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# Q2 2006 Sales : + 9,1%

## A sustained growth in all business segments

Over H1 2006, Group Crit confirms its dynamics of growth with sales of  $\in$  605,9 million, showing an increase of 8,1% (+7,3% organically). The second quarter performed better with sales of  $\in$  332,9 million, posting an increase of 9,1% (+7,7% organic growth) vs +5,9% in Q1 2006.

## Temp. Business: + 6,8%

Over H1 2006, temp. business sales amouted to 522,6 M $\in$ , posting an increase of 6,8% (6,1% organically). The acceleration of growth is particularly significant in the second quarter with sales of 289,6 M $\in$  increasing by 8,7% (+7,4% organic growth).

In France, this business segment continued to consolidate its positions with sales of 502,9 M $\in$  increasing by 5,3%. Excluding the automotive business, the growth is +8,9% over the six-month period and accelerates to +10% in the 2nd quarter, confirming an increased penetration in the most dynamic sectors.

During this six-month period, CRIT INTERIM continued to reinforce its national network by opening 9 new agencies in France and one in Germany.

Beyond this performance, the first half of the year was marked by two acquisitions in Spain, the temp. company TUTOR (consolidated from May 1<sup>st</sup> onwards) and the temp. and services company ADDENDA (entering the perimeter on July 1st, 2006).

These acquisitions bring the number of agencies to 37 in this country and will contribute fully to the acceleration of growth in Spain in the second six-month period. The aggregate Spanish entities should allow to reach sales close to 70 M€ on a full year basis.

### Airport: + 14,9%

The airport activity continues its sustained and regular growth with sales of 50 M€ posting an increase of almost 15%. During this six-month period, 3 new multi-annual contracts of assistance were signed representing a total volume of 17 million euros.

## **Engineering and Maintenance : + 24,6%**

H1 2006 confirms the dynamics of the Engineering and Maintenance activity which records sales of 27,9 M€ increasing by 24,6%.

In regards of these good performance, the Group confirms a growth of the activity associated with a new progression in results.

A Meeting on the semi-annual results and the outlook for the next months will take place on October 18, 2006

#### **Concerning Groupe CRIT**

Group CRIT is one of the leaders in the temp. business in France. In addition to its core business, the group profits from a strong positioning in the sector of the Airport Assistance and from a business segment specialized in Engineering and Maintenance. Listed on compartment B of Eurolist Euronext Paris, Groupe CRIT is part of indices CAC Mid&Small 190 and SBF 250.

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