

# First half-year 2015 Financial Report

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## 2015 Semi-annual report of the Board of Directors

### 1. Semi-annual report on activities

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#### Main events in the first half-year of 2015

For an overview of the main events that occurred during the first half of 2015 and their impact on the Unaudited Condensed Interim IFRS Consolidated Financial Information of Airbus Group for the six-month period ended 30 June 2015 (the "Semi-Annual Financial Statements"), please refer to the press release, which will be issued on 31 July 2015, available on Airbus Group's website [www.airbusgroup.com](http://www.airbusgroup.com).

For further information and detail regarding Airbus Group's activities, finances, financing, risk factors and corporate governance, please refer to Airbus Group's website [www.airbusgroup.com](http://www.airbusgroup.com) and the documents posted thereon.

#### Related party transactions

Please refer to the notes to the Semi-Annual Financial Statements attached hereto (see Note 24 "Related party transactions").

### 2. Risk factors

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ERM has become a key management process across the Group, serving to mitigate key risks and increase opportunity, with a particular focus on major aircraft programmes such as the A350 XWB.

By mapping all material risks, planning how to mitigate them and how to seize related opportunities, ERM is designed to achieve the following:

1. Strategy: keep high-level strategic objectives consistent with risk appetite
2. Operations: safeguard effectiveness and efficiency of operations and resource allocation, in line with performance and financial targets
3. Reporting: ensure reliability of reporting, in particular financial reporting
4. Compliance: comply with applicable laws and regulations.

For a description of the Enterprise Risk Management system, the main risks and uncertainties please refer to the:

- a. Airbus Group SE Report of the Board of Directors 2014 (sections 4.5 and 4.6)  
(<http://www.airbusgroup.com/dam/assets/airbusgroup/int/en/investor-relations/documents/2015/General-Meeting/Airbus-Group-N.V.-Board-Report-2014/Airbus%20Group%20N.V.%20Report%20of%20the%20Board%20of%20Directors%202014%20.pdf>),  
and
- b. Airbus Group SE Registration Document (section "Risk Factors")  
(<http://www.airbusgroup.com/dam/assets/airbusgroup/int/en/investor-relations/documents/2015/General-Meeting/Airbus-Group-N.V.-Registration-Document-2014-E/Registration%20Document%202014.pdf>).  
Airbus Group Corporate Responsibility & Sustainability Report 2014 (p14, section Enterprise Risk Management; [http://www.airbusgroup.com/dam/assets/airbusgroup/int/en/investor-relations/documents/2015/Annual-Reports/Airbus\\_Group\\_CR-S\\_2014/Airbus\\_Group\\_CRS\\_2014.pdf](http://www.airbusgroup.com/dam/assets/airbusgroup/int/en/investor-relations/documents/2015/Annual-Reports/Airbus_Group_CR-S_2014/Airbus_Group_CRS_2014.pdf))

### **3. Semi-Annual Financial Statements**

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The Semi-Annual Financial Statements, including the review report by KPMG Accountants N.V., are attached hereto.

### **4. Statement of the Board of Directors**

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The Board of Directors of Airbus Group hereby declares that, to the best of its knowledge:

the Semi-Annual Financial Statements for the period ended 30 June 2015 give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities, financial position and profits or losses of Airbus Group and undertakings included in the consolidation taken as a whole; and

this Semi-Annual Board Report (including the press release, which was approved by the Board of Directors on 30 July 2015 and will be issued on 31 July 2015) gives a true and fair view of the position as per the balance sheet date, and of the development and performance during the first half of the 2015 financial year and expected course of events of Airbus Group and undertakings included in the consolidation taken as a whole. This Semi-Annual Board Report has paid special attention to investments and circumstances upon which the development of revenues and profitability is dependent, as these have been described herein.

**30 July 2015,**

#### **The Board of Directors**

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## Unaudited Condensed Interim IFRS Consolidated Financial Information of Airbus Group SE for the six-month period ended 30 June 2015

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## Unaudited Condensed IFRS Consolidated Income Statements

	Note	1 January - 30 June 2015		1 January - 30 June 2014		Deviation
		M €	%	M €	%	M €
<b>Revenues</b>	5	28,893	100	27,200	100	1,693
Cost of sales		-24,859	-86	-22,758	-84	-2,101
<b>Gross margin</b>	5	<b>4,034</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>4,442</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>-408</b>
Selling, administrative and other expenses		-1,392	-5	-1,371	-5	-21
Research and development expenses		-1,506	-5	-1,564	-5	58
Other income		272	1	164	1	108
Share of profit from investments under the equity method and other income from investments		802	3	148	0	654
<b>Profit before finance result and income taxes</b>	5	<b>2,210</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>1,819</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>391</b>
Interest income		85	0	79	0	6
Interest expense		-274	-1	-268	-1	-6
Other financial result		-155	-1	-63	0	-92
<b>Finance result</b>	6	<b>-344</b>	<b>-2</b>	<b>-252</b>	<b>-1</b>	<b>-92</b>
Income taxes	7	-335	-1	-426	-2	91
<b>Profit for the period</b>		<b>1,531</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1,141</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>390</b>
<b>Attributable to:</b>						
Equity owners of the parent (Net income)		<b>1,524</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1,135</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>389</b>
Non-controlling interests		7	0	6	0	1
<b>Earnings per share</b>						
	8	€		€		€
Basic		1.94		1.45		0.49
Diluted		1.94		1.45		0.49

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these Unaudited Condensed Interim IFRS Consolidated Financial Statements.

## Unaudited Condensed IFRS Consolidated Income Statements for the second quarter of 2015 and 2014

	1 April - 30 June 2015		1 April - 30 June 2014		Deviation M €
	M €	%	M €	%	
<b>Revenues</b>	16,815	100	14,552	100	2,263
Cost of sales	-14,489	-86	-12,089	-83	-2,400
<b>Gross margin</b>	<b>2,326</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>2,463</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>-137</b>
Selling, administrative and other expenses	-761	-5	-705	-5	-56
Research and development expenses	-805	-5	-837	-5	32
Other income	145	1	112	1	33
Share of profit from investments under the equity method and other income from investments	73	0	77	0	-4
<b>Profit before finance result and income taxes</b>	<b>978</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1,110</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>-132</b>
Interest income	45	0	43	0	2
Interest expense	-128	-1	-138	-1	10
Other financial result	105	1	-50	0	155
<b>Finance result</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-145</b>	<b>-1</b>	<b>167</b>
Income taxes	-264	-1	-260	-2	-4
<b>Profit for the period</b>	<b>736</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>705</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>31</b>
<b>Attributable to:</b>					
Equity owners of the parent (Net income)	732	4	696	5	36
Non-controlling interests	4	0	9	0	-5
<b>Earnings per share</b>					
	€		€		€
Basic	0.93		0.89		0.04
Diluted	0.93		0.89		0.04

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## Unaudited Condensed IFRS Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income

in M €	1 January - 30 June 2015	1 January - 30 June 2014
<b>Profit for the period</b>	<b>1,531</b>	<b>1,141</b>
Items that will not be reclassified to profit or loss:		
Actuarial gains or losses on defined benefit plans	563	-450
Actuarial gains or losses on defined benefit plans for investments accounted for using the equity method	-77	3
Tax on items that will not be reclassified to profit or loss	-178	131
Items that will be reclassified to profit or loss:		
Foreign currency translation differences for foreign operations	147	-14
Net change in fair value of cash flow hedges	-4,022	-324
Net change in fair value of available-for-sale financial assets	336	-30
Changes in other comprehensive income from investments accounted for using the equity method	-129	-27
Tax on items that will be reclassified to profit or loss	1,237	91
<b>Other comprehensive income, net of tax</b>	<b>-2,123</b>	<b>-620</b>
<b>Total comprehensive income of the period</b>	<b>-592</b>	<b>521</b>
<b>Attributable to:</b>		
Equity owners of the parent	-577	513
Non-controlling interests	-15	8

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these Unaudited Condensed Interim IFRS Consolidated Financial Statements.

## Unaudited Condensed IFRS Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income for the second quarter 2015 and 2014

in M €	1 April - 30 June 2015	1 April - 30 June 2014
<b>Profit for the period</b>	<b>736</b>	<b>705</b>
Items that will not be reclassified to profit or loss:		
Actuarial gains or losses on defined benefit plans	1,059	-457
Actuarial gains or losses on defined benefit plans for investments accounted for using the equity method	-1	-2
Tax on items that will not be reclassified to profit or loss	-341	133
Items that will be reclassified to profit or loss:		
Foreign currency translation differences for foreign operations	-188	22
Net change in fair value of cash flow hedges	3,839	-362
Net change in fair value of available-for-sale financial assets	20	34
Changes in other comprehensive income from investments accounted for using the equity method	-18	-14
Tax on items that will be reclassified to profit or loss	-1,196	99
<b>Other comprehensive income, net of tax</b>	<b>3,174</b>	<b>-547</b>
<b>Total comprehensive income of the period</b>	<b>3,910</b>	<b>158</b>
<b>Attributable to:</b>		
Equity owners of the parent	3,906	147
Non-controlling interests	4	11

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## Unaudited Condensed IFRS Consolidated Statements of Financial Position

	Note	30 June 2015		31 December 2014		Deviation	
		M €	%	M €	%	M €	%
<b>Assets</b>							
<b>Non-current assets</b>							
Intangible assets	9	12,660	13	12,758	13	-98	-1
Property, plant and equipment	9	16,766	16	16,388	17	378	2
Investments accounted under the equity method	10	1,112	1	3,391	4	-2,279	-67
Other investments and long-term financial assets	11	2,271	2	1,769	2	502	28
Non-current other financial assets	13	1,016	1	586	1	430	73
Non-current other assets	14	2,381	2	1,822	2	559	31
Deferred tax assets	7	7,738	8	5,717	6	2,021	35
Non-current securities	15	8,674	8	5,989	6	2,685	45
		<b>52,618</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>48,420</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>4,198</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Current assets</b>							
Inventories	12	29,598	29	25,355	26	4,243	17
Trade receivables		6,342	6	6,798	7	-456	-7
Current portion of other long-term financial assets	11	179	0	167	0	12	7
Current other financial assets	13	1,356	1	1,164	1	192	16
Current other assets	14	2,737	3	2,389	2	348	15
Current tax assets		433	0	605	1	-172	-28
Current securities	15	2,596	3	3,183	3	-587	-18
Cash and cash equivalents	22	5,572	5	7,271	8	-1,699	-23
		<b>48,813</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>46,932</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>1,881</b>	<b>4</b>
Assets and disposal group assets classified as held for sale	16	1,714	2	750	1	964	129
<b>Total assets</b>		<b>103,145</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>96,102</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>7,043</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Total equity <sup>(1)</sup></b>							
<b>Equity attributable to equity owners of the parent</b>							
Capital stock		788	1	785	1	3	0
Reserves		8,547	8	7,489	7	1,058	14
Accumulated other comprehensive income		-3,615	-3	-1,205	-1	-2,410	200
Treasury shares		-8	0	-8	0	0	0
		<b>5,712</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7,061</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>-1,349</b>	<b>-19</b>
Non-controlling interests		3	0	18	0	-15	-83
	<b>17</b>	<b>5,715</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7,079</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>-1,364</b>	<b>-19</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>							
<b>Non-current liabilities</b>							
Non-current provisions	18	10,254	10	10,400	11	-146	-1
Long-term financing liabilities	19	6,689	6	6,278	7	411	7
Non-current other financial liabilities	20	13,453	13	9,922	10	3,531	36
Non-current other liabilities	21	13,947	14	13,116	14	831	6
Deferred tax liabilities	7	2,198	2	1,130	1	1,068	95
		<b>46,541</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>40,846</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>5,695</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>Current liabilities</b>							
Current provisions	18	4,762	4	5,712	6	-950	-17
Short-term financing liabilities	19	1,717	2	1,073	1	644	60
Trade liabilities		11,643	11	10,183	11	1,460	14
Current tax liabilities		538	1	738	1	-200	-27
Other current financial liabilities	20	5,084	5	3,480	4	1,604	46
Other current liabilities	21	26,948	26	26,311	26	637	2
		<b>50,692</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>47,497</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>3,195</b>	<b>7</b>
Disposal group liabilities classified as held for sale	16	197	0	680	1	-483	
<b>Total liabilities</b>		<b>97,430</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>89,023</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>8,407</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Total equity and liabilities</b>		<b>103,145</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>96,102</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>7,043</b>	<b>7</b>

(1) As of 30 June 2015, the accumulated other comprehensive income in equity relating to non-current assets and disposal group classified as held for sale amounts to -357 M €.

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these Unaudited Condensed Interim IFRS Consolidated Financial Statements.

## Unaudited Condensed IFRS Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows

in M €	Note	1 January - 30 June 2015	1 January - 30 June 2014
<b>Profit for the period attributable to equity owners of the parent (Net income)</b>		<b>1,524</b>	<b>1,135</b>
Profit for the period attributable to non-controlling interests		7	6
<i>Adjustments to reconcile profit for the period to cash (used for) operating activities</i>			
Depreciation and amortization		1,085	954
Valuation adjustments		524	370
Deferred tax expense		169	283
Change in income tax assets, income tax liabilities and provisions for income tax		-41	40
Results on disposals of non-current assets		-122	-88
Results of companies accounted for by the equity method		-743	-116
Change in current and non-current provisions		-361	-20
Reimbursement from / contribution to plan assets		-87	-336
Change in other operating assets and liabilities		-2,101	-4,024
<b>Cash (used for) operating activities</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>-146</b>	<b>-1,796</b>
<i>Investment activities</i>			
- Purchases of intangible assets, PPE		-1,000	-1,056
- Proceeds from disposals of intangible assets, PPE		12	125
- Acquisitions of subsidiaries and joint ventures (net of cash)		-6	0
- Proceeds from disposals of subsidiaries (net of cash)		-3	-25
- Payments for investments in associates and other investments and long-term financial assets		-155	-72
- Proceeds from disposals of associates and other investments and long-term financial assets		1,630	135
- Dividends paid by companies valued at equity		24	78
Disposal of assets, liabilities and disposal group classified as held for sale		116	0
Change in securities		-2,052	-396
<b>Cash (used for) investing activities</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>-1,434</b>	<b>-1,211</b>
<i>Financing activities</i>			
Change in long-term and short-term financing liabilities		574	2,404
Cash distribution to Airbus Group SE shareholders		-945	-587
Dividends paid to non-controlling interests		0	-1
Changes in capital and non-controlling interests		96	29
Change in treasury shares		0	109
<b>Cash (used for) provided by financing activities</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>-275</b>	<b>1,954</b>
Effect of foreign exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents		179	35
<b>Net (decrease) of cash and cash equivalents</b>		<b>-1,676</b>	<b>-1,018</b>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period <sup>(1)</sup></b>		<b>7,289</b>	<b>7,201</b>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at end of period</b>		<b>5,613</b>	<b>6,183</b>
Thereof presented as cash and cash equivalents		5,572	6,145
Thereof presented as part of disposal groups classified as held for sale		41	38

(1) The cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the period 2015 include 18 M €, which is presented as part of assets of disposal groups classified as held for sale.

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these Unaudited Condensed Interim IFRS Consolidated Financial Statements.

## Unaudited Condensed IFRS Consolidated Statements of Changes in Equity

in M €	Equity attributable to equity owners of the parent	Non-controlling interests	Total
<b>Balance at 1 January 2014</b>	<b>10,864</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>10,906</b>
Profit for the period	1,135	6	1,141
Other comprehensive income	-622	2	-620
Total comprehensive income	513	8	521
Cash distribution to shareholders/ dividends to non-controlling interests	-587	-1	-588
Capital increase	29	0	29
Change in treasury shares	109	0	109
Others	1	0	1
<b>Balance at 30 June 2014</b>	<b>10,929</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>10,978</b>
<b>Balance at 1 January 2015</b>	<b>7,061</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>7,079</b>
Profit for the period	1,524	7	1,531
Other comprehensive income	-2,101	-22	-2,123
Total comprehensive income	-577	-15	-592
Cash distribution to shareholders/ dividends to non-controlling interests	-945	0	-945
Capital increase	96	0	96
Equity transactions	51	0	51
Share-based payment (IFRS 2)	26	0	26
<b>Balance at 30 June 2015</b>	<b>5,712</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5,715</b>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these Unaudited Condensed Interim IFRS Consolidated Financial Statements.

## **Notes to the Unaudited Condensed IFRS Consolidated Financial Statements as at 30 June 2015**

### **1. The Company**

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The accompanying Unaudited Condensed IFRS Consolidated Financial Statements present the operations of Airbus Group SE (formerly Airbus Group N.V.) and its subsidiaries (the "Group") legally seated in Amsterdam (current registered office at Mendelweg 30, 2333 CS Leiden, The Netherlands), and are prepared and reported in Euros ("€"). On 28 May 2015, the legal form of the Group has changed from a Dutch public limited liability company (N.V.) to a European company (SE). The Group's core business is the manufacturing of commercial aircraft, civil and military helicopters, commercial space launch vehicles, missiles, military aircraft, satellites, defence systems and defence electronics and rendering of services related to these activities. The Unaudited Condensed IFRS Consolidated Financial Statements for the six-month period ended 30 June 2015 were authorized for issue by the Airbus Group Board of Directors on 30 July 2015.

### **2. Accounting policies**

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The Unaudited Condensed Interim Consolidated Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS") issued by the International Accounting Standards Board ("IASB") as endorsed by the European Union (EU) as at 30 June 2015 and Part 9 of Book 2 of the Netherlands Civil Code.

These Unaudited Condensed Interim Consolidated Financial Statements are prepared in compliance with IAS 34 and should be read in conjunction with Airbus Group's Consolidated Financial Statements as of 31 December 2014. Except for the amended Standards to be applied for the first time as of 1 January 2015, Airbus Group's accounting policies and techniques are unchanged compared to 31 December 2014.

#### **Financial reporting rules applied for the first time as of 1 January 2015**

The following new interpretation issued by the IASB was applied for the first time in 2015 and is effective for Airbus Group as of 1 January 2015. The first application has not had a material impact on Airbus Group's Consolidated Financial Statements or on its basic and diluted earnings per share.

IFRIC 21 - This interpretation sets out the accounting treatment for an obligation to pay a levy that is not income tax. The interpretation addresses the obligating event that gives rise to payment of such a levy and when the associated liability should be recognised.

#### **Use of estimates and judgment**

In preparing the Unaudited Condensed Interim Consolidated Financial Statements, management makes assumptions and estimates. The underlying assumptions used for the main estimates are similar to those described in the Group's Consolidated Financial Statements as of 31 December 2014. These estimates are revised if the underlying circumstances have evolved or in light of new information.

### **3. Acquisitions and disposals**

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There were no material acquisitions during the first half-year 2015.

#### **Airbus Safran Launchers Joint Venture**

On 14 January 2015, Airbus Group and Safran completed the first phase of the integration process of the Airbus Safran Launchers Joint Venture (ASL) enabling the entity to become operational. Coordination and programme management of the civil activities of the launcher business as well as relevant participations have been transferred to the Joint Venture during this first phase.

Airbus Group received 50% of issued shares in ASL recognised at 56 M € as at-equity investment. The loss of control in the business resulted in a capital gain of 49 M €.

During the second phase, Safran and Airbus Group intend to integrate within the joint venture all the remaining contracts, assets and industrial resources, related to space launchers and associated propulsion systems. This phase will be initiated and implemented once the Ariane 6 development contract will be awarded to the joint venture and all legal and financial terms and conditions will be finalized between both partners. The joint venture will then be fully equipped for all design, development, production and commercial activities related to civil and military launchers and associated propulsion systems.

On 16 June 2015, ASL, the French state and CNES, the French space agency, have reached an agreement to transfer CNES's stake in Arianespace to ASL. The transaction will be finalized after regulatory consultation, approval procedures and the award of Ariane 6 contract to the joint venture.

#### **Disposal groups and assets classified as held for sale**

The following assets or groups of assets are classified as held for sale (see Note 16 "Assets and disposal groups classified as held for sale").

#### **Dassault Aviation**

On 25 March 2015, Airbus Group sold 1,612,407 Dassault Aviation shares, corresponding to 17.5% of the company's share capital, of which 460,688 shares (5%) were sold to Dassault Aviation for 980 € per share and 1,151,719 shares (12.5%) were sold to institutional investors at 1,030 € per share. On 14 April 2015, Airbus Group sold an additional 115,172 shares (1.25%) to institutional investors at 1,030 € per share. After this transaction, Airbus Group held 23.36% of Dassault Aviation's share capital and 24.71% of associated voting rights.

As of 31 March 2015, the remaining equity investment in Dassault Aviation has been classified as an asset held for sale, as Airbus Group intends to pursue market opportunities to sell the remainder of this investment.

In the first six months of 2015, Airbus Group has recognised 748 M € (697 M € in share of profit from investment and 51 M € in other income) representing the net capital gain on partial disposal after transaction costs.

#### **Business communications entities**

On 4 June 2015, DS Holding SAS (France) and Astrium International Holdings B.V. (as beneficiaries) and a potential buyer (as promisor) signed a put option agreement whereby Airbus is entitled but not obliged to sell all the companies which are within its business line "communications". The sale is subject to closing conditions. The put option will expire on 4 December 2015.

### **Elbe Flugzeugwerke**

On 17 June 2015, Airbus signed an agreement with Singapore-based ST Aerospace Ltd. (STA) to offer passenger-to-freighter (P2F) conversion solutions for its A320 and A321 aircraft. STA will acquire an additional 20% of the shares of Elbe Flugzeugwerke (EFW), Dresden (Germany) by way of a contribution in kind and a capital increase to EFW. Consequently, 45% of the shares of EFW will be retained and the Group will effectively lose its control.

## **4. Segment information**

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The Group operates in three reportable segments which reflect the internal organizational and management structure according to the nature of the products and services provided.

- *Airbus* — Development, manufacturing, marketing and sale of commercial jet aircraft of more than 100 seats; aircraft conversion and related services; development, manufacturing, marketing and sale of regional turboprop aircraft and aircraft components.
- *Airbus Helicopters* — Development, manufacturing, marketing and sale of civil and military helicopters; provision of helicopter related services.
- *Airbus Defence and Space* — Military combat aircraft and training aircraft; provision of defence electronics and of global security market solutions such as integrated systems for global border security and secure communication solutions and logistics; training, testing, engineering and other related services; development, manufacturing, marketing and sale of missile systems; development, manufacturing, marketing and sale of satellites, orbital infrastructures and launchers; provision of space related services; development, manufacturing, marketing and sale of military transport aircraft and special mission aircraft and related services.

The following table presents information with respect to the Group's business segments. As a rule, inter-segment transfers are carried out on an arm's length basis. Inter-segment sales predominantly take place between Airbus and Airbus Defence and Space and between Airbus Helicopters and Airbus. The Group's activities managed in the US, the holding function of the Group's Headquarters such as the acquired bank and other activities not allocable to the reportable segments, combined together with consolidation effects, are disclosed in the column "Others/ HQ / Conso."

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Business segment information for the six-month period ended 30 June 2015:

in M €	Airbus	Airbus Helicopters	Airbus Defence and Space	Total segments	Others/ HQ/ Conso.	Consolidated
Total revenues	21,081	2,950	5,531	29,562	123	29,685
Internal revenues	-385	-295	-111	-791	-1	-792
<b>Revenues</b>	<b>20,696</b>	<b>2,655</b>	<b>5,420</b>	<b>28,771</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>28,893</b>
Research and development expenses	-1,148	-153	-159	-1,460	-46	-1,506
EBIT pre-goodwill imp. and exceptionals <sup>(1)</sup>	1,424	162	-26	1,560	669	2,229
Impairment and disposal of goodwill	0	0	0	0	0	0
Exceptionals	-12	0	-6	-18	-1	-19
Profit before finance result and income taxes <sup>(1)</sup>	1,412	162	-32	1,542	668	2,210
Finance result						-344
Income taxes						-335
<b>Profit for the period</b>						<b>1,531</b>

(1) Impacts on specific transactions (see Note 3 "Acquisitions and disposals") are included in segments Airbus (EFW), Airbus Defence and Space (Business communications entities) and "Others/ HQ/ Conso." (Dassault Aviation).

Business segment information for the six-month period ended 30 June 2014:

in M €	Airbus	Airbus Helicopters	Airbus Defence and Space	Total segments	Others/ HQ/ Conso.	Consolidated
Total revenues	19,429	2,801	5,516	27,746	232	27,978
Internal revenues	-405	-234	-130	-769	-9	-778
<b>Revenues</b>	<b>19,024</b>	<b>2,567</b>	<b>5,386</b>	<b>26,977</b>	<b>223</b>	<b>27,200</b>
Research and development expenses	-1,225	-164	-163	-1,552	-12	-1,564
EBIT pre-goodwill imp. and exceptionals	1,357	150	223	1,730	109	1,839
Impairment and disposal of goodwill	0	0	0	0	0	0
Exceptionals	-12	0	-6	-18	-2	-20
Profit before finance result and income taxes	1,345	150	217	1,712	107	1,819
Finance result						-252
Income taxes						-426
<b>Profit for the period</b>						<b>1,141</b>

## **5. Revenues, gross margin and profit before finance result and income taxes**

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**Revenues** of 28,893 M € (first half-year 2014: 27,200 M €) increased by +1,693 M €, mainly at Airbus (+1,672 M €), mostly driven by a favourable foreign exchange impact and a positive mix effect.

The **gross margin** decreased by -408 M € to 4,034 M € compared to 4,442 M € in the first half-year 2014, mainly in Airbus Defence and Space due to the A400M programme and in Airbus due to negative foreign exchange impact. The gross margin rate decreased from 16.3% to 14.0%.

The A350 XWB Entry into service occurred at the end of 2014, with the first A350 being delivered to Qatar Airways on 22 December 2014. In the first half-year 2015, Airbus has delivered four additional aircraft. Despite these important achievements, significant challenges remain. The industrial ramp-up preparation is underway and associated risks will continue to be closely monitored in line with the schedule, aircraft performance and overall cost envelope, as per customer's commitment.

After an additional four aircraft were delivered in the first half-year 2015, resulting in cumulative deliveries of fourteen at 30 June 2015, the A400M programme continues to be in a phase of progressive enhancement of military capabilities, with some delays being incurred. The sequence of progressive enhancements and associated deliveries are under negotiation with the customers to reflect revised programme baseline and delivery schedule, both impacted by the accident that occurred in May 2015.

In the second quarter of 2015, Management has reviewed the programme evolution driven to a large extent from the implications of the accident, the impact of low inflation on the price revision formula, delays in military functionality and challenges in the industrial ramp-up, together with associated mitigation actions. As a result of this review, Airbus Defence and Space has recorded an additional net charge of 290 M € for the period ended 30 June 2015.

The A400M SOC 1 and 1.5 milestones remain to be achieved. SOC 1 fell due end October 2013, and the termination right related thereto became exercisable by OCCAR/Nations on 1 November 2014 after a 12-month grace period. It has not at the date hereof been exercised. Management judges that it is highly unlikely that this termination right will be exercised. SOC 1.5 with the related termination right fell due in January 2015 and is still in the 12-month grace period. The sequence of progressive enhancements (including the achievement of the respective milestones) and the delivery plan are currently under negotiation with OCCAR/Nations.

The A400M programme remains in a critical phase and the associated risks will continue to be closely monitored.

**The profit before finance result and income taxes** increased by +391 M € to 2,210 M € compared to 1,819 M € in the first half-year 2014.

This increase is mainly related to the increase in **share of profit from investments under the equity method** including a net gain of 674 M € (first half-year 2014: 67 M €) from the sale of Dassault Aviation shares (see Note 3 "Acquisitions and disposals") that occurred in the first quarter as well as the first quarter 2015 estimated result and a negative catch-up on 2014 of -119 M € related to the Dassault investment.

Additionally, **other income** includes a net gain of 51 M € from the sale of Dassault Aviation shares that occurred in the second quarter as well as the capital gain of 49 M € following the completion of the first phase of the creation of Airbus Safran Launchers Joint Venture (see Note 3 "Acquisitions and disposals").

## **6. Finance result**

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**Finance result** decreased by -92 M € to -344 M € compared to -252 M € in the first half-year 2014. This decrease is mainly related to the negative impact of revaluation of financial instruments of -104 M € (first half-year 2014: -10 M €).



## 7. Income taxes

The **income tax** expense of -335 M € (first half-year 2014: -426 M €) corresponds to an effective income tax rate of 18% (first half-year 2014: 27%). The decrease in the effective tax rate is due to the sale of shares of Dassault Aviation which has been taxed at a reduced rate (see Note 3 "Acquisitions and disposals").

**Deferred tax assets** increased by +2,021 M € to 7,738 M € (prior year-end: 5,717 M €) mainly as a result of variations in the fair values of derivative financial instruments.

## 8. Earnings per share

**Basic earnings per share** are calculated by dividing profit for the period attributable to equity owners of the parent (Net income) by the weighted average number of issued ordinary shares during the period, excluding ordinary shares purchased by the Group and held as treasury shares:

	1 January - 30 June 2015	1 January - 30 June 2014
<b>Net income attributable to equity owners of the parent</b>	1,524 M €	1,135 M €
Weighted average number of ordinary shares outstanding	785,672,234	782,012,866
Basic earnings per share	1.94 €	1.45 €

For calculation of the **diluted earnings per share**, the weighted average number of ordinary shares is adjusted to assume conversion of all potential ordinary shares. The Group's categories of dilutive potential ordinary shares are stock options and share-settled performance units for Executive Committee members relating to long-term incentive plans for 2010 to 2014. Since in the first six months 2015 the average price of Airbus Group shares exceeded the exercise price of the stock option plan (SOP) 2005 and SOP 2006 as well as the share-settled performance units (in 2014: the SOP 2004, SOP 2005 and SOP 2006), 750,301 potential shares (in the first six months 2014: 1,767,867 shares) were considered in the calculation of diluted earnings per share.

	1 January - 30 June 2015	1 January - 30 June 2014
<b>Net income attributable to equity owners of the parent</b>	1,524 M €	1,135 M €
Weighted average number of ordinary shares outstanding (diluted)	786,422,535	783,780,733
Diluted earnings per share	1.94 €	1.45 €

## 9. Intangible assets and property, plant and equipment

**Intangible assets** decreased by -98 M € to 12,660 M € (prior year-end: 12,758 M €). This mainly relates to Airbus (8,627 M €), Airbus Defence and Space (3,291 M €) and Airbus Helicopters (725 M €) and includes goodwill of 9,942 M € (prior year-end: 9,979 M €).

The annual impairment tests were performed in the fourth quarter 2014 and led to no impairment charge.

**Property, plant and equipment** increased by +378 M € to 16,766 M € (prior year-end: 16,388 M €) and includes leased assets of 216 M € (prior year-end: 213 M €). The increase was mainly driven by the A350 XWB programme. Property, plant and equipment also includes investment property amounting to 66 M € (prior year-end: 67 M €).

## 10. Investments accounted for under the equity method

**Investments accounted for under the equity method** of 1,112 M € (prior year-end: 3,391 M €) mainly include the equity investment in Atlas Group and MBDA.

Aside from the partial sale of Dassault Aviation shares in the first half-year 2015, the remaining equity investment in Dassault Aviation has been reclassified as asset held for sale (see Note 3 “Acquisitions and disposals”).

## 11. Other investments and long-term financial assets

Composition of other investments and other long-term financial assets:

in M €	30 June 2015	31 December 2014
Other investments	1,220	617
Other long-term financial assets	1,230	1,319
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,450</b>	<b>1,936</b>
<b>Thereof non-current portion</b>	<b>2,271</b>	<b>1,769</b>
<b>Thereof current portion</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>167</b>

**Other long-term financial assets** mainly comprise the aircraft financing activities.

## 12. Inventories

**Inventories** of 29,598 M € (prior year-end: 25,355 M €) increased by +4,243 M €. This is related to Airbus (+3,141 M €), Airbus Defence and Space (+785 M €) and Airbus Helicopters (+306 M €). In Airbus, the increase is due to work in progress and finished aircraft across all programmes and A350 ramp-up. In Airbus Defence and Space, the increase is mainly driven by the increased activity on the A400M programme.

Inventories are presented net of the respective portion of the contract loss provision (see Note 18 “Provisions”).

## 13. Other financial assets

Composition of other financial assets:

in M €	30 June 2015	31 December 2014
Non-current other financial assets		
Positive fair values of derivative financial instruments	921	502
Others	95	84
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,016</b>	<b>586</b>
Current other financial assets		
Receivables from related companies	571	582
Positive fair values of derivative financial instruments	322	208
Others	463	374
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,356</b>	<b>1,164</b>

## 14. Other assets

Composition of other assets:

in M €	30 June 2015	31 December 2014
Prepaid expenses	2,819	2,090
VAT receivables	1,393	1,371
Other	906	750
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,118</b>	<b>4,211</b>
<b>Thereof non-current portion</b>	<b>2,381</b>	<b>1,822</b>
<b>Thereof current portion</b>	<b>2,737</b>	<b>2,389</b>

## 15. Securities

**Non-current securities** with a remaining maturity of more than one year increased by +2,685 M € to 8,674 M € (prior year-end: 5,989 M €). The movement is related to the cash management policy of the Group.

**Current securities** with a remaining maturity of one year or less decreased by -587 M € to 2,596 M € (prior year-end: 3,183 M €).

## 16. Assets and disposal groups classified as held for sale

The assets and disposal group assets held for sale of 1,714 M € (prior year-end: 750 M €) include mainly the remaining investment in Dassault Aviation of 1,253 M € (see Note 3 “Acquisitions and disposals”). The disposal group liabilities held for sale total 197 M € (prior year-end: 680 M €).

The assets and liabilities of the disposal groups classified as held for sale as of 31 December 2014 are mainly related to the Airbus Safran Launchers Joint Venture first phase.

## 17. Total equity

**Equity attributable to equity owners of the parent** (including purchased treasury shares) amounts to 5,712 M € (prior year-end: 7,061 M €) representing a decrease of -1,349 M €. This decrease is due to a reduction in other comprehensive income of -2,101 M € related mainly to the mark to market revaluation of the hedge portfolio and a dividend payment of -945 M € (1.20 € per share). This was partly offset by net income of +1,524 M €.

The total **number of shares** issued is 787,579,306 and 784,780,585 as of 30 June 2015 and 31 December 2014 respectively. The Group’s shares are exclusively ordinary shares with a par value of 1.00 €.

During the first half-year 2015, the number of treasury stock held by Airbus Group remained almost stable at 431,710 compared to 431,832 as of 31 December 2014. No shares were either sold back to the market, or cancelled (in the first six months 2014: 56,993 shares cancelled).

In the first six months 2015, the Group issued 2,798,721 new shares due to the exercise of stock options and to the 2015 Employee Stock Ownership Plan (“ESOP”) (in the first six months 2014: 995,248 new shares due to the exercise of stock options).

**Non-controlling interests** decreased to 3 M € (prior year-end: 18 M €). This decrease is mainly derived from the mark to market revaluations of the hedge portfolio of -22 M €.

## 18. Provisions

Provisions are comprised of the following:

in M €	30 June 2015	31 December 2014
Provisions for pensions	8,014	8,250
Other provisions	7,002	7,862
<b>Total</b>	<b>15,016</b>	<b>16,112</b>
<b>Thereof non-current portion</b>	<b>10,254</b>	<b>10,400</b>
<b>Thereof current portion</b>	<b>4,762</b>	<b>5,712</b>

Among other effects, pension provisions decreased due to an increase of the discount rates for the various pension schemes of the Group (France: 2.1% to 2.5%, Germany: 1.9% to 2.3% and UK: 3.6% to 3.8%).

The decrease in other provisions is mainly due to the net presentation on A350 XWB programme losses against inventories-(see Note 12 "Inventories").

Included in other provisions are costs for the A380 programme related to in service technical issues identified and with solutions defined, which reflects the latest facts and circumstances. Airbus is contractually liable for the repair or replacement of the defective parts but not for any other damages whether direct, indirect, incidental or consequential (including loss of revenue, profit or use). However, in view of overall commercial relationships, contract adjustments may occur, and be considered on a case by case basis.

## 19. Financing liabilities

Composition of financing liabilities:

in M €	30 June 2015	31 December 2014
Bonds	3,966	3,917
Liabilities to financial institutions	1,980	1,751
Loans	402	424
Liabilities from finance leases	341	186
<b>Long-term financing liabilities</b>	<b>6,689</b>	<b>6,278</b>
Bonds	492	1
Liabilities to financial institutions	27	22
Loans	294	285
Liabilities from finance leases	12	12
Others	892	753
<b>Short-term financing liabilities</b>	<b>1,717</b>	<b>1,073</b>

The increase on the short-term bonds is mainly due to a new commercial paper programme of 550 M USD.

## 20. Other financial liabilities

Composition of other financial liabilities:

in M €	30 June 2015	31 December 2014
Non current other financial liabilities		
European Governments refundable advances	6,487	6,020
Liabilities for derivative financial instruments	6,345	3,271
Others	621	631
<b>Total</b>	<b>13,453</b>	<b>9,922</b>
Current other financial liabilities		
European Governments refundable advances	754	508
Liabilities for derivative financial instruments	3,601	2,232
Others	729	740
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,084</b>	<b>3,480</b>

The liabilities for derivative financial instruments have significantly increased as a direct result of the deterioration of the USD/€ exchange rate associated with the Mark to Market valuation of the hedge portfolio.

## 21. Other liabilities

Composition of other liabilities:

in M €	30 June 2015	31 December 2014
Other liabilities		
Customer advance payments	35,364	34,405
Tax liabilities (excluding income tax)	1,021	675
Others	3,149	2,991
Deferred income	1,361	1,356
<b>Total</b>	<b>40,895</b>	<b>39,427</b>
<b>Thereof non-current portion</b>	<b>13,947</b>	<b>13,116</b>
<b>Thereof current portion</b>	<b>26,948</b>	<b>26,311</b>

## 22. Cash flows

**Cash used for operating activities** improved by +1,650 M € to -146 M € (first half-year 2014: -1,796 M €). Gross cash flow from operations (before changes in other operating assets and liabilities) of +1,955 M € decreased compared to the prior period (first half-year 2014: +2,228 M €). Changes in other operating assets and liabilities amount to -2,101 M € (first half-year 2014: -4,024 M €) mainly due to an increase in inventories partly compensated by higher trade liabilities and advance payments received.

**Cash used for investing activities** amounts to -1,434 M € (first half-year 2014: -1,211 M €). This mainly comprises payments for investment in securities of -2,052 M € (first half-year 2014: -396 M €), and purchases of intangible assets and property, plant and equipment of -1,000 M € (first half-year 2014: -1,056 M €). This was partly compensated by the proceeds from disposals of associates and other investments and long-term financial assets amounting to +1,630 M € (first half-year 2014: +135 M €) mainly due to the partial sale of Dassault Aviation shares (see Note 3 "Acquisitions and disposals").

**Cash (used for) provided by financing activities** decreased by -2,229 M € to -275 M € (first half-year 2014: +1,954 M €). This decrease comprises the dividend payment of 1.20 € per share which amounts to -945 M € (first half-year 2014: -587 M €), in part offset by cash receipts from long-term and short-term financing activities of 574 M € (first half-year 2014: +2,404 M €).

## 23. Financial instruments

Composition of derivative financial instruments:

in M €	30 June 2015	31 December 2014
Non-current positive fair values	921	502
Current positive fair values	322	208
<b>Total positive fair values of derivative financial instruments</b>	<b>1,243</b>	<b>710</b>
Non-current liabilities	-6,345	-3,271
Current liabilities	-3,601	-2,232
<b>Total liabilities for derivative financial instruments</b>	<b>-9,946</b>	<b>-5,503</b>
<b>Total net fair value of derivative financial instruments</b>	<b>-8,703</b>	<b>-4,793</b>

The volume of hedged US dollar-contracts increased from 88 billion US dollar as at 31 December 2014 to 93 billion US dollar as at 30 June 2015. The US dollar spot rate is 1.12 USD/€ and 1.21 USD/€ at 30 June 2015 and at 31 December 2014, respectively. The average US dollar hedge rate for the hedge portfolio of the Group decreased to 1.30 USD/€ as at 30 June 2015 compared to 1.33 USD/€ as at 31 December 2014.

### Carrying amounts and fair values

Fair values of financial instruments have been determined with reference to available market information at the end of the reporting period and the valuation methodologies as described in detail in Note 34 b) to the 2014 Consolidated Financial Statements. For the first six months 2015, Airbus Group has applied the same methodologies for the fair value measurement of financial instruments.

Carrying amount is a reasonable approximation of fair value for all classes of financial instruments listed in the first table of Note 34 b) to the 2014 Consolidated Financial Statements, with the exception of:

30 June 2015 in M €	Financial Instruments	
	Book Value	Fair Value
Financing liabilities		
Bonds	-4,458	-4,562
Liabilities to financial institutions and other financing liabilities	-3,595	-3,622
31 December 2014 in M €	Financial Instruments	
	Book Value	Fair Value
Financing liabilities		
Bonds	-3,918	-4,227
Liabilities to financial institutions and other financing liabilities	-3,235	-3,291

As explained in Note 34 b) to the 2014 Consolidated Financial Statements no fair value can be determined for certain unlisted equity investments and European Governments refundable advances.

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The following table allocates the financial assets and liabilities measured at fair value to the three levels of the fair value hierarchy <sup>(1)</sup>:

30 June 2015 in M €	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Financial assets measured at fair value				
Equity Instruments	795	0	0	795
Derivative Instruments	0	1,232	11	1,243
Securities	10,440	830	0	11,270
Cash equivalents	1,935	1,434	0	3,369
<b>Total</b>	<b>13,170</b>	<b>3,496</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>16,677</b>
Financial liabilities measured at fair value				
Derivative instruments	0	-9,946	0	-9,946
Other liabilities	0	0	-84	-84
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-9,946</b>	<b>-84</b>	<b>-10,030</b>
31 December 2014 in M €	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Financial assets measured at fair value				
Equity Instruments	208	0	0	208
Derivative Instruments	0	708	2	710
Securities	7,784	1,388	0	9,172
Cash equivalents	3,563	1,442	0	5,005
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,555</b>	<b>3,538</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>15,095</b>
Financial liabilities measured at fair value				
Derivative instruments	0	-5,503	0	-5,503
Other liabilities	0	0	-137	-137
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-5,503</b>	<b>-137</b>	<b>-5,640</b>

(1) The fair value hierarchy consists of the following levels:

- Level 1: quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets and liabilities;
- Level 2: inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly (i.e. as prices) or indirectly (i.e. derived from prices); and
- Level 3: inputs for the asset or liability that are not based on observable market data.

The development of financial instruments of Level 3 is as follows:

Financial assets and liabilities on Level 3	Balance at 1 January 2015	Total gains or losses in		Settle- ments	Balance at 30 June 2015
		Profit or loss	Other comprehensive income		
Financial assets					
Derivative instruments					
Commodity swap agreements	2	10	0	-1	11
<b>Total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-1</b>	<b>11</b>
Financial liabilities					
Other liabilities					
Written put options on non-controlling interests	-127	-1	51	3	-74
Earn-out agreements	-10	0	0	0	-10
<b>Total</b>	<b>-137</b>	<b>-1</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>-84</b>

Financial assets and liabilities on Level 3	Balance at 1 January 2014	Total gains or losses in		Settle- ments	Balance at 30 June 2014
		Profit or loss	Other comprehensive income		
Financial assets					
Derivative instruments					
Commodity swap agreements	26	4	0	-17	13
Other derivative instruments	8	0	0	0	8
<b>Total</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-17</b>	<b>21</b>
Financial liabilities					
Other liabilities					
Written put options on non-controlling interests	-129	-1	0	0	-130
Earn-out agreements	-51	25	0	0	-26
<b>Total</b>	<b>-180</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-156</b>

For a description of the valuation techniques, inputs and process used in the fair value measurement of these financial instruments and a description of sensitivity analysis performed refer to Note 34 b) of the Consolidated Financial Statements. There is no material difference between the outcome of sensitivity analysis performed at 30 June 2015, and that disclosed in the year-end financial statements.

## 24. Related party transactions

The Group has entered into various transactions with related entities that have all been carried out in the normal course of business.

The Group participates in the UK in several funded trustee-administered pension plans. In some of these, BAE Systems is the principal employer. Discussions with BAE Systems on the future allocation of the deficit are ongoing.

A portion of the shares held in Dassault Aviation were disposed of during the first half-year 2015 (see Note 3 "Acquisitions and disposals").



## 25. Litigation and claims

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Airbus Group is involved from time to time in various legal and arbitration proceedings in the ordinary course of its business, the most significant of which are described below. Other than as described below, Airbus Group is not aware of any material governmental, legal or arbitration proceedings (including any such proceedings which are pending or threatened), during a period covering at least the previous twelve months which may have, or have had in the recent past significant effects on Airbus Group SE's or the Group's financial position or profitability.

If the Group concludes that the disclosures relative to contingent liabilities can be expected to prejudice seriously its position in a dispute with other parties, the Group limits its disclosures to the nature of the dispute.

### WTO

Although Airbus Group is not a party, Airbus Group is supporting the European Commission in litigation before the WTO. Following its unilateral withdrawal from the 1992 EU-US Agreement on Trade in Large Civil Aircraft, the US lodged a request on 6 October 2004 to initiate proceedings before the WTO. On the same day, the EU launched a parallel WTO case against the US in relation to its subsidies to Boeing. On 19 December 2014, the European Union requested WTO consultations on the extension until the end of 2040 of subsidies originally granted by the State of Washington to Boeing and other US aerospace firms until 2024.

On 1 June 2011, the WTO adopted the Appellate Body's final report in the case brought by the US assessing funding to Airbus from European governments. On 1 December 2011, the EU informed the WTO that it had taken appropriate steps to bring its measures fully into conformity with its WTO obligations, and to comply with the WTO's recommendations and rulings. Because the US did not agree, the matter is now under WTO panel review pursuant to WTO rules.

On 23 March 2012, the WTO adopted the Appellate Body's final report in the case brought by the EU assessing funding to Boeing from the US. On 23 September 2012, the US informed the WTO that it had taken appropriate steps to bring its measures fully into conformity with its WTO obligations, and to comply with the WTO's recommendations and rulings. Because the EU did not agree, the matter is now under WTO panel review pursuant to WTO rules.

Exact timing of further steps in the WTO litigation process is subject to further rulings and to negotiations between the US and the EU. Unless a settlement, which is currently not under discussion, is reached between the parties, the litigation is expected to continue for several years.

### Securities litigation

Following the dismissal of charges brought by the French *Autorité des marchés financiers* (AMF) for alleged breaches of market regulations and insider trading rules with respect primarily to the A380 delays announced in 2006, a French investigating judge decided in November 2013 to send the case to trial (*renvoi devant le tribunal correctionnel*) against 7 current and former executives that exercised their stock options in March 2006 as well as two former shareholders. On 3 October 2014 the criminal court suspended the case on the merits and decided to request a preliminary ruling (*question prioritaire de constitutionnalité*) from the French Supreme Court on the constitutionality of the French dual prosecution system (AMF and judicial proceedings). On 18 March 2015, the *Conseil Constitutionnel* declared relevant provisions of the French Financial and Monetary Code unconstitutional and ruled that the constitutional rights of the defendants had been violated by being charged with the criminal offense of insider trading after the same defendants had already been cleared by a final decision of the Sanctions Committee of the AMF in 2009 involving the same facts. The Paris criminal court issued a judgment on 18 May 2015 dismissing the charges against all defendants, thereby bringing an end to all securities litigation.

## **GPT**

Prompted by a whistleblower's allegations, Airbus Group conducted internal audits and retained PricewaterhouseCoopers ("PwC") to conduct an independent review relating to GPT Special Project Management Ltd. ("GPT"), a subsidiary that Airbus Group acquired in 2007. The allegations called into question a service contract entered into by GPT prior to its acquisition by Airbus Group, relating to activities conducted by GPT in Saudi Arabia. PwC's report was provided by Airbus Group to the UK Serious Fraud Office (the "SFO") in March 2012. In the period under review and based on the work it undertook, nothing came to PwC's attention to suggest that improper payments were made by GPT. In August 2012, the SFO announced that it had opened a formal criminal investigation into the matter. Airbus Group is cooperating fully with the authorities.

## **Eurofighter Austria**

In March 2012, the German public prosecutor, following a request for assistance by the Austrian public prosecutor, launched a criminal investigation into alleged bribery, tax evasion and breach of trust by current and former employees of EADS Deutschland GmbH (renamed on 1 July 2014 Airbus Defence and Space GmbH) and Eurofighter Jagdflugzeug GmbH as well as by third parties relating to the sale of Eurofighter aircraft to Austria in 2003. After having been informed on the investigation in 2012, Airbus Group retained law firm Clifford Chance to conduct a fact finding independent review. Upon concluding its review, Clifford Chance presented its fact finding report to Airbus Group in December 2013. Airbus Group provided the report to the public prosecutors in Germany. Airbus Group is cooperating fully with the authorities.

## **Other investigations**

Following the publication of investigations by the Romanian authorities relating to the border surveillance project in Romania in mid-October 2014 Airbus Group confirms that Airbus Defence and Space GmbH has been informed that also the German prosecution office investigates with respect to potential irregularities in relation to this project, a project in Saudi Arabia and a project of Tesat-Spacecom GmbH & Co. KG.

Public prosecutors in Greece and Germany launched investigations into a current employee and former officers and employees of Atlas Elektronik GmbH, a joint company of ThyssenKrupp and Airbus Group, on suspicion of bribing foreign officials and tax evasion. The public prosecutor in Germany has launched an administrative proceeding for alleged organisational and supervisory shortfalls. The authorities in Greece have launched civil claims against Atlas Elektronik GmbH. With the support of its shareholders, the company is cooperating fully with the authorities and in consultation with the public prosecutor is assisting the further clarification of the matter through its own internal investigation.

## **Commercial disputes**

In May 2013, the Group has been notified of a commercial dispute following the decision taken by the Group to cease a partnership for sales support activities in some local markets abroad. The Group believes it has solid grounds to legally object to the alleged breach of a commercial agreement. However, the consequences of this dispute and the outcome of the proceedings cannot be fully assessed at this stage. The arbitration is not expected to be completed before the end of 2016.

In the course of another commercial dispute, the Group received a statement of claim alleging liability for refunding part of the purchase price of a large contract which the customer claims it was not obliged to pay. The Group believes that this claim, which goes back many years, should be dismissed in principle. The dispute is currently the subject of arbitration.

In July 2013, the Group became the subject of a commercial dispute following the expiry of a partnership study for winglet devices with a US supplier. The Group believes it has solid grounds to legally object to the alleged breach of a commercial non-disclosure agreement. However, the outcome and consequences of this dispute cannot be assessed at this stage.

## **26. Number of employees**

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The number of employees as at 30 June 2015 is 137,217 as compared to 138,622 as at 31 December 2014.

## **27. Subsequent events**

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### **Bond issuance**

On 26 June 2015, the Group placed a 500 M € issue of convertible bonds due 2022, settlement of which occurred on 1 July 2015. The bonds bear a coupon of 0% and were issued at 102% of par. Their effective interest rate, after separation of the equity conversion option, is 1.386%.

## **REVIEW REPORT**

To: the Board of Directors of Airbus Group SE

### ***Introduction***

We have reviewed the accompanying condensed consolidated interim financial information as at June 30, 2015 of Airbus Group SE, Amsterdam, which comprises the condensed consolidated statement of financial position as at June 30, 2015, the condensed consolidated statements of income, comprehensive income, changes in equity, and cash flows for the period of six months ended June 30, 2015, and the notes. The Board of Directors of the Company is responsible for the preparation and presentation of this condensed consolidated interim financial information in accordance with IAS 34 'Interim Financial Reporting' as adopted by the European Union. Our responsibility is to express a conclusion on this interim financial information based on our review.

### ***Scope***

We conducted our review in accordance with Dutch law including standard 2410, 'Review of Interim Financial Information Performed by the Independent Auditor of the Entity'. A review of interim financial information consists of making inquiries, primarily of persons responsible for financial and accounting matters, and applying analytical and other review procedures. A review is substantially less in scope than an audit conducted in accordance with auditing standards and consequently does not enable us to obtain assurance that we would become aware of all significant matters that might be identified in an audit. Accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion.

### ***Conclusion***

Based on our review, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the accompanying condensed consolidated interim financial information as at June 30, 2015 is not prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with IAS 34 'Interim Financial Reporting' as adopted by the European Union.

Amstelveen, July 30, 2015

KPMG Accountants N.V.