

First information on the year 2006

Robust sales increase at Geberit

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In 2006, the Geberit Group increased its sales to CHF 2,183.5 million (CHF 1,922.9 million in the previous year). This corresponds to 13.6% growth in Swiss francs and 12.0% after currency adjustments. The organic growth amounted to 16.0%, or 14.4% in local currencies. For the entire year Management expects substantially higher operating results and a distinct increase in earnings per share. The financial statements and annual report for 2006 will be published on March 15, 2007 in Zurich, on the occasion of the analysts and media conference. The Board of Directors will submit a request for a 1:10 stock split to the general meeting.

Very strong sales increase in the 4th quarter

The fourth quarter of 2006 clearly exceeded the favorable results of the previous quarters. With CHF 529.0 million the increase over the same quarter in the previous year represents 21.3% (19.0% after currency adjustments). In organic terms, the increase amounted to 23.6% (21.2% after currency adjustments).

This favorable development had a positive effect on the entire year 2006. Sales of the Geberit Group amounted to CHF 2,183.5 million, representing an increase of 13.6% (12.0% after currency adjustments) over the previous year. In organic terms, growth amounted to 16.0% (14.4% after currency adjustments).

Positive developments in the markets in 2006¹

Most of the European markets considerably exceeded their sales of the previous year and grew by a total of 14.5% in 2006. Sales increases in double digits were achieved in Central and Eastern Europe (+26.4%), the Nordic countries (+17.6%), Germany (+16.0%), Austria (+14.9%), the Benelux countries (+13.5%), France (+13.4%), as well as in Switzerland (+11.4%) and in Italy (+11.2%). The United Kingdom/Ireland continued to recover in the fourth quarter with a cumulative increase over the previous year (+1.9%). The regions of the Middle East/Africa (+39.5%) and Far East/Pacific (+25.6%) attained impressive growth rates. America recovered from the previous year's slump (+4.1%).

Results clearly above previous year

Based on the robust sales increase, Management expects its operating results for all of 2006 to be substantially above those of the previous year and a distinct increase in earnings per share.

The financial statements and the complete 2006 annual report will be published on March 15, 2007 in Zurich, on the occasion of the analysts and media conference.

¹ In organic terms and in local currencies

Stock split requested for 2007

The Board of Directors will submit a request for a 1:10 stock split to the general meeting of April 26, 2007. If the motion is passed, the split will be implemented subsequently, after payment of dividends.

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