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Solid Q1 2021 for Alfen with 56% profitability growth compared with Q1 2020

ALMERE, THE NETHERLANDS – Alfen N.V. (AEX: ALFEN), specialist in energy solutions for the future, today publishes its trading update for the first quarter of 2021.

Highlights:

- **Q1 2021 revenues of €53.8m, a growth of 22%** versus Q1 2020 (€44.1m), predominantly driven by Energy storage (+111%) and EV charging (+46%).
- **Gross margin at 36.5%** compared with 34.8% in Q1 2020.
- **Adjusted EBITDA of €7.2m (13.3% of revenues), a growth of 56%** from Q1 2020 (€4.6m, 10.4% of revenues).
- **COVID-19 update:** Alfen's number one priority remains the health & safety of its employees and partners. Up to this point, Alfen has managed to keep its business going. To continue safe and responsible operations, it continues to enforce strict safety measures. Alfen expects COVID-19 to still have some impact on revenues in the short-term, where the company continues to anticipate long-term positive market development for all its business lines.
- **Alfen reconfirms its 2021 full-year revenue outlook of €225-250m.**

Marco Roeleveld, CEO of Alfen, said:

“The first quarter of 2021 has been a solid quarter for Alfen where we continued our journey of profitable growth. Our EV charging and Energy storage business lines showed strong growth where our Smart grids business line grew 1% which is driven by a combination of COVID-19 impact and the production ramp-up of a new and innovative substation range for Enexis, which now has been successfully completed. At the same time, the backlog of Smart grids was 27% higher at the end of the first quarter compared with Q1 2020.

We are still in the midst of the COVID-19 crisis, where our number one priority remains the health and safety of our employees and partners. Although COVID-19 continues to have some impact on our Smart grids and Energy storage end-markets, the momentum is increasingly coming back.

While short-term we expect COVID-19 to still have some impact on our revenues, we continue to anticipate long-term positive market developments for all our business lines and reconfirm the 2021 full-year revenue guidance of €225-250m.”

Financial highlights

<i>In € millions</i>	20Q1	20Q2	20Q3	20Q4	20FY	21Q1
Revenues and other income	44.1	46.2	49.9	48.8	189.0	53.8
<i>Y-o-y growth</i>	58%	38%	46%	3%	32%	22%
Gross margin	15.3	16.7	18.6	18.7	69.3	19.6
<i>As % of revenues and other income</i>	34.8%	36.2%	37.2%	38.3%	36.7%	36.5%
Adjusted EBITDA	4.6	5.4	7.5	6.9	24.4	7.2
<i>As % of revenues and other income</i>	10.4%	11.7%	15.1%	14.1%	12.9%	13.3%

Segmental review

In the **Smart grid solutions** business line, Q1 revenues were €27.8m (+1% from €27.6m in Q1 2020). The moderate revenue growth is driven by a combination of COVID-19 impact and the production ramp-up of a new and innovative substation range for Enexis, which now has been successfully completed. At the same time, the momentum in Smart grids is increasing and the backlog of Alfen at the end of the first quarter was up 27% compared with the same quarter last year.

In Q1 2021, Alfen produced approximately 560 substations, a decline of 25% compared to Q1 2020 with approximately 750 substations. Although Alfen produced less substations in Q1 2021 compared with the same quarter in 2020, the product mix shifted to larger and more complex substations and relatively, Alfen executed more project work.

In the **EV charging equipment** business line, Q1 revenues were €19.3m (+46% from €13.2m in Q1 2020). Alfen benefitted from the rapidly growing number of electric vehicles which continued to drive EV charge

points investments, at home, in semi-public places like offices, and on-street in public. Alfen continued its international expansion by further strengthening its international organisation. In the first quarter, approximately 60% of revenues were generated from outside the Netherlands.

To support the strong growth of its EV charging business line, Alfen continues to further optimise its production facility. From a supply chain perspective, a high demand for electrical components is putting pressure on the supply chain throughout the world. Alfen also experiences to some extent supply chain challenges, which it has been able to mitigate up to this point.

In Q1 2021, Alfen produced approximately 20,800 charge points, a growth of 58% from Q1 2020 with approximately 13,200 charge points.

In the **Energy storage systems** business line, Q1 revenues were €6.8m (+111% from €3.2m in Q1 2020). Alfen benefitted from new contract wins and progress of completion of earlier secured contracts. Decision making in some projects is still being delayed as a result of COVID-19 although the momentum continues to grow in the market. The growing number of renewables such as solar and wind energy are increasingly driving the need for energy storage to offset the mismatch of electricity supply and demand.

Gross margin and adjusted EBITDA

Gross margin in Q1 2021 was 36.5%, compared with 34.8% in Q1 2020. Adjusted EBITDA was €7.2m (13.3% of revenues), compared with €4.6m (10.4% of revenues) in Q1 2020. The increase of the adjusted EBITDA is the result of a combination of gross margin increase and operational leverage.

Outlook

Alfen expects COVID-19 to continue to have some impact on its markets until vaccination schemes successfully get the virus under control and restrictions can be lifted. At the same time, the transition to a clean, carbon-free energy system is building more and more momentum across Europe. Therefore, Alfen continues to anticipate long-term positive market developments for all its business lines and continues to invest in its organisation, production facilities and innovations for the future. For 2021, Alfen reconfirms its full-year revenue guidance of €225-250m.

Webcast

Alfen will host a webcast at 9:00 CEST this morning to comment on the 2021 Q1 trading update. Please see ir.alfen.com for details to participate.

Financial calendar

27 August 2021: Publication half-year results 2021

11 November 2021: 2021 Q3 trading update

About Alfen

Netherlands-based Alfen is operating internationally in the heart of the energy transition, as a specialist in energy solutions for the future. With over 80-years' history, Alfen has a unique combination of activities. Alfen designs, develops and produces smart grids, energy storage systems, and electric vehicle charging equipment and combines these in integrated solutions to address the electricity challenges of its clients. Alfen has a market leading position in the Netherlands and experiences fast international growth benefitting from its first mover advantage. For further information see Alfen's website at: www.alfen.com

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