

Press Release

Brunel continues growth in turnover, margin and EBIT in 1st quarter 2009.

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Brunel International noted a Q1 2009 turnover of € 184 million, up 13% compared to the same period in 2008. The gross profit amounted to € 40 million from € 38 million over last year.

The gross margin developed from 23.4% to 21.7%.

The EBIT reached an amount of € 13.7 million, an increase of 4% against the first quarter of 2008.

Brunel International X € 1 million	Q1 2009	Q1 2008	Change %
Turnover	183.7	162.1	13%
Gross Profit	39.9	38.0	5%
Gross margin	21.7%	23.4%	-1.7
EBIT	13.7	13.2	4%
EBIT %	7.5%	8.1%	-0.6
(unaudited)			

Brunel Netherlands realised a turnover of € 37.6 million, an increase of 2% compared to the same period in 2008. The current market for professional staffing is more challenging and is faced with a lower productivity as a result of a rapid tightening of the demand for professionals. As a result of this development the gross margin decreased.

Brunel Germany realised a turnover of € 30.0 million, a decrease of 8% compared to the same period in 2008. In Germany Brunel is faced with the effects of the economic downturn which have resulted in a slowdown of the market for technical project management and engineering secondment. The result for Brunel is a lower turnover and a lower gross margin as a result of a lower productivity.

The Energy division realised a turnover of € 110.2 million, an increase of 28% compared to the same period in 2008, while the gross margin further improved.

Jan Arie van Barneveld, CEO of Brunel International: "The good results of the first quarter 2009 are indicative of the strength of our business. We are all faced with the demanding economic climate providing us with challenges. However we are confident that we, with our excellent organisation, can successfully meet these challenges and continue our strategy of growth.

Currently we consider it prudent not to provide a forecast of the level of business for the full year".

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