

**PRESS RELEASE**

**Regulated information**

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**Interim statement**  
**General slowdown in economic activity**  
**leads to fall in sales for Connect Group.**

**Connect Group NV (Euronext Brussels: CONN) observed a slowing in customer delivery requests during Q3 2012, resulting in a 7 percent fall in sales revenue compared with Q3 2011. The operating result of the quarter is positive. Due to restructuring charges taken during the quarter, the net result is slightly negative. The order book at 30 September 2012 rose to EUR 75 million (EUR 70.2 million at 30.09.2011).**

Connect Group notes an overall slowing in the EMS market. While during the first half of the year deliveries remained at the same level as in 2011, since the summer there has been a clear change in direction, with delays in customer delivery requests. The order book as a whole remains at a high level. Based on this downward adjustment of the market, Connect Group has already reduced its cost structure and tightened its focus on working capital and supply chain management.

**Connect Group**

Connect Group offers cost-effective, high quality production services to the professional industry. Activities include the production of cables and cable trees, PCB assembly and testing, production of semi-manufactures and final product assembly.

Connect Group's references include companies such as Alstom, ASML, Atlas Copco, Atos, Barco and Philips.

The company currently employs around 1,700 people in various facilities in Europe. The company's shares are traded on NYSE Euronext Brussels: CONN ([www.euronext.com](http://www.euronext.com)).

**Updated financial calendar**

Announcement of 2012 annual results

14 February 2013

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