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## Notification to the Stock Exchange

### 3rd quarter 2001

On Friday 9 November 2001, the Board of Topsisil Semiconductor Materials A/S approved the unaudited accounts for the first nine months of 2001.

#### **Main points:**

- Net sales for the first nine months of 2001 have increased by 70% compared to the same period year 2000.
- The results were a profit of DKK 63,000 against a loss of DKK 28.954 m. for the same period last year.
- The world market for the core business FZ-silicon is now affected by the economic recession, as was the case with CZ silicon.
- The results for the whole year are still expected to be a loss of approx. DKK 5 m.
- Topsisil has received an order from an American solar cell manufacturer amounting to DKK 1.5 m. In the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter negotiations have been initiated with a leading European solar cell manufacturer.
- Topsisil is in the closing phase regarding negotiations on an EU project on manufacture of silicon for solar cells, with possibilities of receiving subsidies of DKK 3-4 m.
- The board of directors of Topsisil has decided to make public the holdings of Topsisil shares, convertible bonds og warrants held by the board and executive.

The main figures are given below:

DKK 1,000	2001	2000
	<u>Jan.-Sept.</u>	<u>Jan.-Sept.</u>
Net sales	133,608	78,390
Profit/loss on primary operations	5,540	-11,549
Profit/loss on ordinary operations	63	-16,273
Profit/loss for the period	63	-28,954
Equity capital at the end of period	29,185	31,708
Total assets	147,255	156,180
Average number of full-time employees	86	131
Depreciation on fixed assets	5,527	8,171

### Key figures

Yield per share	0	0
Net asset value/DKK per share	0.50	0.56
Share price at the end of period	2.00	4.49
Net asset value of share	4.00	8,02
Return of shareholders' funds after tax (%)	0.2	-75.2
Solvency margin (%)	19.8	20.3

### Composition of equity capital:

DKK 1,000	
Equity capital 1 <sup>st</sup> Jan. 2001	28,233
Profit/loss first 9 months of 2001	63
Capitalisation	889
Equity capital 30 <sup>th</sup> Sept. 2001	29,185

### Comments on the interim results for the first 9 months of 2001

There has been a marked increase in net sales compared to the period Jan.–Sept. 2000, but sales are lower than expected due to the general recession in the silicon business. Compared to year 2000 the silicon market has been reduced considerably. This applies to Topsil's core market FZ silicon, as well as to CZ silicon which Topsil began marketing as agency products in the beginning of 2001.

Topsil has increased sales and gained market shares, and thereby strengthened its position.



The market development implies that the positive results of the period are lower than expected after the financial and administrative reconstruction implemented in the second half of 2000.

Topsil has received an order from a leading US solar cell manufacturer amounting to DKK 1.5 m. Tests of silicon for solar cells have been carried out in cooperation with a major European solar cell manufacturer. Development and maturing of silicon products for solar cell applications proceed positively. During the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter trial consignments have been supplied to leading manufacturers of solar cells.

As a member of a consortium, Topsil has applied for EU funding of research and development of material for solar cells. The consortium is in the closing phase regarding negotiations, which are expected to give a positive result. For Topsil the project may result in subsidies of DKK 3-4 m. during the next 3 years.

### **Expectations**

As earlier mentioned the company expects a loss for the current year of approx. DKK 5 m. This estimate is based on the present backlog.

According to the latest prognoses from the industrial organisation SEMI the current recession is expected to turn within 3–6 months. The total market is expected to increase in 2002 compared to 2001. Despite the uncertain market situation increasing sales and positive results are expected for year 2002 as a whole.

### **Publication**

In order to increase the information level of the company, the board of directors has decided to make public the holdings of shares, convertible bonds and warrants held by the board of directors and executive. In the future the holdings will be reported in connection with the interim results. The holdings are as follows:

Christian Buhl	11,500 shares at a nominal value of DKK 1.00 25,000 convertible bonds at a nominal value of DKK 1.00 25,000 warrants at a nominal value of DKK 1.00
Erik Hansen	Erik Hansen has stated that Hansen & Meyer ApS, in which Erik Hansen has a controlling interest, owns 150,000 shares at a nominal value of DKK 1.00
Jon Wulff Petersen	37,200 convertible bonds at a nominal value of DKK 1.00 37,200 warrants at a nominal value of DKK 1.00
David Packness Meyer	12,190 shares at a nominal value of DKK 1.00 13,000 convertible bonds at a nominal value of DKK 1.00 13,000 warrants at a nominal value of DKK 1.00

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