

BOARD OF DIRECTORS APPROVES THE CONSOLIDATED INTERIM REPORT AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2019

Nine months results:

- Revenues at 461.4 million; -1.0% decline year-on-year
- Gross operating margin at 223.5 million; 48.4% on revenues substantially in line with the previous year
- EBITDA at 73.3 million; EBITDA margin at 15.9%
- Net profit at 39.7 million, 8.6% as a percentage of revenues
- Net debt at 19.5 million

Bologna, 13 November 2019 - The Board of Directors of Datalogic S.p.A. (Borsa Italiana S.p.A.: DAL), a company listed in the STAR Segment of the Italian Stock Exchange organised and managed by Borsa Italiana S.p.A. ("Datalogic") and global leader in the automatic data capture and process automation markets, has approved today its Consolidated Interim Report at 30 September 2019.

During the first nine months of 2019, revenues come to 461.4 million, showing a slight decline of 1.0% on the same period of 2018. EBITDA decreases by 5.5% to 73.3 million, taking the EBITDA margin to 15.9% (16.6% as at 30 September 2018). Net profit comes to 39.7 million (43.6 million in the same period of 2018), with an incidence on revenues that goes from 9.3% to 8.6%.

Chief Executive Officer of the Datalogic Group Valentina Volta commented: "Nine months results are in line with expectations despite the uncertainties of the economic environment. The robust growth of revenues in the American markets has partially offset the European and Asiatic turnover downturn, affected by the difficulties recorded in the reference end-markets, in particular consumer electronics in China and the automotive segment. The contribution of new products to the overall turnover, reaching almost 22% (vitality index) in the quarter, proves the effectiveness of the innovation strategy carried on by the Group. Prospectively, we expect to close 2019 in line with the turnover and margins trend recorded during the first nine months, save for any possible deferral of investment decisions by customers."

Euro/000	Nine months ended at		30.09.2018	% of revenues	Change	Change in %	Change in % at constant exchange rates
	30.09.2019	% of revenues					
Revenues	461,372	100.0%	466,088	100.0%	(4,716)	-1.0%	-3.8%
EBITDA	73,300	15.9%	77,545	16.6%	(4,245)	-5.5%	-3.9%
EBIT	52,017	11.3%	61,076	13.1%	(9,059)	-14.8%	-12.1%
Net profit/(loss)	39,678	8.6%	43,578	9.3%	(3,900)	-8.9%	-5.1%
Net financial position (NFP)	(19,483)		10,859		(30,342)		

Consolidated revenues were 461.4 million, down by 1.0% from 466.1 million in the first nine months of 2018 (-3.8% at constant exchange rates).

Gross operating margin stood at 223.5 million, down by 1.4% from 226.7 million in the same period of the previous year. It remained essentially unchanged as a percentage of turnover in the first nine months of 2019, going from 48.6% in 2018 to 48.4% in 2019. Net of the exchange effect, the gross operating margin improves by 0.6 percentage points to 49.2%.

Operating and other costs of 166.3 million were up by 3.7% on the 160.3 million in the same period of 2018 and increased by 1.7% as a percentage of turnover, from 34.4% to 36.1%. Distribution costs increased by 8.6% to 89.0 million, equivalent to 19.3% of turnover, compared with the 17.6% of the same period of 2018, attributable to the investments made to strengthen the commercial organisations. Research and development expenses at 47.5 million (46.9 million in the first nine months of 2018) with an incidence on turnover of 10.3% vs 10.1% recorded in the same period of last year.

EBITDA decreased by 5.5%, going from 77.5 million in the first nine months of 2018 to 73.3 million, whilst EBITDA margin at 15.9%, 16.6% at constant exchange rates in line with the same period of last year. At constant exchange rates, EBITDA dropped by 3.9% on the first nine months of 2018, reflecting the increase in commercial and research and development investments, partially offset by the effect of the adoption of the new accounting standard IFRS-16 Leases, which resulted in the recognition of higher depreciation of 3.4 million and lower lease expenses of 3.5 million.

EBIT decreased by 14.8% to 52.0 million from 61.1 million, with an incidence on turnover at 11.3% from 13.1% recorded in the first nine months of 2018. Net of the unfavourable foreign exchange effect, EBIT decreased by 12.1%.

Net financial expenses amounted to 0.6 million recording a positive change of 4.4 million on the net expenses of 5.0 million in the same period of 2018, mainly thanks to the favourable performance of foreign exchange differences, which amounted to a gain of 0.8 million (compared with a loss of 3.2 million as at 30 September 2018) and to the rationalisation of treasury footprint.

Net profit amounted to 39.7 million, equal to 8.6% of revenues, down by 8.9% (5.1% net of the exchange effect) in respect with the first nine months of 2018.

As of 30 September 2019, the Net Financial Position was negative for 19.5 million, with a decrease of respectively 30.3 million on 30 September 2018 (positive for 10.9 million) and 43.3 million on 31 December 2018 (positive for 23.8 million). Net of the application of the new accounting standard IFRS 16, which determined the recognition of right-of-use assets for 9.9 million and financial liabilities for 10.0 million, the net financial position decrease would have been 20.3 million on 30 September 2018 and 33.3 million on 31 December 2018. The change as compared with 30 September 2018 is mainly due to the higher investments for approximately 7.1 million and to working capital trend.

As of 30 September 2019, Net Trade Working Capital was 103.8 million (16.6% of revenues), up by 34.7 million on 31 December 2018. The change is mainly due to the increase in inventories, linked to seasonality, and to the reorganisation of the logistics hub in EMEA, which entailed a greater level of procurement in the cross-over phase, as well as a reduction in trade payables.

PERFORMANCE BY GEOGRAPHIC AREA

The table below shows Group revenue by geographic area, as achieved in the first nine months of 2019 versus the same period of 2018:

Euro/000	Nine months ended at				Change	%	Change in % at constant exchange rates
	30.09.2019	%	30.09.2018 **	%			
<i>Italy</i>	37,945	8.2%	40,128	8.6%	(2,183)	-5.4%	-6.0%
<i>EMEA (excluding Italy)</i>	195,465	42.4%	200,226	43.0%	(4,761)	-2.4%	-3.0%
Total EMEA (*)	233,410	50.6%	240,354	51.6%	(6,944)	-2.9%	-3.5%
<i>North America</i>	164,703	35.7%	153,202	32.9%	11,501	7.5%	1.2%
<i>Latin America</i>	10,837	2.3%	10,530	2.3%	307	2.9%	-0.3%
<i>APAC (*)</i>	52,422	11.4%	62,002	13.3%	(9,580)	-15.5%	-17.7%
Total revenues	461,372	100.0%	466,088	100.0%	(4,716)	-1.0%	-3.8%

(*) EMEA: Europe, Middle East, India and Africa; APAC: Asia & Pacific including China

(**) The 2018 comparative data has been consistently restated to reflect the new allocations of revenues.

During the first nine months of 2019 total revenues increased by 7.5% in North America, also thanks to the favourable trend in exchange rates, while decreased by 15.5% in APAC and by 2.9% in EMEA.

PERFORMANCE BY DIVISION

Euro/000	Revenues			EBITDA		
	Nine months ended at			Nine months ended at		
	30.09.2019	30.09.2018	Change in %	30.09.2019	30.09.2018	Change in %
Datalogic	428,563	431,082	-0.6%	70,414	73,528	-4.2%
Solution Net Systems	21,741	22,423	-3.0%	2,190	3,618	-39.5%
Informatics	13,682	14,601	-6.3%	688	464	48.3%
Adjustments	(2,614)	(2,018)		8	(65)	
Total	461,372	466,088	-1.0%	73,300	77,545	-5.5%

DATALOGIC DIVISION

In the first nine months of the year the Datalogic division reported a turnover of 428.6 million, essentially unchanged with respect to the same period of 2018 (-0.6%), with a positive performance in the Americas, partially offsetting the decline in EMEA and APAC.

Divisional EBITDA amounted to 70.4 million, down by 4.2% on the same period of 2018, with an incidence of 16.4% on turnover (17.1% at 30 September 2018). At constant exchange rates the EBITDA margin is in line with last year (17.2%).

Euro/000	Nine months ended at						
	30.09.2019	%	30.09.2018 (*)	%	Change	%	Change in % at constant exchange rates
	Retail	196,697	45.9%	203,243	47.1%	(6,546)	-3.2%
Manufacturing	118,116	27.6%	125,270	29.1%	(7,154)	-5.7%	-7.2%
Transportation & Logistic	58,290	13.6%	49,567	11.5%	8,723	17.6%	14.2%
Healthcare	15,000	3.5%	13,569	3.1%	1,431	10.6%	7.1%
Channel (Unallocated) (**)	40,460	9.4%	39,433	9.1%	1,027	2.6%	1.0%
Total revenues	428,563	100%	431,082	100.0%	(2,519)	-0.6%	-3.1%

(*) The comparative data for 2018 has been consistently restated as a result of the reallocation of revenues to the various operating segments.

(**) The Channel (Unallocated) segment includes revenues that cannot be directly attributed to the 4 identified segments.

RETAIL

The Retail segment decreases by 3.2% on last year, with a slowdown in EMEA due to the significant roll-outs of the previous two years. Latin America and APAC reported a growth trend, whilst the postponement of certain projects caused a slight downturn in North America.

MANUFACTURING

The Manufacturing segment decreased by 5.7% on the previous year. The slowdown in the automotive market in EMEA and in consumer electronics in China was partially offset by the double-digit growth enjoyed on the North American market.

TRANSPORTATION & LOGISTICS

The Transportation & Logistics segment recorded strong growth of 17.6% on the same period of 2018, driven by a very positive performance in North America and EMEA.

HEALTHCARE

The Healthcare segment recorded 10.6% growth on the first nine months of 2018, driven by sales in North America and EMEA.

Distribution channel's revenues mainly towards small and medium-sized customers in the USA posted a positive performance.

SOLUTION NET SYSTEMS DIVISION

The Solution Net Systems Division recorded revenues for 21.7 million in the first nine months, down by 3.0% on the same period of 2018, mainly due to the seasonality of some projects. Divisional EBITDA was 2.2 million, with an EBITDA margin of 10.1%, compared with 16.1% in the same period of 2018.

INFORMATICS DIVISION

In the first nine months, the Informatics Division recorded revenues for 13.7 million, down by 6.3% on the first nine months of 2018. Divisional EBITDA was positive for 0.7 million (positive for 0.5 million in the same period of 2018).

QUARTERLY PERFORMANCE

Euro/000	Q3 2019	% of Revenues	Q3 2018	% of revenues	Change	Change in %	Change in % at constant exchange rates
Revenues	156,825	100.0%	159,094	100.0%	(2,269)	-1.4%	-3.7%
EBITDA	25,622	16.3%	26,707	16.8%	(1,085)	-4.1%	-3.9%
EBIT	18,095	11.5%	20,798	13.1%	(2,703)	-13.0%	-12.3%
Net profit/(loss)	14,427	9.2%	14,615	9.2%	(188)	-1.3%	-0.2%

In the third quarter of 2019, revenues decreased by 1.4% to 156.8 million and EBITDA declined by 4.1% to 25.6 million, reducing the EBITDA margin to 16.3%, compared to 16.8% of the same period of 2018. At constant exchange rates, the EBITDA margin was in line with last year.

Within Datalogic Division, T&L segment posted a 24.6% year-on-year growth (+21.8% at constant exchange rate) as well as Healthcare recorded a 4.7% year-on-year growth (+1.7% at constant exchange rate). Manufacturing recorded its first positive quarter (+1.0% year-on-year, -0.3% at constant exchange rate), despite the continuous negative trend of the reference end-markets. Retail slightly decreased by 2.3% year-on-year (-4.9% at constant exchange rate) due to an unfavorable comparison with the third quarter of 2018, positively affected by relevant roll-outs.

The quarter net profit was 14.4 million, with an incidence on turnover of 9.2% in line with the third quarter of 2018.

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS DURING THE PERIOD

On 1 July 2019 Datalogic S.p.A. appointed Laura Bernardelli as Group Chief Financial Officer.

SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

On 1 October 2019, in implementation of the shareholders' meeting resolution to authorise the purchase and sale of treasury shares, passed on 30 April 2019, Datalogic S.p.A. stipulated an agreement with an intermediary of primary standing, for the buy-back of treasury shares on the market.

OUTLOOK

The positive performance of the Group's business in North America and growth in the turnover of new products confirm that the Group's strategy is solid. The particularly difficult economic situation in China and the slowdown to the main segments in which the Group operates in Europe, are expected to continue also in the fourth quarter. Despite the uncertainty of the economic environment, the Group will continue to execute its new product development strategy, while keeping costs under control.

In current market conditions, the Group expects to close the year substantially in line with the first nine months, save for any deferral of investment decisions by customers, which may impact the forecasted performance.

Finally, the Datalogic S.p.A. interim report on operations at 30 September 2019 is not subject to auditing, and is available in accordance with the law, at the company headquarters at Borsa Italiana S.p.A. (www.borsaitaliana.it), on the "eMarket STORAGE" instrument authorised by Consob and managed by Spafid Connect S.p.A., and may also be consulted on the company's website www.datalogic.com (Investor Relations section).

The manager responsible for preparing the company's financial reports – Laura Bernardelli – declares, pursuant to paragraph 2 of Art. 154-bis of the Consolidated Finance Act, that the accounting information contained in this press release corresponds to the document results, books and accounting records.

This press release contains forward-looking statements about the Group's intentions, beliefs and current expectations with regard to its financial results and other aspects of the Group's operations and strategies. Readers of the present press release should not place undue reliance on such forward-looking statements, as final results may differ significantly from those contained in the above-mentioned forecasts owing to a number of factors, the majority of which are beyond the Group's control.

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RECLASSIFIED INCOME STATEMENT AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2019 ⁽¹⁾

	Nine months ended					
	30.09.2019		30.09.2018		Var.	% Var.
Total Revenues	461,372	100.0%	466,088	100.0%	(4,716)	-1.0%
Cost of goods sold	(237,850)	-51.6%	(239,373)	-51.4%	1,523	-0.6%
Gross Operating Margin	223,522	48.4%	226,715	48.6%	(3,193)	-1.4%
Research and Development expenses	(47,509)	-10.3%	(46,948)	-10.1%	(561)	1.2%
Distribution expenses	(88,960)	-19.3%	(81,920)	-17.6%	(7,040)	8.6%
General and Administrative expenses	(32,845)	-7.1%	(32,527)	-7.0%	(318)	1.0%
Other operating incomes /(expenses)	2,980	0.6%	1,055	0.2%	1,925	182.5%
Total operating expenses and others	(166,334)	-36.1%	(160,340)	-34.4%	(5,994)	3.7%
Non-recurring costs/revenues	(1,540)	-0.3%	(1,883)	-0.4%	343	-18.2%
Amort. intangible assets from acquisition	(3,631)	-0.8%	(3,416)	-0.7%	(215)	6.3%
Operating Profit (EBIT)	52,017	11.3%	61,076	13.1%	(9,059)	-14.8%
Financial incomes/(expenses)	(1,474)	-0.3%	(1,802)	-0.4%	328	-18.2%
Foreign exchange (losses)/gains	840	0.2%	(3,209)	-0.7%	4,049	n.a.
Profit/(Loss) before taxes (EBT)	51,383	11.1%	56,065	12.0%	(4,682)	-8.4%
(Taxes)	(11,705)	-2.5%	(12,487)	-2.7%	782	-6.3%
Net Income/(Loss)	39,678	8.6%	43,578	9.3%	(3,900)	-8.9%
Non-recurring costs/revenues	(1,540)	-0.3%	(1,883)	-0.4%	343	-18.2%
Depreciation	(12,246)	-2.7%	(7,725)	-1.7%	(4,521)	58.5%
Amortization	(7,497)	-1.6%	(6,861)	-1.5%	(636)	9.3%
EBITDA	73,300	15.9%	77,545	16.6%	(4,245)	-5.5%

(1) EBITDA (Earnings Before Interest, Taxes, Depreciation and Amortization): this is an economic indicator that is not defined in the IFRSs, but used by the company's management to monitor and assess its operating performance, as this indicator is not influenced by the volatility deriving from the effects of the different criteria for determining taxable income, the amount and characteristics of capital employed, as well as the related amortisation and depreciation policies. This indicator is defined by Datalogic as Profit/Loss for the period before depreciation/amortisation of tangible and intangible assets, non-recurring costs, financial income and expense and income taxes.

RECLASSIFIED BALANCE SHEET AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2019⁽²⁾

	30.09.2019	31.12.2018	Var.	% Var.
Intangible fixed assets	46,372	44,506	1,866	4.2%
Goodwill	191,658	181,149	10,509	5.8%
Tangible fixed assets	96,077	77,995	18,082	23.2%
Financial Assets and Investments in Associates	8,919	9,397	(478)	-5.1%
Other fixed assets	55,348	56,665	(1,317)	-2.3%
Total Fixed Assets	398,374	369,712	28,662	7.8%
Trade receivables	86,437	90,439	(4,002)	-4.4%
Trade payables	(96,228)	(117,139)	20,911	-17.9%
Inventories	113,585	95,826	17,759	18.5%
Net Trade Working Capital	103,794	69,126	34,668	50.2%
Other current assets	59,809	41,855	17,954	42.9%
Other current liabilities and current provisions for risks	(102,595)	(78,037)	(24,558)	31.5%
Net Working Capital	61,008	32,944	28,064	85.2%
Other non-current liabilities	(24,101)	(37,829)	13,728	-36.3%
Post-employment benefits	(6,584)	(6,541)	(43)	0.7%
Non-current provisions for risk	(4,914)	(6,320)	1,406	-22.2%
Net Invested Capital	423,783	351,966	71,817	20.4%
Shareholders' Equity	(404,300)	(375,809)	(28,491)	7.6%
Net Financial Position (NFP)	(19,483)	23,843	(43,326)	-181.7%

(2) The reclassified balance sheet and financial analysis shows aggregations used by management to assess the Group's financial performance. These measures are generally adopted in the practice of financial communication, they are immediately referable to the accounting data of the primary financial statements, however they are not identified as accounting measures under the IFRS.

NET FINANCIAL POSITION AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2019⁽³⁾

	30.09.2019	31.12.2018	30.09.2018
A. Cash and bank deposits	132,642	181,418	194,102
B. Other cash equivalents	13	12	12
<i>b1. Restricted cash</i>	13	12	12
C. Securities held for trading	0	0	0
<i>c1. Short term</i>	0	0	0
<i>c2. Long term</i>	0	0	0
D. Cash and Cash equivalents (A) + (B) + (C)	132,654	181,430	194,114
E. Current financial receivables	41,117	50,896	51,396
<i>e1. Other current financial receivables</i>	41,117	50,896	51,396
F. Bank overdrafts	468	29	55
G. Current portion of non-current debt	48,911	47,314	47,736
H. Other current financial liabilities	4,624	3,733	5,779
<i>h1. Hedging instruments</i>	0	0	0
<i>h2. Leasing payables</i>	4,624	0	0
<i>h3. Current financial liabilities</i>	0	3,733	5,779
I. Current financial debt (F) + (G) + (H)	54,003	51,076	53,570
J. Current net financial debt / (Current net financial position) (I) - (E) - (D)	(119,768)	(181,250)	(191,940)
K. Non-current bank borrowing	133,833	157,407	181,081
L. Bond	0	0	0
M. Other non-current liabilities	5,418	0	0
<i>m1. Hedging instruments</i>	0	0	0
<i>m2. Leasing payables</i>	5,418	0	0
<i>m3. Non-current financial payables</i>	0	0	0
N. Non-current financial debt (K) + (L) + (M)	139,251	157,407	181,081
O. Net financial debt / (Net financial position) (J) + (N)	19,483	(23,843)	(10,859)

(3) The NFP (Net Financial Position) or Net Financial Debt (NFD): this indicator is calculated in accordance with Consob Communication No. 15519 of July 28, 2006, also including "Other financial assets" represented by temporary investments of liquidity and financial liabilities for emerging operating leases following the application of the new accounting standard IFRS 16.