

# Amplitude Surgical – 2015-16 annual results Strong growth within a context of ongoing investments

- Significant increase in sales to €80.8 million, +16.5% at constant currency
- Gross margin improvement: +80 bp to 77%
- Further strengthening of the teams, personnel costs +27%, R&D at 9.1% of sales
- EBITDA of €13.5 million, at 16.7% of sales. At constant currency and excluding new subsidiaries opening related costs, EBITDA of €15.4 million and margin of 18.7%
- Group Attributable Net Profit of €0.2 million vs. loss of €17.6 million in 2014-15
- Net Financial Debt of €49.5 million, reflecting the pursuance of investments (+65%) and the building up of inventories (+53%) to anticipate for future high levels of demand

**Valence, October 6, 2016** - Amplitude Surgical (ISIN: FR0012789667, Ticker: AMPLI, PEA-PME eligible), a leading French player on the global surgical technology market for lower-limb orthopedics, today announces its annual results for the 2015-16 financial year to June 30, 2016, as approved by the Board at its meeting of October 5, 2016.

Olivier Jallabert, Chairman and CEO of Amplitude Surgical, says: "In 2015-16, the first year as a listed company, Amplitude Surgical continued to implement an active strategy to pursue its strong sales growth, underpinned by substantial human, industrial and surgical equipment investments. Sales exceeding €80 million while maintaining a high level of EBITDA margin are key indicators of our achievement. The confirmation of the success of our new products and the anticipated developments on major markets, driven by motivated and performing teams, will contribute to pursue our growth and to conquer additional market shares."

# Key 2015-16 events

The following events were recorded over the 2015-16 financial year:

- in the United States, in early June 2016, filing for FDA 510(k) approval for the posterior-stabilized knee prosthesis ANATOMIC®;
- the KNEEMAP®, Amplitude Surgical's latest innovation in the field of in-consultation navigation, based on gyroscope and accelerometer technology, was presented to more than 1,000 surgeons at the Société Française d'Arthroscopie congress in Grenoble, France, in December 2015. Its unprecedented performances sparked substantial interest, notably among leading anterior cruciate ligament surgeons;
- in South Africa, set-up of a subsidiary at the end of 2015. Following the whole hip, knee and foot ranges registration, commercial operations started in February 2016;
- in Japan, in January 2016, a first registration was granted for the hip range. Japan is the second-largest lower-limb prosthetic reconstruction market, estimated at close to \$2 billion 15% of the worldwide market, behind the United States. Marketing began in May 2016.





## Financial summary (actual currency):

€ thousands - IFRS	FY 2015-16	FY 2014-15	Δ
Sales	80,788	71,089	13.6%
Gross margin	62,613	54,139	15.7%
as a % of sales	77.0%	76.2%	+80bp
Sales & Marketing costs	32,115	26,802	19.8%
General & Administrative costs	9,297	7,845	18.5%
R&D costs	7,327	6,045	21.2%
EBITDA	13,473	13,447	0.2%
as a % of sales	16.7%	18.9%	-220pb
<b>Current Operating Profit</b>	3,447	5,128	-32.2%
Non-recurring expenses	11,736	7,906	
Operating Profit/Loss	-8,259	-4,556	
Financial Profit/Loss	5,352	-15,014	
Attributable Net Profit/Loss	219	-17,646	
Operating cash flow	1,987	-16,530	
Net cash position	32,071	56,065	

# EBITDA margin of 18.7%, at constant currency and excluding the costs related to new subsidiaries opening

On the basis of 2015/16 annual sales of €80.8 million, up 13.6% in actual terms and 16.5% at constant currency, Amplitude Surgical recorded a gross margin of 77.0%, up 80 bp compared with 2014-15, mainly due to an increasingly subsidiary-based distribution model and a more favorable geographical mix.

The Group recorded EBITDA of €13.5 million, stable on the previous year. Excluding costs related to the launch of new subsidiaries in Japan and in South Africa (€500 thousand) and the FX impact in Brazil and Australia (€1,457 thousand), the Group recorded EBITDA of €15.4 million, up 14.7%, giving a margin of 18.7% of sales.

These trends reflect the investments undertaken by the Group to develop in new countries and strengthen its teams in order to consolidate the cornerstone of its future growth and win additional market shares. At June 30, 2016, Amplitude Surgical had a workforce of 297 staff, 49 more than in June 2015, and personnel costs were up almost 27% year-on-year. Moreover, the Group pursued its development and innovation efforts spending to 9.1% of sales in R&D, compared with 8.5% in 2014-15 and 7.9% in 2013-14.

Current Operating Profit was down 32%, at €3.5 million, given the €2.7 million increase in amortization to €9.9 million, while the Operating Loss was €8.3 million compared with a loss of €4.6 million in 2014-15, notably as a result of the following:





- the booking of an additional provision of €2.4 million for the legal dispute between the Group and URSSAF (social security contribution collection authority) regarding tax on medical devices inherent to the year's activity. Readers are reminded that, following the Grenoble Court of Appeal's ruling in Amplitude Surgical's favor on September 8, 2015, URSSAF decided to appeal this decision before the French Supreme Court at the end of 2015;
- within the framework of the dispute with the minority shareholders of Amplitude Australia, its Australian subsidiary, the Group decided to deconsolidate the remaining 25% stake it does not hold. The debt created to purchase this stake has therefore been transferred to financial income and a risk provision of AUD 13.4 million (€9.0 million) to cover the financial debt initially recognized has been booked;
- as well as €0.4 million of legal and procedural costs.

There was a very significant improvement in the Financial Result, with income of €5.4 million this year versus an expense of €15.0 million in 2014-15, notably with – on top of the €9 million debt assumption for the Australian minority stake discussed above – booked income of €2.6 million essentially reflecting the impact of the devaluation of the Brazilian real on the purchasing value of the Brazilian subsidiary's minority interests.

The Group's Attributable Net Profit was €0.2 million, a very substantial improvement compared with the loss of €17.6 million recorded in 2014-15.

#### **Substantial investments**

At June 30, 2016, the Group's Net Financial Debt was €49.5 million, vs. €33.5 million at the end of June 2015. The main reason for this increase is the ongoing deliberate policy of building up implant inventory levels to cope with strong demand from our new clients, +€17.5 million for inventories totaling €50.7 million at the end of June 2016. Working Capital Requirements were thus €15.0 million, compared with €11.2 million a year earlier. At the same time, investments increased by more than 60% to €18.1 million, including €13.2 million of tangible assets, notably associated with new ancillary equipment.

The Group has a Cash & Cash Equivalents position of €32.1 million. At the end of June 2016, the Group's gearing (Net Financial Debt over Shareholders' Equity) was 0.42, versus 0.28 at the end of June 2015.

## **Recent events**

Since the end of June 2016, Amplitude Surgical:

- has opened a subsidiary in Bucharest, Romania, in July;
- in Brazil, acquired the remaining 40% minority interests in Amplitude Latam, for a total consideration of €4.1 million;
- inaugurated a 3,690 m<sup>2</sup> logistics building in Valence, at the Group's head offices;
- has been in discussion to acquire a 50% stake in SOFAB Orthopédie, an historical industrial subcontractor.

The **Annual Financial Report** can be found on Amplitude Surgical's website (<a href="www.amplitude-surgical.com">www.amplitude-surgical.com</a>) in the "Documentation" / "Other regulated information" section.

Next financial press release: Q1 2016-17 sales, on Wednesday November 23, 2016





# **About Amplitude Surgical**

Founded in 1997 in Valence, France, Amplitude Surgical is a leading French player on the global surgical technology market for lower-limb orthopedics. Amplitude Surgical develops and markets high-end products for orthopedic surgery covering the main disorders affecting the hip, knee and extremities, and notably foot and ankle surgery. Amplitude Surgical develops, in close collaboration with surgeons, numerous high value-added innovations in order to best meet the needs of patients, surgeons and healthcare facilities. A leading player in France, Amplitude Surgical is developing abroad through its subsidiaries and a network of exclusive distributors and agents. Amplitude Surgical operates on the lower-limb market through the intermediary of its Novastep subsidiaries in France and the United States. Amplitude Surgical distributes its products in more than 30 countries. At June 30, 2016, Amplitude Surgical had a workforce of almost 300 employees and recorded sales of over 80 million euros.

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