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Adoption of Business Net Income

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Adoption of Business Net Income as of Q1 2010

- As announced in the Q2 and Q3 2009 results publications, the Group will communicate, as of Q1 2010, on one key Non-GAAP indicator in connection to the application of IFRS 8:

Business Net Income

- Will replace adjusted net income excluding selected items
 - Is equivalent to adjusted net income excluding selected items stripping out the full amortization of intangibles net of tax (a non-cash item)
- Advantages of **Business Net Income**:
 - It avoids split treatment of amortization of intangibles contrary to adjusted net income excluding selected items
 - It represents more simply and adequately the Group's recurring performance
 - The Group reports adjusted net income excluding selected items until end of 2009

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- Use of this new indicator is not expected to give rise to any material difference as compared with the current performance measure of adjusted net income excluding selected items
- Growth in 2009 Business Net Income is close to growth in adjusted net income excluding selected items

Reconciliation of 2009 Business Net Income to Adjusted Net Income excluding selected items

€m	2009	% Change
Business Net Income	8,629	+18.0%
<i>Amortization of intangible assets</i>	(220)	-
<i>Tax effect</i>	62	-
Adjusted Net Income excluding selected items	8,471	+17.9%
Adjusted EPS excluding selected items	6.49	+18.2%
Business EPS	6.61	+18.2%

Reconciliation of Business Net Income to Consolidated Net Income

- **Business Net Income** is the consolidated net income before:
 - Amortization of intangibles
 - Impairment of intangibles
 - Other impacts related to acquisitions (primarily inventory step-up and impacts of purchase accounting on associates)
 - Major restructuring costs
 - Significant gains and losses on disposals of non-current assets
 - Costs or provisions associated with major litigation
 - Tax effect on the items listed above