

Press Release

Geniki Group:

Financial results for the 9 months period ended 30 September 2009

Amounts in EUR million

	1 July to 30 Sept 2008	1 July to 30 Sept 2009	% change	1 Jan to 30 Sept 2008	1 Jan to 30 Sept 2009	% change
Operating income	47,8	48,2	0,8%	146,0	146,7	0,5%
Operating expenses	-41,0	-39,1	-4,8%	-124,4	-118,4	-4,8%
Operating results before provisions	6,8	9,2	34,6%	21,6	28,3	31,1%
Provisions	-14,0	-23,8		-37,9	-77,6	
Result before income tax	-7,2	-14,6		-16,3	-49,3	
Net result – Geniki Bank	-18,4	-16,6		-27,9	-51,9	
Net result – Geniki Group	-19,5	-15,2		-29,8	-51,4	

	Dec 2008	Sep 2009	% change
Loans and advances to customers, net	4 109	4 002	-2,61%

Operating income for the third quarter of 2009 amounted to EUR 48.2m in comparison with EUR 47.8m in the same quarter of 2008.

The increase in operating income is approximately 0.8%. This increase is attributable to the positive evolution of net interest margin (+3.8% Q3 2009/ Q3 2008), while commissions have decreased by 13%.

Operating expenses before provisions amounted to EUR 39.1m for the third quarter of 2009 in comparison with EUR 41m in the same quarter of 2008. The 4.8% decrease is a result of the strict control that the Group is maintaining over its costs.

Operating results before provisions for the third quarter of 2009 amounted to EUR 9.2m. The substantial improvement in comparison with the same period of 2008 is attributable to the increase of the operating income and the reduction of the operating expenses.

Provisions for the third quarter of 2009 have been increased significantly, mainly from a deteriorating retail portfolio, consequence of the crisis environment. As a result of the above the **net Group result before taxes** for the third quarter of 2009 amounted to EUR -14.6m (loss) versus EUR -7.2m (loss) for 2008.

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Operating income for the 9 months period of 2009 amounted to EUR146.7m, a 0.5% increase over the same period of 2008. It is noted that operating income of the 2nd quarter of 2008 is including the one-off gain of property sale. On a like-for-like basis, the increase in operating income is +10%. This increase is attributable mainly to the evolution of net interest margin by 12% and the solidity of net commission income.

Operating expenses before provisions amounted to EUR 118.4m for the 9 months period of 2009. The 4.8% decrease in comparison with the same period of 2008 is a result of the strict control that the Group is maintaining over its costs.

Operating results before provisions for the 9 months period of 2009 amounted to EUR 28.3m. The substantial improvement over the same period of 2008 (+31%) is attributable to the improvement in the operating income and the reduction of the operating expenses.

Provisions for the 9 months period of 2009 have been increased significantly reaching EUR 77.6m.

As a result of the above the **net Group result before taxes** for the 9 months period of 2009 amounted to EUR -49.3m (loss) versus EUR -16.3m (loss) for 2008.

As at 30 September 2009, **total loans and advances (net)** amounted to EUR 4.0 billions showing a decrease of 2.61% compared to December 2008.