

I. General

I.1 BASIS OF PREPARATION

The consolidated financial statements of Sal. Oppenheim jr. & Cie. S.C.A. for the 2008 financial year have been prepared in accordance with the International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS), as applicable in the European Union (EU), as well as with the interpretations set out by the International Financial Reporting Interpretation Committee (IFRIC) and thus conform to the IFRS applicable in the EU.

The consolidated financial statements comprise the consolidated income statement, the consolidated balance sheet, the consolidated statement of recognised income and expense, the consolidated cash flow statement and the notes. The group management report meets the requirements of section 110 of the Law of 17 June 1992 relating to annual and consolidated accounts of Luxembourg incorporated credit institutions.

For purposes of clarity, amounts are stated in millions of euros (€ M).

The personally liable partners of Sal. Oppenheim jr. & Cie. S.C.A. approved the consolidated financial statements for presentation to the General Meeting. The General Meeting is obliged to examine the consolidated financial statements and pass a resolution on the approval of the 2008 accounts.

01_Applied IFRS and IAS standards, and IFRIC and SIC interpretations

The consolidated financial statements as at 31 December 2008 are based on the following IFRS/IAS standards:

IFRS 3	Business Combinations
IFRS 5	Non-Current Assets held for Sale and Discontinued Operations
IFRS 7	Financial Instruments: Disclosures
IAS 1	Presentation of Financial Statements
IAS 7	Cash Flow Statements
IAS 8	Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors
IAS 10	Events after the Balance Sheet Date
IAS 11	Construction Contracts
IAS 12	Income Taxes
IAS 14	Segment Reporting
IAS 16	Property, Plant and Equipment
IAS 17	Leases
IAS 18	Revenue
IAS 19	Employee Benefits
IAS 21	The Effects of Changes in Foreign Exchange Rates
IAS 23	Borrowing Costs

IAS 24	Related Party Disclosures
IAS 27	Consolidated and Separate Financial Statements
IAS 28	Investments in Associates
IAS 31	Interests in Joint Ventures
IAS 32	Financial Instruments: Disclosure and Presentation
IAS 36	Impairment of Assets
IAS 37	Provisions, Contingent Liabilities and Contingent Assets
IAS 38	Intangible Assets
IAS 39	Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement
IAS 40	Investment Property

We did not take into account IFRS 1, 2, 4 and 6 or IAS 2, 20, 26, 29, 33, 34 and 41 when preparing our consolidated financial statements, as they are not relevant to the Sal. Oppenheim Group or to these financial statements.

In conjunction with the applied standards, we also took into account the following relevant IFRIC and SIC interpretations:

IFRIC 4	Determining whether an Arrangement contains a Lease
IFRIC 9	Reassessment of Embedded Derivatives
IFRIC 10	Interim Financial Reporting and Impairment
SIC 12	Consolidation – Special Purpose Entities
SIC 15	Operating Leases – Incentives
SIC 25	Income Taxes – Changes in the Tax Status of an Entity or its Shareholders
SIC 27	Evaluating the Substance of Transactions Involving the Legal Form of a Lease
SIC 32	Intangible Assets – Web Site Costs

IFRIC 1, 2, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 11, and SIC 7, 10, 13, 21, 29 and 31 were not relevant to the Group.

The IASB has published amendments to existing standards, which the Sal. Oppenheim Group is required to apply as of 31 December 2008. The amendments to IFRS 7 Financial Instruments: Disclosures and IAS 39 Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement concerning reclassification of financial assets became effective as of 1 July 2008 and have been applied by the Sal. Oppenheim Group since then. The effects thereof are presented in note 07 Financial instruments and note 73 Disclosures on financial instruments.

The publication of IFRS 8 replaces IAS 14 Segment Reporting. IFRS 8 will be mandatory with effect from 1 January 2009 but will not result in material changes for the Sal. Oppenheim Group.