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Report of Foreign Private Issuer
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the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the month of July, 2002

Intertape Polymer Group Inc.

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INTERTAPE POLYMER GROUP INC. ANNOUNCES

JUNE 2002 SECOND QUARTER RESULTS

(stated in U.S. dollars)

Montreal, Quebec, Canada - July 22, 2002 - Intertape Polymer Group Inc. (NYSE & TSE: ITP), today reported its operating results for the second quarter ended June 30, 2002.

Sales for the period were \$153.7 million, an increase of 8.7% or \$12.4 million from \$141.3 million for the second quarter of 2001. For the six-month periods ended June 30, 2002 and June 30, 2001, sales were \$300.4 million and \$300.1 million respectively. Sales increased by 4.8% or \$7 million over the first quarter of 2002. This increase in sales is the result of the combined effects of

new products, increases in unit selling prices, and the positive impact of the Company's Regional Distribution Center (RDC) strategy.

Melbourne F. Yull, Intertape Polymer Group's Chairman and Chief Executive Officer stated, "The strength of our overall strategy resulted in a healthy sales increase over last year."

Gross profits and gross margins were \$33.9 million and 22.1% for the current period, compared to \$26.7 million and 18.9% respectively for the second quarter of 2001. Gross profits and gross margins for the six-month periods were \$67.4 million and \$65.5 million and 22.4% and 21.8% respectively.

Operating profit for the period was \$13.5 million as compared to \$6.6 million for the same period in 2001. For the six month period ended June 30, 2002, operating profit was \$26.7 million compared to \$23.5 million in 2001. Selling, general and administrative expenses remain constant.

Net income for the three months ended June 2002 increased \$7.0 million to \$4.3 million from a loss of (\$2.7 million) in the same period last year. Net income for the six-month period was \$7.1 million, an increase of \$5.6 million from \$1.5 million in the same period last year.

Basic and diluted EPS for the current quarter were \$0.13 compared to a loss of (\$0.10) after the effect of the non-recurring charges in 2001 and \$0.00 before the effect of these charges last year. For the six-month period, both basic and diluted EPS were \$0.22 compared to \$0.15 before the effect of the non-recurring charges and \$0.05 after this effect.

Andrew M. Archibald, CFO stated, "The Company continues to manage cash effectively. Cash derived from operations was \$11.9 million this quarter compared to \$5.6 for the second quarter of 2001; and was \$21.7 million compared to \$18.0 million for the six months ended June 2002 and 2001 respectively. Investing in capital assets has decreased to \$3.6 million in 2002 as compared to \$5.5 million for the second quarter of 2001; and was \$6.5 million compared to \$17.7 million for the comparable six-month periods. The proceeds of \$47.3 million from the issuance of 5.1 million common shares during the first quarter of 2002 were used to reduce long-term debt by \$37.7 million, reduce bank indebtedness by \$6.5 million and partially fund the investment in capital assets of \$6.5 million." The Company typically increases finished goods inventory towards the end of the second quarter in order to have sufficient product to sell during annual plant vacation shut downs. Consequently, further improvements in working capital should continue through the balance of 2002 thus freeing additional cash to further reduce borrowings or for investments.

The exchange rate at June 30, 2002 was Cdn. \$1.5187 = U.S. \$1.00.

Intertape Polymer Group Inc. develops, manufactures and markets a wide variety of specialized polyolefin plastic and paper based packaging products and systems for industrial and retail use. The Company is based in Montreal, Quebec and Sarasota, Florida with twenty-six facilities in North America and one European location.

The reader should note that the Company's forward-looking statements speak only as of the date of this media release or when made and the Company undertakes no duty or obligation to update or revise its forward-looking statements. Although management believes that the expectations, plans, intentions and projections

reflected in its forward-looking statements are reasonable, such statements are subject to known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors that may cause the Company's actual results, performance or achievements to be materially different from any future results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by the forward-looking statements.

The risks, uncertainties and other factors that the Company's stockholders and prospective investors should consider include, but are not limited to, the following: risks associated with pricing, volume and continued strength of markets where the Company's products are sold; delays and disruptions associated with terrorist attacks and reprisals, political instability, heightened security and war in countries of the world that affect the Company's business; the effect of competition on the Company's ability to maintain margins on existing or acquired operations; and other risk factors listed from time to time in the Company's reports (including its Annual Report on Form 40-F) filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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INTERTAPE POLYMER GROUP INC.
CONSOLIDATED EARNINGS
Periods ended June 30,
(In thousands of US dollars, except per share amounts)

THREE MONTHS

	2002	2001	
	\$	\$	
Sales	•	141,265	3
Cost of sales	119,713	114,549	2
Gross profit	33,944	26 , 716	
Selling, general and administrative expenses	20,454	20,090	
Amortization of goodwill		1,797	
Research and development	796	1,198	
Financial expenses	7,872	7,736	
	29,122	30,821	
Earnings (loss) before income taxes	4 , 822	(4,105)	
Income taxes	534	(1,392)	
Net earnings (loss)	4,288	(2,713)	
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Earnings per share (loss) Basic	0.13	(0.10)	
Diluted =	0.13	, ,	
CONSOLIDATED RETAINED EARNINGS			
Periods ended June 30, (In thousands of US dollars)			
	THREE MONT	THS	
	2002	2001	
	\$	\$	
Balance, beginning of year Net earnings (loss)	107,386 4,288	120,985 (2,713)	1
	111,674	118,272	1 1
Premium on purchase for cancellation of common shares			
Balance, end of year	111,674	118,272 	1 1
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INTERTAPE POLYMER GROUP INC.			
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS (In thousands of US dollars)			
		AS AT JUNE 30	7
		2002	
		\$	
ASSETS Current assets			
Trade receivables (net of allowance for doubtful acco \$4,804 (\$592 in June 2001, \$6,670 in December 2001) Other receivables	unts OI	93,104 12,152	1
Inventories Parts and supplies		76,919 12,221	
Prepaid expenses		6,154	

Future income tax assets	4,025	
	204,575	2
Capital assets	363 , 665	3
Other assets	12,214	
Goodwill, at amortized cost	229 , 299	2
	809,753	8
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LIABILITIES		
Current liabilities		
Bank indebtedness	19,936	1
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	85 , 880	
Instalments on long-term debt	13,429	
	119,245	2
Long-term debt	311,859	2
Other liabilities	3,785	
Future income tax liabilities	22,506	
	457,395	5
SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY		
Capital stock and share purchase warrants	236,822	1
Retained earnings	111,674	1
Accumulated foreign currency translation adjustments	3,862	
	352,358	3
	809 , 753	8

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INTERTAPE POLYMER GROUP INC. Consolidated Cash Flows Periods ended June 30, (In thousands of US dollars)

THREE	MONTHS

	2002	2001	
	\$	\$	
OPERATING ACTIVITIES	τ	٣	
Net earnings (loss) Non-cash items	4,288	(2,713)	
Depreciation and amortization	7,046	8,516	
Future income taxes	534	(192)	

Cash from operations before funding

of changes in non-cash working capital items	11,868	5,611
Changes in non-cash working capital items Trade receivables	(586)	
Other receivables	(2,309)	. , ,
Inventories	(6,481)	•
Parts and supplies	(218)	3,067
Prepaid expenses Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	2,270 10,123	1,224 10,928
	2 , 799	9,272
Cash flows from operating activities	14,667	14,883
INVESTING ACTIVITIES Capital assets, net of investment tax credits Proceed on sale of capital assets	(3,625)	(5,450) 8,000
Other assets	243	(750)
Cash flows from investing activities	(3,382)	1,800
FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Net change in bank indebtedness	• •	(8 , 819)
Repayment of long-term debt		(8,425)
Issue of Common Shares Common Shares purchased for cancellation	(50)	839
Cash flows from financing activities	(8,670)	(16,405)
Net increase in cash position	2,615	278
Effect of foreign currency translation adjustments	•	(278)
Cash position, beginning and end of year		-

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

INTERTAPE POLYMER GROUP INC.

Date: July 24, 2002 By: /s/ Salvatore Vitale

Salvatore Vitale, Vice President Finance
