**PRESS RELEASE** 

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# Six-month total sales 2018/2019: 23.6 M€ Order backlog high at €11 million

# Significant points for the first half-year period:

- Printing activity remains strong despite an adverse foreign currency effect
- → Home décor sales stabilize at €1.4 million per quarter
- → Hardware activity is hit by a negative base effect and delayed LED display deliveries
- On 30 September 2018, order backlog is high at €10.95 million

## Consolidated figures - first six months (April 1, 2018 - September 30, 2018)

YTD April 1, 2018 - September 30, 2018					Q2: July 1 – September 30, 2018			
Non audited	6 Months	6 Months			3 Months	3 Months		
In €M	2018/2019	2017/2018	Var. €M	Var. %	Q2 18/19	Q2 17/18	Var. M€	Var. %
Printing activity	14.90	15.18	-0.28	-1.8%	7.01	7.33	-0.32	-4.3%
Hardware activity	8.70	9.11	-0.41	-4.5%	2.92	4.29	-1.38	-32.1%
Total S1	23.60	24.29	-0.69	-2.8%	9.92	11.62	-1.69	-14.6%
Total constant currencies	23.86	24.29	-0.43	-1.8%	9.98	11.62	-1.63	-14.1%

The foreign currency impact for the period is mainly due to the South African Rand and USD and CAD

For the six-month period, **Printing activity**, excluding Home Décor, is satisfactory at **€12,10 Million** (€12,42 Million in n-1) despite the negative currency effect (notably Canada & South Africa).

**Home Décor** activity is good at **€2.80 million** compared with **€2.75** for the same period of the previous year.

**Hardware activity** is hit by a negative base effect (high in Q2 2017/18) and delays in deliveries caused by client activity. Hardware activity should return to more normal levels in S2 thanks to a high order backlog. S1 sales stand at **€8.70 million** compared with €9.58 for the same period the previous year and include €1.9 million following the integration of Anthem Displays.

### **Acquisition of FPI**

In order to strengthen its position as a specialist in digital printing and to provide a comprehensive range of services to its clients, Prismaflex International has signed a preliminary agreement for the acquisition of 51% of the capital of the company FPI.

Located near Lyon (close to the Prismaflex head offices), FPI specialises in the preparation of small and medium-sized faces for scrolling and static signs. In 2017, FPI had a turnover of €2.6 million for an operating profit of €0.5 million. The agreement should be finalized by November 15, 2018. This operation will be financed by bank loan.

**Pierre-Henri Bassouls, CEO Prismaflex International**: "This agreement reflects a working relationship that began many years ago and the acquisition will enable us to integrate value but also open new business opportunities."

#### **Outlook**

The outlook for all the Group's activities is positive with a healthy trend set for S2. On September 30, 2018, order backlog, principally for hardware, is high at €10.95 million.



Next press release: 2018/2019 six-month results, December 6, 2018 after closure. Conference call December 7, 2018.

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