

17% sales increase to CHF 448 million in 2007

- Management re-confirms EBIT for FY2007 at around break-even
- Action plan to increase profitability by some CHF 31 million and resulting in EBIT margin of 4% for 2008
- Future growth prospects intact

Gurit (SWX Swiss Exchange: GUR), a leading supplier of advanced composite materials, increased sales in 2007 by 17% to CHF 448.0 million. Including book gains of CHF 11 million from the sale of real estate, Management re-confirms on the basis of preliminary figures EBIT to be about break-even for 2007. Based on a thorough action plan, Gurit expects to increase EBIT this year by CHF 31 million to reach an EBIT of around CHF 20 million and an EBIT margin of 4% for 2008. Growth prospects for the Group remain intact: volumes and pricing have been negotiated for 2008 with the major *Wind Energy* customers; the *Transportation* and *Marine* businesses continue to perform strongly. With growth prospects at over 10% from 2009 onwards, Gurit expects its EBIT margin to return to 8 to 10% by 2010.

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Wattwil, January 17, 2008. Gurit, a worldwide leading producer of high-performance advanced composite materials, today announced a comprehensive action plan to increase EBIT in 2008 by some CHF 31 million and bring the overall EBIT (before real estate book gains) up from CHF -10.5 million to around CHF 20 million and the EBIT margin up to some 4% for the current year. The action plan comprises measures in the areas of Leadership and Organization, Sales and Marketing as well as Operations. In terms of immediate action, Gurit has already announced the reduction of up to 40 positions in Newport/UK and the closing of the Ittigen plant in Switzerland on November 30, 2007. In addition, Gurit reduced its workforce in Magog/CAN by 25 positions as a result of the delayed qualification work and general efficiency improvements on the shop floor and in the administration.

Growth prospects remain intact

All these measures will be supported by an extensive business re-engineering project already initiated and a strong focus on group-wide coordinated purchasing. Gurit is also committed to continue its clearly defined R&D efforts and to fiercely protect its intellectual property. At a recent hearing before the European Patent Office, Gurit's European Patent directed to the SPRINT product was upheld. SPRINT is today widely used in wind energy, marine as well as automotive markets.

Gurit has successfully negotiated volumes and pricing of the major *Wind Energy* material contracts for 2008. The *Transportation* and *Marine* business continue to perform strongly in sales and earnings.

Reasons for EBIT decline in 2007

The various growth-related, commercial and organizational difficulties encountered in 2007 can today be summarized as follows: Growth-related issues negatively impacted EBIT by some CHF -15 million, operating issues totalled CHF -16 million, while restructuring and impairments amounted to CHF -8 million. Together with a book-gain of CHF 11 million from the sale of real estate, EBIT for the financial year 2007 will be – on the basis of preliminary figures – around break-even, while sales for the whole year increased by 17% to CHF 448.0 million.

Sales by target market

In CHF 1000; unaudited	FY 2007	%	FY 2006	%	%YoY
Net sales	448.0		381.3		+ 17.5%
Wind	253.5	56.6%	190.5	50.0%	+ 33.1%
Transportation	59.7	13.3%	58.6	15.4%	+ 1.9%
Marine, Sport & Civil Eng.	121.0	27.0%	121.2	31.8%	- 0.2%
Others	13.8	3.1%	11.0	2.9%	+25.5%

Outlook 2008 and onwards

In 2008, Gurit expects to achieve an EBIT of around CHF 20 million resulting in an EBIT margin of around 4%, growing its sales rather moderately by 7 to 10% to CHF 480 to 493 million. From 2009 onwards, Gurit believes to return to growth rates of over 10% and expects to achieve an EBIT margins between 8 and 10% in 2010.

Media and Analyst conference on March 31, 2008

Gurit will publish its full year-end results on March 31, 2008, at a joint media and analyst conference in Zürich, starting at 09:00 a.m. Presentations will be in English. Please confirm your participation by returning the attached registration form by March 25. The conference will take place at **Convention Point SWX, Swiss Exchange, Selnau Strasse 30, CH-8021 Zürich**. The presentation will also be accessible as a webcast on www.gurit.com

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On Gurit: The companies of Gurit Holding AG, Wattwil/Switzerland, are specialised on the development and manufacture of high-end composite materials featuring bespoke physical and chemical characteristics. The comprehensive product range comprises fibre reinforced prepregs, structural foam, gel coats, adhesives, resins and consumables as well as certain finished parts. Gurit supplies growth markets in Wind Energy, Transportation (Aerospace, Automotive, Rail) and Marine/Sports/Civil Engineering. The international Group has production sites and offices in Switzerland, Germany, the UK, Canada, Spain, Denmark, Australia, New Zealand, the USA, India and China.



Media/Analyst conference of Gurit

**Monday, March 31, 2008,
SWX Swiss Exchange
Convention Point, Room "Exchange"
Selnau Strasse 30, CH-8021 Zürich**

The joint English-speaking **media and analyst conference** will start at 09:00 a.m. (coffee and documentation will be available from 08:30 a.m.)

A press release is internationally distributed that same day at about 7 a.m.

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