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# **SIEMENS**

### Legal proceedings

Information regarding investigations and other legal proceedings, as well as the potential risks associated with such proceedings and their potential financial impact on Siemens, is included in the Company's Consolidated Financial Statements as of September 30, 2011 (Consolidated Financial Statements).

Significant developments regarding investigations and other legal proceedings that have occurred since the preparation of the Consolidated Financial Statements are described below.

## **Public corruption proceedings**

Governmental and related proceedings

As previously reported, Siemens AG had filed a request for arbitration against the Republic of Argentina (Argentina) with the International Center for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID) of the World Bank. Siemens AG claimed that Argentina had unlawfully terminated its contract with Siemens for the development and operation of a system for the production of identity cards, border control, collection of data and voters' registers (DNI project) and thereby violated the Bilateral Investment Protection Treaty between Argentina and Germany (BIT). A unanimous decision on the merits was rendered by the ICSID arbitration tribunal in February 2007, awarding Siemens AG, inter alia, compensation in the amount of US\$217.8 million, plus compound interest thereon at a rate of 2.66% since May 18, 2001. Argentina subsequently filed applications with the ICSID aiming at the annulment and reversal of the decision and a stay of enforcement of the arbitral award. In August 2009, Argentina and Siemens AG reached an agreement to mutually settle the case and discontinue any and all civil proceedings in connection with the case without acknowledging any legal obligations or claims. No payment was made by either party. As previously reported, the Argentinean Anti-Corruption Authority is conducting an investigation against individuals into corruption of government officials in connection with the award of the contract for the DNI project to Siemens in 1998. Searches were undertaken at the premises of Siemens Argentina and Siemens IT Services S.A. in Buenos Aires in August 2008 and in February 2009. The Company is cooperating with the Argentinean Authorities. The Argentinean investigative judge also repeatedly requested judicial assistance from the Munich public prosecutor and the federal court in New York. In December 2011, the U.S.

Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) and U.S. Department of Justice filed an indictment against nine individuals based on the same facts as the investigation of the Argentinean Anti-Corruption Authority. Most of these individuals are former Siemens employees. The former member of the Managing Board of Siemens AG, Dr. Uriel Sharef, is also involved. Siemens AG is not party to the proceedings.

As previously reported, in February 2010 a Greek Parliamentary Investigation Committee (GPIC) was established to investigate whether any politicians or other state officials in Greece were involved in alleged wrong-doing of Siemens in Greece. GPIC's investigation was focused on possible criminal liability of politicians and other state officials. Greek public prosecutors are separately investigating certain fraud and bribery allegations involving − among others − former board members and former executives of Siemens A.E. Greece (Siemens A.E.) and Siemens AG. Both investigations may have a negative impact on civil proceedings currently pending against Siemens AG and Siemens A.E. and may affect the future business activities of Siemens in Greece. In January 2011, the GPIC alleged in a letter to Siemens that the damage suffered by the Greek state amounts to at least €2 billion. Furthermore, the GPIC issued a report repeating these allegations. In addition, the Hellenic Republic Minister of State indicated in a letter to Siemens that the Greek state will seek compensation from Siemens for the alleged damage. While Siemens rejects these allegations as unfounded and continues to defend itself, Siemens and the Greek state continue to be engaged in discussions to resolve the matter.

The Company remains subject to corruption-related investigations in several jurisdictions around the world. As a result, additional criminal or civil sanctions could be brought against the Company itself or against certain of its employees in connection with possible violations of law. In addition, the scope of pending investigations may be expanded and new investigations commenced in connection with allegations of bribery or other illegal acts. The Company's operating activities, financial results and reputation may also be negatively affected, particularly as a result of penalties, fines, disgorgements, compensatory damages, third-party litigation, including with competitors, the formal or informal exclusion from public invitations to tender, or the loss of business licenses or permits. Additional expenses and provisions, which could be material, may need to be recorded in the future for penalties, fines, damages or other charges in connection with the investigations.

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### **Antitrust proceedings**

As previously reported, in October 2011, the local Antitrust Authority in Rovno, Ukraine, notified DP Siemens Ukraine of an investigation into anti-competitive practices in connection with a delivery of medical equipment to a public hospital in 2010. Siemens cooperated with the authority. The authority imposed a fine in an amount equivalent to €4,000. DP Siemens Ukraine did not appeal the decision.

## Other proceedings

As previously reported, Siemens AG is a member of a supplier consortium that has been contracted to construct the nuclear power plant "Olkiluoto 3" in Finland for Teollisuuden Voima Oyj (TVO) on a turnkey basis. Siemens AG's share of the consideration to be paid to the supplier consortium under the contract is approximately 27%. The other member of the supplier consortium is a further consortium consisting of Areva NP S.A.S. and its wholly-owned subsidiary, Areva NP GmbH. The agreed completion date for the nuclear power plant was April 30, 2009. Completion of the power plant has been delayed for reasons which are in dispute. In December 2008, the supplier consortium filed a request for arbitration against TVO demanding an extension of the construction time, additional compensation, milestone payments, damages and interest. In April 2009, TVO rejected the claims and made counterclaims against the supplier consortium. These consist primarily of damages due to the delay amounting to approximately €1.43 billion based on an estimated completion of the plant in June 2012 with a delay of 38 months. In June 2011, the supplier consortium increased its monetary claim; it now amounts to €1.94 billion. In December 2011, the supplier consortium informed TVO that the completion of the plant is expected in August 2014. The final phases of the plant completion require the full cooperation of all parties involved. The further delay as well as further schedule uncertainties in the completion of the plant could lead TVO to increase its counterclaims.

In December 2011, the United States Attorney's Office for the Northern District of New York served a Grand Jury subpoena on the Company that seeks records of consulting payments for business conducted by the Building Technologies unit in New York State over the period from January 1, 2000 through September 30, 2011. Siemens is cooperating with the authority.

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In particular, Siemens is strongly affected by changes in general economic and business conditions as these directly impact its processes, customers and suppliers. This may negatively impact our revenue development and the realization of greater capacity utilization as a result of growth. Yet due to their diversity, not all of Siemens' businesses are equally affected by changes in economic conditions; considerable differences exist in the timing and magnitude of the effects of such changes. This effect is amplified by the fact that, as a global company, Siemens is active in countries with economies that vary widely in terms of growth rate. Uncertainties arise from, among other things, the risk of customers delaying the conversion of recognized orders into revenue or cancelling recognized orders, of prices declining or expenditures increasing as a result of adverse market conditions by more than is currently anticipated by Siemens' management or of functional costs increasing in anticipation of growth that is not realized as expected. Other factors that may cause Siemens' results to deviate from expectations include developments in the financial markets, including fluctuations in interest and exchange rates (in particular in relation to the US\$, British £ and the currencies of emerging markets such as China, India and Brazil), in commodity and equity prices, in debt prices (credit spreads) and in the value of financial assets generally. Any changes in interest rates or other assumptions used in calculating obligations for pension plans and similar commitments may impact Siemens' defined benefit obligations and the anticipated performance of pension plan assets resulting in unexpected changes in the funded status of Siemens' pension and other post-employment benefit plans. Any increase in market volatility, deterioration in the capital markets, decline in the conditions for the credit business, uncertainty related to the subprime, financial market and liquidity crises, including the sovereign debt crisis in the Eurozone, or fluctuations in the future financial performance of the major industries served by Siemens may have unexpected effects on Siemens' results. Furthermore, Siemens faces risks and uncertainties in connection with: disposing of business activities, certain strategic reorientation measures, including reorganization measures relating to its segments; the performance of its equity interests and strategic alliances; the challenge of integrating major acquisitions, implementing joint ventures and other significant portfolio measures; the performance, measurement criteria and composition of its Environmental Portfolio; the introduction of competing products or technologies by other companies or market entries by new competitors; changing competitive dynamics (particularly in developing markets); the risk that new products or services will not be accepted by customers targeted by Siemens or that there may be delays in the delivery of new products and services due to unexpected technical difficulties; changes in business strategy; the interruption of our supply chain, including the inability of third parties to deliver parts, components and services on time resulting for example from natural disasters; the outcome of pending investigations, legal proceedings and actions resulting from the findings of, or related to the subject matter of, such investigations; the potential impact of such investigations and proceedings on Siemens' business, including its relationships with governments and other customers; the potential impact of such matters on Siemens' financial statements, and various other factors. More detailed information about certain of the risk factors affecting Siemens is contained throughout this report and in Siemens' other filings with the SEC, which are available on the Siemens website, www.siemens.com, and on the SEC's website, www.sec.gov. Should one or more of these risks or uncertainties materialize, or should underlying assumptions prove incorrect, actual results may vary materially from those described in the relevant forward-looking statement as expected. anticipated, intended, planned, believed, sought, estimated or projected. Siemens neither intends to, nor assumes any obligation to, update or revise these forward-looking statements in light of developments which differ from those anticipated. Due to rounding, numbers presented throughout this and other documents may not add up precisely to the totals provided and percentages may not precisely reflect the absolute figures.