increase of 7,7% when compared to 3,511 M€ posted in 1Q2005.

II – CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET

Total Assets registered 553 M€ slightly above the amount December 2005, but around 17 M€ above of March 2005. This was due to an increase in current assets (customers and VAT refund). Inventories stood at the same level, in spite of Equipar inclusion in consolidation. Current liabilities increase from December 2005 levels, around 7 M€, was due almost entirely to the amount of dividends approved in the General Shareholders meeting of last March, 31, which impacted negatively

Equity. Thus, in spite of the net profit for the period, ratio Equity/Net Assets was down to 39% at quarter-end. Bank borrowings had a slight reduction of 1 M€ from December 2005 levels.

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Non Audited Indicators as of March, 31st

(Thousand euros)

		1 Q06	1 Q05	Variation
Sales		114 487	106 633	+ 7,37%
Gross Margin – Value		55 023	52 091	+ 5,63%
%	1)	46,90	47,19	-0,29 p.p.
Operating Costs	2)	48 111	45 938	+ 4,73%
EBITDA		12 763	11 704	+ 9,05%
EBIT		6 913	6 153	+ 12,35%
Net Income		3 782	3 511	+ 7,72%
Earnings per share	3)	0,029	0,027	+ 7,68%
EBITDA/Net Interest (x)		6,84	6,88	- 0,04 X
Equity /Net Assets		39,01%	38,02%	+1, p.p.
Net Bank Debt		218 121	215 975	+ 0,99%

1) *Related to Production*

2) *Includes financial costs and revenues other than interest, and extraordinary items*

3) *Net Income / Average outstanding shares (euros/share)*

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Consolidated non audited Balance Sheet

	<i>(Thousand euros)</i>		
	31.03.06	31.12.05	31.03.05
Non-current assets	200 653	200 934	201 226
Current assets			
<i>Inventories</i>	197 403	205 346	195 034
<i>Other current assets</i>	154 468	143 619	139 389
Total current assets	351 871	348 965	334 423
Total Assets	552 524	549 899	535 649
Equity (M. I. included)	215 529	220 183	203 639
Non-current liabilities			
<i>Bank borrowings</i>	122 811	122 324	84 550
<i>Other non-current liabilities</i>	14 826	15 102	15 771
Total non-current liabilities	137 637	137 426	100 321
Current liabilities			
<i>Bank borrowings</i>	103 430	105 024	140 817
<i>Other current liabilities</i>	95 928	87 265	90 873
Total current liabilities	199 358	192 289	231 690
Total Liabilities and Equity	552 524	549 899	535 649

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About Corticeira Amorim, SGPS, S.A.:

While tracing its roots to the XIX Century, Corticeira Amorim SGPS has become the world's largest cork and cork-derived company in the world, generating over Euro 420 million in sales throughout 103 countries. Corticeira Amorim SGPS and its subsidiaries are an integral part of a conservationist effort to guarantee the survival of hundreds of thousand of cork trees throughout the Mediterranean Basin. We are proud of our contribution to the correct utilisation of these important forests that are home to several endangered species throughout the region. We encourage you to learn more by visiting informative websites such as www.amorimcork.com or corkfacts.com.