

Presentation to the Financial Community

1H 2008 Results







Forward-Looking Statements

Forward-looking statements are based on a number of assumptions and expectations that could ultimately prove inaccurate, as they are subject to risks and variables, outside the company's control, that could cause actual results to differ materially, including currency fluctuations, the level of capital expenditure in the oil and gas industry as well as other industries, the timing of development of energy resources, construction and project risks, armed conflict or political instability in the Arabic Gulf or other regions, the strength of competition and interest rate fluctuations.



Presentation Outline

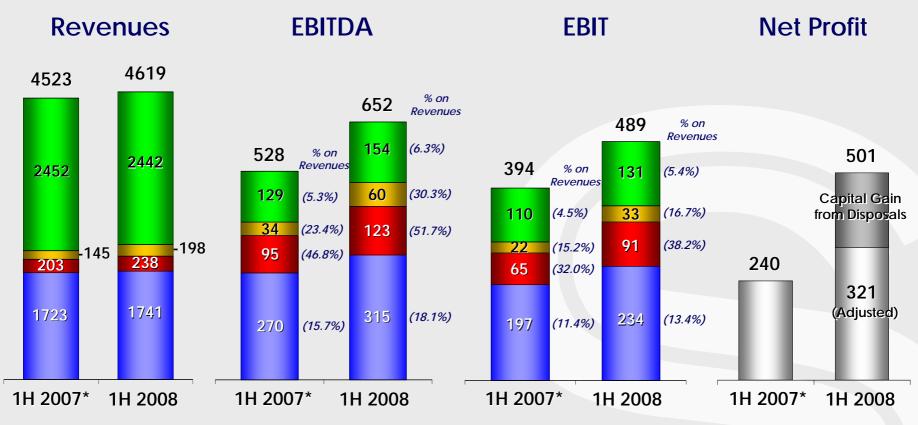
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1H 2008 Financial Results



Financials (MIn €)



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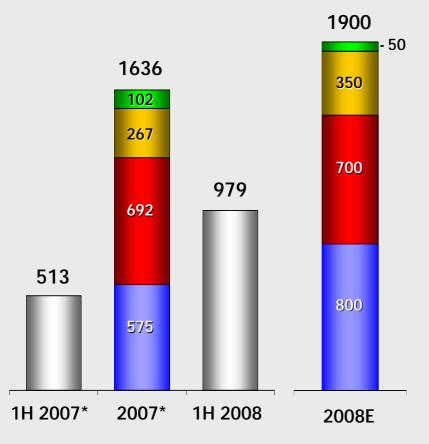




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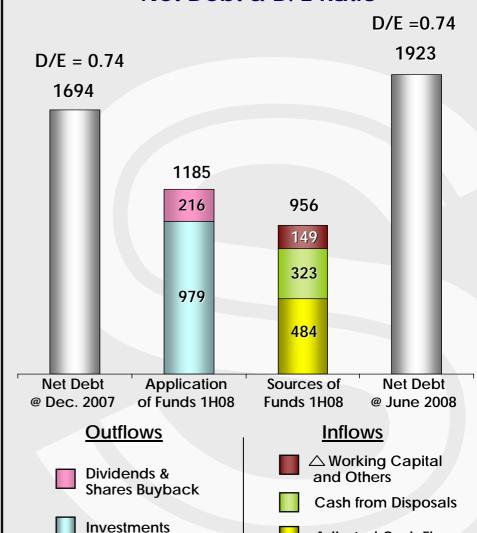


Onshore





Sources and Application of Funds, Net Debt & D/E Ratio



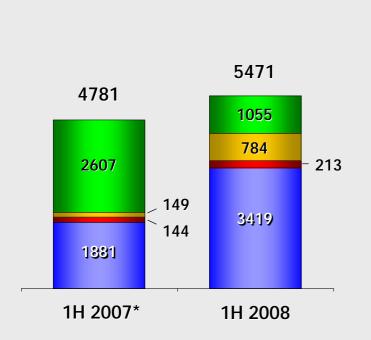
Adjusted Cash Flow (Adjusted Net Profit + Depreciation)

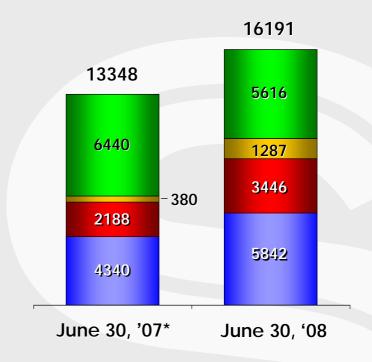


Contract Acquisitions & Backlog (MIn €)



Backlog





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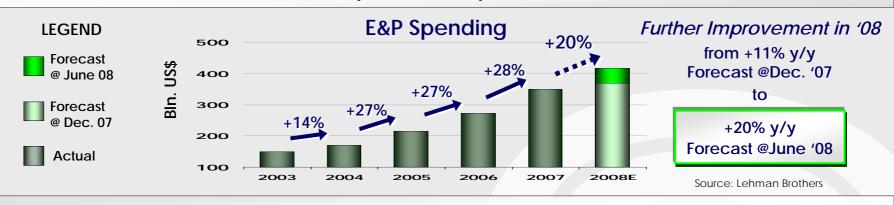


Growth in the Present

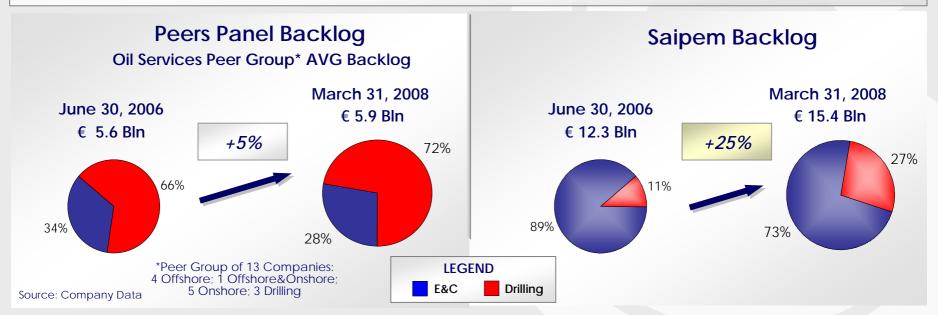


Growth in the present

Global Upstream Capex Growth



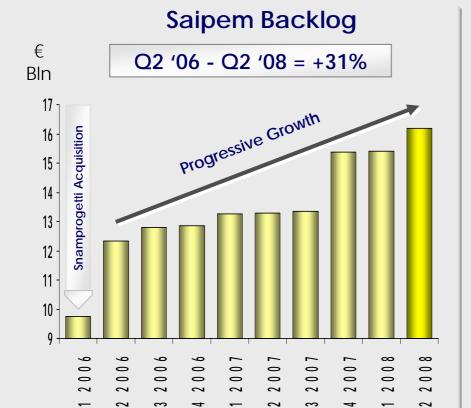
Backlog Growth: Saipem vs Competitors





Growth in the present

Saipem Backlog: Growth and Quality



New All-time Record Backlog € 16,191 Mln

Boosted by € 5,491 Mln New Orders Awarded in 1H '08

1H 2008 Major Awards examples:

Project Business Geo Area Client

- USAN Offshore West Africa Major
- > NORD STREAM Offshore Europe National
- ONSHORE DRILLING 32 Rigs contracted mainly South America - mainly National
- BS 160 Onshore Middle East National

Post 1H awards: € 4,400 Mln

- MANIFA Onshore Middle East National
- > ARZEW LNG Onshore North Africa National

Strong Growth across all the Business Units
Securing near-term Revenue and Profitability delivery in Euros
notwithstanding further USD devaluation

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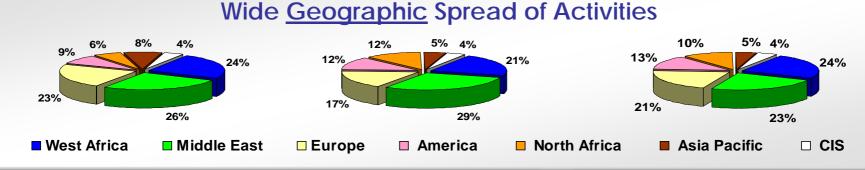
Saipem Backlog Resilience

Dec. 31, 2006

Dec. 31, 2007

June 30, 2008







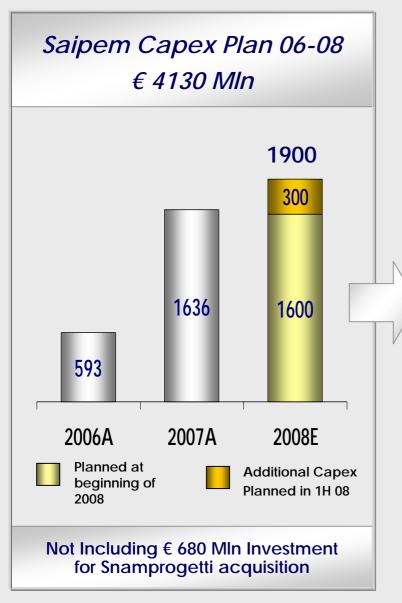


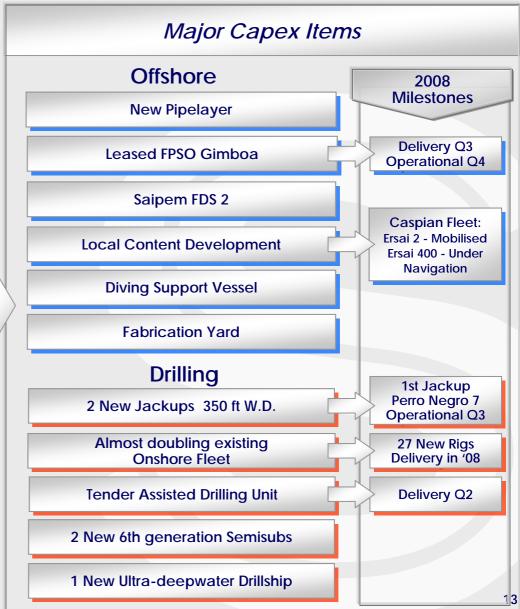
Growth for the Future



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1 - Capex Update -







Growth for the Future 1 - Capex Update -

Additional 2008 Capex: € 300 Mln

Main Changes

Details

Rationale



Saipem 7000 J-lay System Enhancement of Saipem 7000 J-Lay System for pipelaying in 3,000 meters Water Depth

Focus on Future Challenges

Fleet Primacy: cutting edge technology



Leased FPSOs

Hull acquired for future FPSO conversion

Leased FPSO Market Opportunistic Approach



13 Newbuilt Onshore Rigs

- Long-term Contracts, mainly in South America
- Capex almost repaid within first contract
- Conservative depreciation plan

Reinforcing Long-standing Strategic Presence in Selected Markets



Growth for the Future

2. Addressing Weaknesses: Entering the LNG market

Arzew LNG-3 Awarded to Saipem - July 2008

For the First Time

Saipem is the Main Contractor of a Large Gas Liquefaction (LNG) Plant

✓ Client: Sonatrach

- PROJECT DESCRIPTION
- ✓ Lump-sum turn key contract
- ✓ EPC of a single-train gas liquefaction (LNG) plant
- √ Capacity of 4.6 tons of LNG per annum
- √ Location: near the Algerian city of Arzew, about 400 kilometres west of Algiers
- √ Works to be completed in the first half of 2013

Entering the Exclusive LNG Market 'Major League'

Saipem Long-standing Deep-rooted Presence in Algeria



- Saipem Present since 1975
- > Personnel in the Country: 780, of which about 80% Algerian
- Projects Ongoing: <u>ONSHORE</u>: LZ2 Hassi R'Mel, UTBS; <u>OFFSHORE</u>: Medgaz; <u>ONSHORE DRILLING</u>.
- > Operational Engineering Centre Alger, Hassi Messaoud Base

Backlog in Algeria @ June 30 € 820 mln (excluding Medgaz)

A Key Country in Saipem Local Content Strategy



Disposal Programme Update and US Dollar Devaluation Impact



Disposal Programme Update







Euro/USD: Further Devaluation Impact on P/L

Saipem hedging policy: Hedge "currency exposure" (revenues less costs) at contract acquisition

Typical Revenue 'Mix': ~ 30% Euro ~ 70% USD

2008 Expected Revenues accounting exchange rate

Mix of contracts:

Already in Backlog and HedgedYet to be acquired

EBIT Sensitivity:

 \triangle 10% Euro/USD Exch. rate

	2007	2008E Forecast @ Feb.	2008E Forecast @ July
Accounting Exchange Rate EUR/USD	1.34	1.41	1.46
Impact on Revenues € MIn	-400	-600	
Impact on Operating Income € MIn	-40	-60	



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	Revenues	Around € 10 Bln (despite <u>further</u> USD devaluation) Growth across Business Units				
2008 Guidance - CONFIRMED		Onshore Despite Camom and Haldor Topsøe disposals (-212 €Mln vs 2007) underpinned by strong backlog	Offshore Underpinned by large projects progress in West Africa and Mediterranean	Drilling Planned maintenance to temper Offshore Drilling growth; New rigs entering operations boosting Onshore Drilling revenues		
	Depreciation	Increase of some € 100 Mln mainly driven by project specific capex depreciated over the life of the projects				
	EBIT and Net Profit Adjusted	Growth of at least 20% over 2007 restated * despite higher depreciation and USD devaluation				
		* Assets disposed or held for sale contributed to 2007 P/L for: EBIT € 15 Mln; Net Profit € 45 Mln.				
	Backlog	Higher than 2007 record				
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2008 Guidance Reconfirmed
Given the Good Execution Delivery and the Positive Market Conditions