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Report of Foreign Private Issuer Pursuant to Rule
13a-16 or 15d-16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the month of May 2002

GEMPLUS INTERNATIONAL S.A.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Gemplus International S.A.
(Translation of registrant's name in English)

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Gemplus International SA

Press Release - Financial Statements

For the quarterly period ended March 31, 2002

GEMPLUS FIRST QUARTER 2002 FINANCIAL RESULTS

- o Results in line with expectations
- o Restructuring on track to deliver more than expected
- o Return to profitability expected by year end

Luxembourg - April 30, 2002 - Gemplus International S.A. (Paris Euronext:
Euroclear 5768 and Nasdaq: GEMP) today reported results for fiscal year 2002
first quarter ended March 31, 2002.

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First quarter revenue was 176.5 million Euros; gross profit was 36.2 million Euros; operating expenses were 83.5 million Euros; and the net loss was 62.5 million Euros, including an exceptional 19.3 million Euros restructuring charge. Net loss per share was 0.10 Euro on a fully diluted basis. Adjusting for exceptional costs, net loss was 0.07 Euro per share.

Commenting, the company said:

"These results are not attractive; but they are very much in line with our expectations. We're reporting against last year which was Gemplus' strongest ever first quarter and included the SkiData and Tag businesses which have subsequently been sold. We also signalled in February that the first quarter this year would suffer from the absence of 28 million Euros of financial services project work in the US, which was completed before Christmas. In addition, and also as expected, there is no benefit in the first quarter from the restructuring programme announced in February, and gross margin has continued to be held back by the need to complete running down our inventory of high cost chips bought at year end 2000 prices. From the current quarter onwards, both our gross and operating margin will progressively benefit from the restructuring and from the use of lower cost chips."

Gemplus' balance sheet remains strong with cash and cash equivalents of 450 million Euros. Net cash outflow, excluding exceptional costs, was limited - under 10 million Euros. This includes 12.2 million Euros of capital expenditure, reflecting the lower run-rate of capital expenditure indicated in February. Inventory levels were down by 12 million Euros, representing some 90 days' sales. Only around 20% of chip inventory was chips bought at year-end 2000 prices. Accounts receivable dropped by 42 million Euros, reflecting the lower revenue levels, and Day Sales Outstanding were 63 days, within the normal range of Day Sales Outstanding of between 60 and 65 days.

On a regional basis, 52% of revenues were generated in Europe, 23% in the Americas and 25% in Asia. On a market sector basis, 69% of revenues were generated from telecoms and 31% from financial services.

Restructuring

Good progress has been made with the restructuring programme announced in February. Gemplus is now confident of achieving at least the 100 million Euros annualised savings forecast and achieving the full annualised rate of savings by the end of calendar 2002 - some 3 months earlier than initially indicated. The impact within the current year should be around half the full annualised run rate. The great majority of the balance of the exceptional 65 million Euros restructuring charge is planned to be taken in the second quarter.

Commenting, Chief Executive Officer, Ron Mackintosh, said:

"These results are very much in line with our expectations. 2002 will be a year of two halves - significant losses in the first half, followed by a progressive build-up of profitability in the second half. We are confident we will return Gemplus to profitability by year end."

"The restructuring programme is more than meeting expectations, and we will see the benefits of this and of lower cost inventory starting to feed through from the second quarter onwards. The marketplace continues to be tough, but the indications from our own information and from independent surveys are that Gemplus is now at least holding, and perhaps increasing, its market share. Management focus is resolute both on improving Gemplus' operating efficiency and on working with our customers over time to improve the sales mix and accelerate adoption of more advanced smart cards, particularly Java based cards for mobile operators."

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Conference Call

The company has scheduled a conference call for Tuesday 30 April, 2002 starting at 2.00pm Paris time.

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The live conference call will also be available on the Internet at www.companyboardroom.com.

Replays of the conference call will be available approximately 2 hours after the conclusion of the live conference call for 2 weeks at: +44 (0) 208 288 4459 (Access Code: 670012).

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About Gemplus

GEMPLUS: the world's number one provider of solutions empowered by Smart Cards Gemplus helps its clients offer an exceptional range of portable, personalized solutions that bring security and convenience to people's lives. These include mobile Internet access, inter-operable banking facilities, e-commerce, and a wealth of other applications.

Gemplus is the only completely dedicated, truly global player in the Smart Card industry, with the largest R&D team, unrivalled experience, and an outstanding track record of technological innovation.

Gemplus trades its shares on Euronext Paris S.A. First Market and on the Nasdaq Stock Market as GEMP in the form of ADSs. Its revenue in 2001 was 1.023 Billion Euros. It employs 6721 people in 37 countries throughout the world.

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Condensed Consolidated Statement of Income

(in thousands of euros, except share and per share data)

	Three months ended March 31, 2002	2001 (unaudited)
Net sales	176,532	293,631
Cost of sales	(140,356)	(193,727)
Gross Profit	36,176	99,904
Research and development expenses	(27,376)	(29,663)
Selling and marketing expenses	(32,097)	(45,690)
General and administrative expenses	(24,054)	(27,070)
Operating income (loss) before restructuring	(47,351)	(2,519)

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Restructuring expenses	(19,324)	-
Operating income (loss)	(66,675)	(2,519)
Interest income and (expense), net	4,763	8,422
Other income (expense), net	(5,199)	(5,157)
Income (loss) before taxes and goodwill amortization	(67,111)	746
Income taxes benefit (provision)	10,784	(179)
Income (loss) before goodwill amortization	(56,327)	567
Goodwill amortization	(6,136)	(7,726)

Net income (loss)	(62,463)	(7,159)

Net income (loss) per share		
Basic	(0.10)	(0.01)
Diluted	(0.10)	(0.01)
Shares used in net income (loss) per share calculation		
Basic	605,789,994	638,712,082
Diluted	605,789,994	638,712,082

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Condensed Consolidated Balance sheets

	(in thousand of euros)	
	March 31, 2002	December 31, 2001

Assets		
	(unaudited)	
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	450,073	490,652
Trade accounts receivable, net	146,888	188,635
Inventory, net	127,773	139,794
Other current assets	97,816	103,733
Total current assets	822,550	922,814
Non-current assets:		
Property, plant and equipment, net	265,505	268,784
Goodwill, net	110,791	116,580
Other non-current assets	231,678	222,514
Total non-current assets	607,974	607,878

Total assets	1,430,524	1,530,692

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Liabilities

Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable	111,648	109,661
Accrued liabilities and other	126,837	168,905
Current portion of long-term debt	-	-
Current obligations under capital leases	3,650	3,734
Total current liabilities	242,135	282,300
Non-current liabilities:		
Long-term obligations under capital leases	38,414	32,581
Long-term debt, less current portion	-	14
Other non-current liabilities	24,404	30,859
Total non-current liabilities	62,818	63,454
Minority interest	18,364	17,176
Shareholders' equity		
Ordinary shares no legal par value, 2,000,000,000 shares authorized, 641,993,097 and 641,396,497 shares issued and outstanding at March 31, 2002 and December 31, 2001, respectively		
	127,056	127,056
Additional paid-in capital	1,028,699	1,027,850
Retained earnings	62,553	125,016
Other comprehensive income	(2,909)	(3,968)
Less, cost of treasury shares	(108,192)	(108,192)
Total shareholders' equity	1,107,207	1,167,762
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	1,430,524	1,530,692

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Condensed Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows

	(in thousands of euros)	
	Three months ended March 31, 2002	2001
	(unaudited)	
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Net income (loss)	(62,463)	(7,159)
Depreciation and amortization	25,827	28,426
Other adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash from operating activities	(15,822)	1,479
Change in inventories	13,159	(45,504)
Other changes in operating activities	25,999	(26,134)
Restructuring reserve	9,550	-
Litigation expenses	(18,120)	-

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Management severance expenses	(10,515)	-

Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	(32,385)	(48,892)
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Sale/(Purchase) of activities net of cash disposed/(acquired)	-	(262)
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	(12,152)	(40,276)
Other changes in investing activities	4,662	(24,091)

Net cash used for investing activities	(7,490)	(64,629)
Cash flows from financing activities:		
Proceeds from sales-leaseback operations	6,617	-
Other changes in financing activities	(4,543)	(5,053)

Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	2,074	(5,053)
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash	(2,778)	(12,804)
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	(37,801)	(118,574)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period	490,652	636,284

Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	450,073	504,906

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Business segment reporting

First Quarter 2002 Compared with First Quarter 2001

Revenues	Three months ended March 31,		
	2002	2001	% change

	(millions of euros)		
Telecommunications	121.4	213.3	(43%)
Financial services and security	55.1	62.4	(12%)
Disposed operations (*)	-	17.9	(100%)
Total	176.5	293.6	(40%)
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Gross margin	Three months ended March 31,		
	2002	2001	% change

	(millions of euros)		
Telecommunications	31.9	84.4	(62%)
Financial services and security	4.3	9.8	(56%)
Disposed operations (*)	-	5.7	(100%)
Total	36.2	99.9	(64%)
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(*) including SkiData and Tag activities which disposals occurred during the third quarter of 2001.

Geographic reporting

First Quarter 2002 Compared with First Quarter 2001

Revenues	Three months ended March 31,		
	2002	2001	% change
	(millions of euros)		
Europe, Middle East and Africa.....	91.6	138.6	(34%)
Asia	44.3	97.3	(54%)
Americas	40.6	39.8	2%
Disposed operations	-	17.9	(100%)
Total	176.5	293.6	(40%)
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(*) including SkiData and Tag activities which disposals occurred during the third quarter of 2001.

First Quarter
Fiscal 2002 Financial
Results Conference Call

Presenters: Ron Mackintosh - Chief Executive Officer
Yves Guillaumot - Chief Financial Officer

April 30, 2002

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Introduction

- o Results in line with expectations
- o 1Q2001 was first quarter record for revenues and included SkiData and Tag
- o Benefits from restructuring and lower cost inventory start in 2Q/2002 onwards
- o Restructuring programme on track to deliver at least (euro)100 million
- o Gemplus should return to profitability by year end
- o Significant losses in the 1H/2002, followed by progressive build-up of profitability in 2H/2002

1Q/2002 Revenue

- o Revenue at (euro)176.5 million,
- o vs. 1Q/2001: down 40% nominally and 36% adjusted
 - Difficult comparison versus 1Q/2001 as Q1 last year was Gemplus' strongest ever first quarter
- o vs. 4Q/2001: down 30%
 - 4Q/2001 FSS sales were flattered by some (euro)28 million of one-off U.S. card projects
 - Despite high SIM cards volumes, sales mix and pressure on sales prices affected revenue

Gross Margin

- o Gross Margin at 20.5% (24.8% in 4Q/2001)
 - Sales Mix
 - Completion of Financial Services U.S. projects
- o 1Q/2002 Gross Margin not indicative of future run-rate
- o 32K inventory should fully cleared by 3Q/2002
- o Progressively positive margin impacts:
 - Lower cost chips (up to 5 pp benefit)
 - Restructuring of manufacturing
- o Expected margin improvement despite pricing pressures

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Cost Structure

- o Operating Expenses under (euro)84 million -better than February `02 guidance
- o 2001 Restructuring Programme fully delivered -(euro)40million annualised savings
- o 2002 restructuring on track
- o (euro)19 million of the projected (euro)65 million restructuring charge
 - Cost of headcount reductions so far negotiated,
 - Selective property savings
- o Headcount down by 346 employees from December 31, 2001, at 6,375 employees

Strong Balance Sheet

- o Limited operating cash outflow
- o Cash and Cash Equivalents (euro)450 million
- o Day Sales Outstanding (DSOs) at 63 days, within the Group's objective
- o Inventory down (euro)12 million
 - Closer in line with current shipment demand
 - 20% of inventory is now chips bought at year end 2000 prices
- o Under (euro)10 million net operating cash outflow, despite 1Q/2002 operating losses
- o Exceptional cash outflow relating to the Humetrix law suit and management severance costs

Segmented Revenue Results

EUR (millions)	1Q/2002	1Q/2001*	%
			Change
Revenue by Segment			
Telecommunications	121.4	213.3	-43%
Financial Services & Security	55.1	62.4	-12%
Revenue by Geography			
EMEA	91.6	138.6	-34%
Americas	40.6	39.8	+2%
Asia	44.3	97.3	-54%

* Restated from Skidata and Tag

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Financial Summary

- o Results more than meet internal forecasts
- o Benefits of restructuring and lower cost inventory still to come
- o On track for profitability by year end

Changing Gemplus

- o Good progress on core objectives
 - Cost competitive operations
 - High, consistent levels customer service
 - Innovations and moving up margin chain
 - Profitable growth
- o A change of culture and direction as well as a change of operating efficiency and business process

Restructuring Set to Exceed Expectations

- o More than (euro)100 million annualised savings
- o Full run rate of savings by end of 2002
- o 50% of annualised savings within 2002
- o 430 person reduction in resources starting 2Q
- o Potential to do more in future

Marketplace

- o Volumes of cards remain strong
- o Addressing sales mix
- o Holding and improving market share
- o Financial Services deploying smarter cards
 - Combat fraud, additional customer services
- o Telecom lag in take-off of 2.5G and 3G
- o Working with customers to provide adoption of higher margin, advanced and Java cards

Summary

- o Confident of delivering on restructuring
- o Confident of achieving profitability by year end

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- o Focus on sales mix and margins
- o Foundation of recovery firmly established

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.

Date: May 1, 2002

GEMPLUS INTERNATIONAL S.A.

By: /s/ Stephen Juge

Name: Stephen Juge
Title: Executive Vice President and
General Counsel