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Forecasts for 2010: double-digit organic growth and an operating margin before non-recurring items which at least equals the H1 2010 level

At a meeting with investors, Mersen has provided an update on its forecasts for 2010.

Over the full year, Mersen anticipates **double-digit organic growth** and an **operating margin before non-recurring items which at least equals the H1 2010 level⁽¹⁾**. These projections are based on a continued business recovery in all our markets and further momentum in our sales to the photovoltaic industry.

Mersen continues to implement its growth strategy based on building a stronger presence in sustainable development-related markets, selective acquisitions, innovation and further expansion in Asia, especially in China. In this context, the Group recently refinanced the **RMB500 million (around \$73 million) syndicated loan** arranged in China during 2008, with a maturity date extended to 2013.

⁽¹⁾ H1 2010 operating margin before non-recurring items: 9.9%

About Mersen

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