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### **SALZGITTER AG – preliminary key data on the sales and result of the financial year 2012**

- **Improvement in the operating results in the fourth quarter, as expected**
- **Q4/2012: Earnings before tax (EBT) of around €14 million (Q4/2011: EBT €32.5 million)**
- **FY 2012: EBT of around €–29 million (FY 2011: €201.6 million)**
- **Reporting date-related special items burden the 2012 accounts**

According to the preliminary key data now available on the financial statements for the financial year 2012, the Salzgitter Group achieved a significant improvement in its pre-tax operating result compared with the previous quarter. Nonetheless, reporting date-related valuation effects in the context of the annual accounts led to a pre-tax result for the financial year of around €–29 million (FY 2011: €201.6 million) that fell marginally short of recent guidance.

The result after tax stood at approximately €–100 million (FY 2011: €236.0 million). This figure includes non-cash deferred income taxes expenses of €62 million that became necessary under the International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) owing to a revaluation of capitalized tax loss carryforwards. The amount of the actual loss carryforwards of the Group remains as to their amount and can be used in subsequent periods.

Consolidated external sales grew to almost €10.4 billion in the reporting period (2011: €9.8 billion), thereby outperforming sales guidance.

The annual financial statements for the financial year 2012 are still subject to the audit currently being conducted by the external auditor and to adoption by the Supervisory Board. The final figures and further details will be published, as planned, on February 27, 2013.