

# OPAP S.A. Interim Consolidated Financial Results for the Nine Month Period ended September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2010

# **OPAP Reports Strong Q3 2010 Results**

- Records Increased EBITDA and Continues Success in Cost Management -

**ATHENS, Greece – November 22, 2010 – OPAP S.A. (OPAr.AT),** the leading gaming operator in Greece, announces its consolidated financial results for the nine month period ended September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2010, prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS).

- Revenues down 2.4% to €3,878.7 m (9M 2009: €3,973.9 m)
- EBITDA up 0.4% to €695.9m (9M 2009: €693.2m)
- Adjusted Net Profit (excluding extraordinary tax charge) up 1.1% to €506.9 m (9M 2009: €501.7 m)
- Net Profit down 17.7% to €413.1 m (9M 2009: €501.7 m)
- Adjusted Earnings per share €1.59 (excluding extraordinary tax charge) up 1.1% (9M 2009: €1.57)
- Earnings per share down 17.7% to €1.30 (9M 2009: €1.57)
- Net Interim Dividend of €0.46 per share (as stated on page 4)

Commenting on the 9M10 financial results, OPAP's Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Ioannis Spanoudakis, noted: "Despite the challenging economic environment we continue to report strong returns and provide value to shareholders. We will continue to grow market penetration for key games and aggressively manage our costs. I am confident that we are well positioned to take advantage of the impending regulation of Greece's gaming market due to the strength of our brand and market expertise. We remain committed to delivering continued innovation and compelling content for consumers."

#### 1. OVERVIEW

(€ 'm)	Q3 2010	Q3 2009	% ∆	9M 2010	9M 2009	% ⊿
Revenues	1,134.6	1,209.8	(6.2)	3,878.7	3,973.9	(2.4)
EBITDA	220.3	186.6	18.1	695.9	693.2	0.4
EBITDA margin	19.4%	15.4%		17.9%	17.4%	
Adjusted Net profit	161.2	130.5	23.6	506.9	501.7	1.1
Net profit	161.2	130.5	23.6	413.1	501.7	(17.7)

OPAP's revenues for the 9M 2010 decreased by 2.4% to  $\leq$ 3,878.7m compared to  $\leq$ 3,973.9m in the corresponding period in 2009. In Q3 2010, revenues reached  $\leq$ 1,134.6m, down 6.2% from the previous period.

EBITDA increased by 0.4% to €695.9m for the 9M 2010 period, compared to €693.2m for the corresponding period in 2009. In Q3 2010, EBITDA was up by 18.1% to €220.3m compared to €186.6m in the corresponding period of 2009. This was predominantly due to decreased distribution costs and a lower Stihima pay-out ratio in Q3 of 2010 (64.9% compared to 74.2% in Q3 2009).

Adjusted Net Profit for the 9M 2010 period (excluding extraordinary tax charge) increased by 1.1% to €506.9m from €501.7m in the corresponding period in 2009, due to decreased distribution costs and lower Stihima pay-out ratio in Q3 2010.

Net Profit for the 9M 2010 period decreased by 17.7% to €413.1m from €501.7m in the corresponding period in 2009. Net Profit in Q3 2010 was up 23.6% to €161.2m from €130.5m for the corresponding period in 2009.



# 2. FINANCIAL REVIEW

Revenue per game for Q3	and 9M 2010 a	nd 2009				
(€ '000)	Q3 2010	Q3 2009	Δ%	9M 2010	9M 2009	Δ%
	434,501	462,195	(6.0)	1,557,907	1,460,246	6.7
PROPO	5,099	7,588	(32.8)	21,689	33,692	(35.6)
PROPO-GOAL	123	178	(30.7)	508	836	(39.2)
TOTAL SPORTS BETTING	439,723	469,961	(6.4)	1,580,104	1,494,774	5.7
	38.8	38.8		40.7	37.6	
KINO	602,911	629,297	(4.2)	1,929,816	2,111,519	(8.6)
JOKER	55,385	68,607	(19.3)	245,515	237,648	3.3
Super 3	10,042	12,239	(18.0)	32,336	38,447	(15.9)
	15,133	17,104	(11.5)	51,230	49,067	4.4
PROTO	8,762	9,593	(8.7)	31,311	33,119	(5.5)
	2,668	2,964	(10.0)	8,350	9,318	(10.4)
TOTAL NUMERICAL GAMES	694,901	739,804	(6.1)	2,298,558	2,479,118	(7.3)
	61.2	61.2		59.3	62.4	
TOTAL REVENUES	1,134,624	1,209,765	(6.2)	3,878,662	3,973,892	(2.4)

Total Sports Betting revenues increased by 5.7% to €1,580.1m in the 9M 2010, from €1,494.8m in the corresponding period of 2009. This was predominantly due to the additional sales resulting from the World Cup (June-July 2010). In Q3 2010, total Sports Betting revenues decreased by 6.4% to €439.7m, compared to €470.0m in the corresponding period in 2009.

Revenues from Numerical Games in the 9M 2010 period decreased by 7.3%, to €2,298.6m from €2,479.1m in the corresponding period in 2009, which was a resilient performance despite the prevailing economic conditions. In Q3 2010 revenues from Numerical Games decreased by 6.1% to €694.9m from €739.8m in the corresponding period in 2009.

Revenues from KINO in the 9M 2010 decreased by 8.6% to  $\leq$ 1,929.8m from  $\leq$ 2,111.5m in the corresponding period in 2009. In Q3 2010, revenues from KINO decreased by 4.2% compared to the corresponding period in 2009.

Cost of Sales for Q3 and 9M 2010 and 2009								
(€ '000)	Q3 2010	Q3 2009	∆%	9M 2010	9M 2009	Δ%		
Prize payouts to lottery and betting winners	744,060	830,288	(10.4)	2,628,323	2,680,424	(1.9)		
Agents' commissions	94,847	101,690	(6.7)	326,727	334,632	(2.4)		
Rest cost of sales	47,207	46,208	2.2	146,381	142,476	2.7		
Total cost of sales	886,114	978,186	(9.4)	3,101,431	3,157,532	(1.8)		
% of total revenues	78,1	80,9		80,0	79,5			

Payout to Numerical Games and Sports Betting winners in 9M 2010 decreased by 1.9% to €2,628.3m from €2,680.4m in the corresponding period in 2009. In particular, Stihima payout in 9M 2010 stood at 71.1% compared to 70.5% in the corresponding period in 2009. In Q3 2010 Stihima payout decreased to 64.9% compared to 74.2% in the same period in 2009. Agents' commissions decreased to €326.7m in 9M 2010, compared to €334.6m in the corresponding period in 2009.

Distribution costs for Q3 and 9M 2010 and 2009								
(€ '000)	Q3 2010	Q3 2009	Δ%	9M 2010	9M 2009	Δ%		
Advertisement	4,784	9,695	(50.7)	20,672	29,300	(29.5)		
Donations-Grants	11,034	14,168	(22.1)	13,468	25,334	(46.8)		
Sponsorship	14,023	15,939	(12.0)	49,802	57,535	(13.4)		
Subtotal	29,841	39,802	(25.0)	83,942	112,169	(25.2)		
Remaining distribution cost	1.964	2,635	(25,5)	5,583	6,334	(11,9)		
Total	31,805	42,437	(25.1)	89,525	118,503	(24.5)		

Distribution costs in 9M 2010 amounted to €89.5m, down from €118.5m in the respective period of last year. Distribution costs in Q3 2010 amounted to €31.8m compared to €42.4m in the corresponding period of 2009, which represents a decrease of 25.1%. This reflects management's ongoing and successful efforts to optimise the cost base throughout 2010.

Administrative costs for Q3 and 9M 2010 and 2009							
(€ '000)	Q3 2010	Q3 2009	∆%	9M 2010	9M 2009	△%	
Total	6,941	12,209	(43.2)	23,004	35,968	(36.0)	

Administrative expenses in 9M 2010 decreased by 36.0% to €23.0m from €36.0m in 9M 2009. In Q3 2010 administrative expenses decreased by 43.2% to €6.9m, compared to €12.2m in Q3 2009.

Cash Flows for Q3 and 9M of	Cash Flows for Q3 and 9M of 2010 and 2009								
(€'.000)	Q3 2010	Q3 2009	Δ%	9M 2010	9M 2009	Δ%			
Cash Flow from Operating Activities	107,448	(15,760)	N/A	378,717	448,751	(15.6)			
Cash Flow from Investing Activities	5,994	2,884	107.8	7,660	8,660	(11.5)			
Cash Flow from Financing Activities	(5,000)	(13,467)	(62.9)	(383,484)	(487,691)	(21.4)			

## **Cash Flow from Operating Activities**

Cash flow from operating activities in 9M 2010 decreased to €378.7m from €448.8m in the corresponding period in 2009. The decrease in cash flow in the 9M 2010 was mainly due to the extraordinary tax charge.

## **Cash Flow from Investing Activities**

Cash flow from investing activities in the 9M 2010 decreased to €7.7m from €8.7m in the corresponding period in 2009, reflecting interest income of €16.8m versus €21.7m in the corresponding period in 2009.

## **Cash Flow from Financing Activities**

Cash flow from financing activities amounted to an outflow of €383.5m versus €487.7m in the corresponding period in 2009, mainly reflecting the payment of a lower dividend for the fiscal year 2009.

## 3. MAIN DEVELOPMENTS

#### **Interim Dividend Payment**

On November 22, 2010, the Board of Directors of OPAP, in the context of the dividend policy followed in recent years, resolved upon the distribution to the shareholders of a net interim dividend for the fiscal year 2010, totalling €146,740,000 or €0.46 per share. The per dividend is the result of a 40% tax on distributable earnings. Entitled to the interim dividend the company's registered shareholders at the closing of Athens Exchange session on Friday, December 17, 2010 (record date). The ex-dividend date will take place on Wednesday, December 15, 2010. Dividend payment to the entitled shareholders commences on Thursday, December 23, 2010.

## Innovation

OPAP has established a new Commercial General Division, which will focus on upgrading the service provided to our and enhancing the brand experience across the agent network.

The Company is also investigating new ways to extend the brand into the online environment, in addition to exploring remote gaming initiatives and other new technologies. OPAP is committed to innovation, as evidenced through developments such as the implementation of new gaming features via the Horizon Network, which will make games more compelling to customers. The Company is developing OPAP TV, which will broadcast OPAP-specific content via satellite, internet and OPAP's agency network.

# **Domestic Sector Developments**

The public consultation process in relation to regulating the gaming market has recently concluded. The legislative specifics have yet to be finalised, but OPAP sees significant opportunity in the new parameters for gaming in Greece, which will include provisions for online gaming and video lottery terminals (VLTs). Online represents an opportunity to expand OPAP's customer base and the Company is investigating all options, including partner selection, key talent acquisition and market strategy.



# **Conference Call Invitation**

Nine Month 2010 RESULTS

Tuesday November 23rd, 2010 16:00 (Athens) / 14:00 (London) / 09:00 (New York)

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OPAP S.A. "Financial Status and Results" for the 9M 2010 along with the "Interim Financial Statements based on IFRS", will be available, on Monday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2010, on the company's website: www.opap.gr as well as the Athens Exchange website: www.ase.gr. On Tuesday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2010 the results will be published at "Ta Nea" and "Imerisia" daily newspapers.



## **ATTACHMENTS**

- 1. Condensed consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income for the nine-month period that ended on September 30th, 2010 and 2009
- 2. Condensed Statement of Comprehensive Income for the nine-month period that ended on September 30th, 2010 and 2009
- 3. Condensed Statement of Financial Position as of September 30th, 2010 and December 31st, 2009
- 4. Cash Flow Statement for the nine-month period that ended on September 30th, 2010 and 2009

 Condensed Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income nine-month period and third quarter 2010

	ot earnings per share)			
	201	0	20	09
	1.1-30.9.2010	1.7-30.9.2010	1.1-30.9.2009	1.7-30.9.2009
Revenues	3,878,662	1,134,624	3,973,892	1,209,76
Cost of sales	(3,101,431)	(886,114)	(3,157,532)	(978,186
Gross profit	777,231	248,510	816,360	231,579
Other operating income	3,599	643	1,218	237
Distribution costs	(89,525)	(31,805)	(118,503)	(42,437
Administrative expenses	(23,004)	(6,941)	(35,968)	(12,209)
Other operating expenses	(2,138)	(47)	(2,883)	(1,634
Operating result	666,163	210,360	660,224	175,536
Gain / (Loss) from associates	(600)	-	(170)	(115
Gain / (Loss) from sales of non-current assets	(18)	-	(12)	
Financial result	<u>15,553</u>	<u>5,774</u>	<u>19,010</u>	<u>2,553</u>
Profit before tax	681,098	216,134	679,052	177,974
Income tax	(172,123)	(57,891)	(169,735)	(48,072)
Extraordinary tax L. 3845/2010	(93,788)	-	-	
Deferred tax	(2,074)	<u>2,991</u>	(7,663)	<u>587</u>
Profit after tax	413,113	161,234	501,654	130,489
Parent company shareholders	413,113	161,234	501,654	130,489
Minority interest	-	-	-	
Other income				
Exchange differences from the conversion of business activities abroad	-	-	-	
Other income after tax	-	-	-	
Total income after tax	413,113	161,234	501,654	130,489
Parent company shareholders	413,113	161,234	501,654	130,489
Minority interest	-	-	-	
Basic earnings per share	1.2950	0.5054	1.5726	0.409

# 2. Condensed Statement of Comprehensive Income nine-month period and third quarter 2010 of OPAP S.A.

For the nine-month period that ended on September 30 <sup>th</sup> , 2010 and 2009 (Amounts in thousand euro except earnings per share)							
	20	10	20	09			
	1.1-30.9.2010	1.7-30.9.2010	1.1-30.9.2009	1.7-30.9.2009			
Revenues	3,729,634	1,091,708	3,813,947	1,160,053			
Cost of sales	(2,972,220)	(848,523)	(3,023,273)	(936,857)			
Gross profit	757,414	243,185	790,674	223,196			
Other operating income	17,608	4,726	15,647	4,702			
Distribution costs	(87,605)	(30,822)	(115,550)	(41,393)			
Administrative expenses	(23,998)	(7,331)	(30,768)	(9,753)			
Other operating expenses	(2,078)	(44)	(2,704)	(1,566)			
Operating result	661,341	209,714	657,299	175,186			
Gain / (Loss) from sales of non-current assets	(18)	-	(12)	-			
Financial result	12,958	4,705	16,478	1,966			
Dividends from subsidiaries	10,000	=	<u>750</u>	=			
Profit before tax	684,281	214,419	674,515	177,152			
Income tax	(171,060)	(57,636)	(169,047)	(47,869)			
Extraordinary tax L. 3845/2010	(93,762)	-	-	-			
Deferred tax	(2,133)	<u>2,966</u>	(8,441)	396			
Profit after tax	417,326	159,749	497,027	129,679			
Parent company shareholders	417,326	159,749	497,027	129,679			
Minority interest	-	-	-	-			
Other income							
Exchange differences from the conversion of business activities abroad	-	-	-	-			
Other income after tax	-	-	-	-			
Total income after tax	417,326	159,749	497,027	129,679			
Parent company shareholders	417,326	159,749	497,027	129,679			
Minority interest	-	-	-	-			
Basic earnings per share	1.3082	0.5008	1.5581	0.4065			





# 3. Condensed Statement of Financial Position

	GR	OUP	COMPANY	
	30.9.2010	31.12.2009	30.9.2010	31.12.2009
ASSETS				
Current assets				
Cash and cash equivalents	702,480	699,587	606,717	598,942
Financial assets held to maturity	8,458	_	8,458	
Inventories	429	1,166	281	1,080
Trade receivables	25,691	35,509	29,820	38,979
Other current assets	205,438	194,098	203,426	193,455
Total current assets	942,496	930,360	848,702	832,450
Non - current assets	,		,	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,
Intangible assets	205,807	224,870	205,790	224,857
Tangible assets (for own use)	77,478	85,637	73,938	83,35
Investment property	1,244	1,295	2,646	2,75
Goodwill	8,435	8,435		_,,,,
Investments in subsidiaries			36,527	36,52
Investments in associates	12,338	12,938	1,200	1,20
Long - term receivables	2,769	3,368	2,769	3,36
Other non - current assets	14,158	14,558	14,101	14,54
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Deferred tax assets	8,386	21,320	21,127	34,12
Total non - current assets	330,615	372,421	358,098	400,73
TOTAL ASSETS	1,273,111	1,302,781	1,206,800	1,233,18
EQUITY & LIABILITIES				
Short - term liabilities				
Trade payables	96,470	145,341	92,315	139,15
Payables from financial leases	314	32,411	13	32,41
Tax liabilities	358,494	397,554	356,776	395,57
Accrued and other liabilities	49,777	32,395	46,771	30,75
Total short - term liabilities	505,055	607,701	495,875	597,89
Long - term liabilities				
Payables from financial leases	1,210	8	-	
Employee benefit plans	24,299	23,514	23,986	23,33
Provisions	53,785	45,290	52,386	44,09
Other long - term liabilities	8,137	7,856	7,946	7,67
Total long - term liabilities	87,431	76,668	84,318	75,10
Equity	07,401	70,000	04,010	70,10
Share capital	95,700	95,700	95,700	95,70
Reserves	43,809	43,809	43,060	43,06
Exchange differences	(23)	(23)	-	
Retained earnings	541,139	478,926	487,847	421,42
Total equity	680,625	618,412	626,607	560,18
Minority interest	<u>-</u> 680,625	<u>-</u> 618,412	626,607	560,18
Total equity				

# 4. Condensed Cash Flow Statement (indirect method)

(Amounts in thousand euro)				15.4
	GROUP		COMPAI	NY
	2010	2009	2010	2009
OPERATING ACTIVITIES				
Profit before tax	681,098	679,052	684,281	674,51
Adjustments for:				
Depreciation & amortization	29,749	32,992	29,340	32.64
Financing result	(15,475)	(19,010)	(12,880)	(16,478
Employee benefit plans	3,243	402	3,106	27
Provisions for bad debts	1,000	3,400	1,000	3,40
Other provisions	1,889	2,188	1,840	2,18
Exchange differences	(78)	(51)	(78)	(51
Loss / (income) from associates	600	-	-	,
Results from investing activities	25	284	18	1
Dividends from subsidiaries	=	=	(10,000)	<u>(</u> 750
Total	702,051	699,257	696,627	695,75
Changes in working capital	,	,	,	
(Increase) decrease in inventories	737	527	799	53
(Increase) decrease in trade & other				
receivables	(701)	(3,153)	(67)	(4,302
Increase (decrease) in payables	(35,262)	9,795	(34,551)	10,86
(excluding banks)		ŕ		
Increase (decrease) in taxes payables	(150,416)	(33,734)	(149,887)	(34,191
	516,409	672,692	512,921	668,65
Interest expenses	(733)	(2,623)	(595)	(2,566
Income taxes paid	(136,959)	(221,318)	(136,210)	(220,824
Cash flows from operating activities	378,717	448,751	376,116	445,26
INVESTING ACTIVITIES				
Proceeds from sales of tangible & intangible assets	24	205	-	20
Loans raised to personnel	-	412	-	41
Purchase of related companies' net	-	(11,520)	-	
assets Acquisition of financial assets	(8,369)		(8,369)	
Purchase of tangible assets	(408)	(1,989)	(361)	(1,450
Purchase of intangible assets	(429)	(132)	(407)	(84
Interest received	16,842	21,684	14,101	19,09
Dividends from subsidiaries		-	10,000	.0,00
Cash flows used in investing activities	7,660	8,660	14,964	18,17
FINANCING ACTIVITIES				
Repayments of financial lease funds	(32,586)	(39,862)	(32,407)	(39,862
Dividends paid	(350,898)	(447,829)	(350,898)	(447,829
Cash flows used in financing activities	(383,484)	(487,691)	(383,305)	(487,691
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	2,893	(30,280)	7,775	(24,253
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the period	699,587	706,388	598,942	603,50
Cash and cash equivalents in the end of the period	702,480	676,108	606,717	579,25