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Alfen Q3 2020 revenues up 46%

Highlights:

- **Q3 2020 revenues of €49.9m, a growth of 46%** versus Q3 2019 (€34.3m), driven by all business lines (Smart grids +23%, EV charging +72%, Energy storage +488%)
- **Gross margin at 37.2%** compared with 35.1% in Q3 2019
- **Adjusted EBITDA of €7.5m (15.1% of revenues), a growth of 133%** compared with €3.2m in Q3 2019 (9.4% of revenues)
- **Important new project and client wins**, amongst which:
 - a 3-year framework agreement in Finland to supply 300 substations each year to three grid companies in the eastern part of Finland;
 - a framework agreement with SSE, one of the largest electricity network companies in the UK, to supply charge points for their own and customers' fleets; and
 - a contract with PZEM, a Dutch utility, to supply a 1MW energy storage system together with grid integration and Alfen EV charge points for a parking plaza in the Netherlands where the storage system will be used for peak-shaving and frequency control.
- **COVID-19 update:** The health and safety of Alfen's people remains its top priority. Furthermore, Alfen's supply chain is functioning and production is up and running. Also, order intake has been reasonably strong and there are no cancelled orders, although several investment decisions were, or may still be, delayed as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic which might affect order intake for Smart grid solutions and Energy storage solutions
- **Alfen reconfirms its 2020 full-year revenue outlook of €180-200m**

ALMERE, THE NETHERLANDS – Alfen N.V. (AEX: ALFEN), specialist in energy solutions for the future, today publishes its trading update for the third quarter of 2020.

Marco Roeleveld, CEO of Alfen, said:

“We managed to further grow our business driven by the ongoing strong momentum of the energy transition. At the same time, COVID-19 continued to impact and slow down the wider economy. For instance, some clients postponed project investment decisions, especially in the energy storage industry. Nevertheless, we look back at a solid third quarter where we grew our revenues with 46% compared to the same quarter last year. Additionally, we have kept focus on our operational leverage strategy through which we have been able to increase our profitability. I would like to express my deepest gratitude to our people and partners for their continued commitment.

The health and safety of our people remains our top priority. Up to this point we have experienced limited COVID-19 infections amongst our employees and fortunately none with a severe impact.

We continued to drive our strategy and further strengthened our business internationally. As the long-term energy transition growth drivers remain unchanged and strong, we further invested in our organisation, innovation and production facilities.”

Financial highlights

In € millions	19Q3	19Q4	19FY	20Q1	20Q2	20Q3	YTD
Revenues and other income	34.3	47.3	143.2	44.1	46.2	49.9	140.2
Y-o-y growth	29%	38%	41% ¹	58%	38%	46%	46%
Gross margin	12.1	16.0	50.3	15.3	16.7	18.6	50.6
As % of revenues	35.1%	33.8%	35.1%	34.8%	36.2%	37.2%	36.1%
Adjusted EBITDA	3.2	6.4	14.5	4.6	5.4	7.5	17.5
As % of revenues	9.4%	13.6%	10.1%	10.4%	11.7%	15.1%	12.5%

¹⁾ Excluding Elkamo (acquired at 1 July 2018), y-o-y organic growth was 32% in FY 2019

Segmental review

In the **Smart grid solutions** business line, Q3 revenues were €32.8m (up 23% from €26.8m in Q3 2019). Grid operators continued to expand the electricity grids in order to accommodate the growing number of renewable energy installations such as solar PV, from which Alfen continued to benefit. COVID-19 had effect on the sector as several project investment decisions were delayed which may affect order intake.

Commercial successes include a 3-year framework agreement in Finland to supply 300 substations each year to three grid companies in the eastern part of Finland and a contract with Steag, an international solar power developer, to provide the local grid solution for their first solar PV park in the Netherlands.

In Q3 2020, Alfen produced approximately 860 substations (including 235 by Alfen Elkamo), a growth of 5% compared to Q3 2019 with approximately 820 substations (including 180 by Alfen Elkamo).

In the **EV charging equipment** business line, Q3 revenues were €11.3m (up 72% from €6.6m in Q3 2019). The market for electric vehicles continued to grow with new electric vehicles coming to the market which are becoming increasingly affordable. Additionally, governmental incentive packages that were made available across Europe in a response to COVID-19 started to show effect. For instance, increased subsidy for EV's in

Germany have further boosted EV sales in that market. Alfen continued to benefit from increasing volumes under framework agreements that have been set-up over the past years, new client wins and further internationalisation.

Commercial successes include supplying charge points to Bosch outlets in Germany with Swarco and a framework agreement with SSE, one of the largest electricity network companies in the UK, to supply charge points for their own and customers' fleets.

In Q3 2020, Alfen produced approximately 11,800 charge points, a growth of 69% from Q3 2019 with approximately 6,900 charge points.

In the **Energy storage systems** business line, Q3 revenues were €5.8m (up 488% from €1.0m in Q3 2019). Alfen predominantly benefitted from contracts won pre-COVID-19 whereas the battery energy storage market continued to face headwinds as a result of COVID-19, affecting order intake as decision making across the industry was again postponed.

Commercial wins include a contract with PZEM, a Dutch utility, to supply a 1MW energy storage system together with grid integration and Alfen EV charge points for a parking plaza in the Netherlands where the storage system will be used for peak-shaving and frequency control, and a contract to provide an energy storage system to Flux 50, a Belgium organisation to enhance the Flemish smart energy industry.

Gross margin and adjusted EBITDA

Gross margin in Q3 2020 was 37.2% compared with 35.1% in Q3 2019. Alfen continued to benefit from its strong market position, leverage from increased scale and a shift towards increasingly complex solutions. Adjusted EBITDA was €7.5m (15.1% of revenues), compared with €3.2m (9.4% of revenues) in Q3 2019, representing a growth of 133%.

Outlook

Alfen anticipates that COVID-19 will continue to impact the wider economy, which may have an impact on capital expenditure levels of Alfen's customers and consequently on Alfen's order intake and revenue growth. The impact will also depend on the duration and the development of the pandemic and any measures adopted by governments. Therefore, Alfen takes into account that the revenue growth in Q4, compared to a very strong Q4 in 2019, may be lower than achieved in the first nine months. At the same time, Alfen expects the energy transition to keep building further momentum as European governments increasingly take action to support the European Union's Green Deal to become climate neutral by 2050. As such, Alfen continues to anticipate long-term positive market developments in all its business lines. Alfen continues to invest in its organisation, innovation and production facilities and is well positioned for further growth based on its leading market position. Alfen reconfirms its full year 2020 revenue outlook of €180m to €200m.

Webcast

Alfen will host a webcast at 9:00 CEST this morning to comment on the 2020 Q3 trading update. Please see ir.alfen.com for details to participate.

Financial calendar

17 February 2021: Publication full-year results 2020

12 May 2021: Q1 2021 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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