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**- 141% RISE IN SALES**  
**IN THE FIRST HALF OF 2001 -**  
**- CONFIRMATION OF FULL-YEAR FORECASTS -**

**Montpellier, 5 July 2001:** Qualiflow (Euroclear 7786), a company specialising in the design, development, production and sale of ultra-high purity gas flow control components, today announced its non-audited sales figure for the first half closing 30 June 2001.

<b>H1 SALES</b>			
<i>Euro millions</i>	<b>2001</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>2001/2000</b>
<b>H1</b>	<b>11,13</b>	<b>4,63</b>	<b>141%</b>

**H1 sales:**

For the first half of 2001, Qualiflow has announced sales of 11.13 million euros, up 62.2% compared to the second half of 2000 (6.86 million euros) and 141% higher than for the same period last year (4.63 million euros).

These better-than-expected sales figures reinforce our confidence in full-year projections for 2001, i.e. sales of 21.34 million euros.

Claude Jacquemin, Chairman and CEO of Qualiflow, notes: «*We are satisfied with our performance in this first half, especially in view of the uncertainties around trends in economic conditions over the last few months in semiconductors and optical fibre.*»

**QUALIFLOW** – [www.qualiflow.com](http://www.qualiflow.com) - specialises in the design, development, production and sale of ultra-high purity gas flow control components, i.e. valves, mass flow controllers (MFCs) and gas systems. With sales of close on €11.49m(FFr75.37m) in 2000 and forecast sales of €21.34m(FFr140m) in 2001, Qualiflow hopes to build an unassailable global presence in the gas components industry. Qualiflow has leading-edge technological positions in digital mass flow controllers, which are revolutionising the control of ultra-high purity gases. The company's skills are vitally important in the manufacture of semiconductors, optical fibres and electronic components used in the development of consumer telecommunications applications.

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Recent press releases:

**12 June 2001**            Qualiflow confirms its 2001 targets -- launch of the piezo-valve MFC in partnership with Siemens – 1st order with Showa in Japan

**17 April 2001**            Final results sharply over budget: sales up 130.5% on 1999 - operating margin of 4.6% - net margin of 6.6%

Next financial press release:

**2 October 2001**            Publication of first-half results