

MEDIA INFORMATION

EMS Group:

Positive business trend continues

Third-quarter report 2006 (January - September 2006)

Summary

With its companies combined in EMS-CHEMIE HOLDING AG and global activities in the business areas **Performance Polymers** and **Fine Chemicals / Engineering**, the EMS Group* reports net sales for the first nine months of 2006 up by 10.1% over the previous year. This increase is within the scope of expectations communicated by EMS at the beginning of the year.

Consolidated **net sales** were boosted by 10.1% to CHF 1'042 million (946), the corresponding increase in local currencies is 9.3%. The very satisfactory development of volumes in the Performance Polymers field as well as the higher average sales prices had a positive effect on net sales revenues. The good development of business in the key Performance Polymers area was supported by the positive global economic situation.

EMS looks forward to the 2006 year-end results with optimism, and remains confident that the expectations for 2006 communicated at the beginning of the year – net sales revenues and net operating income (EBIT) slightly above the previous year's level – will be met.

As a result of the successful sale of shares from the Lonza investment, EMS also expects net financial income 2006 to be significantly over the previous year's figure.

*) All information provided in the following refers to the scope of consolidation as of April 1, 2005 ("continued activities"), i.e. without the EMS-DOTTIKON Business Unit which was spun off on March 31, 2005.

Development of net sales for the EMS Group January – September 2006 in comparison with the previous year

Net sales in CHF million	2006 (Jan-Sep)	in local currencies	2005 (Jan-Sep)
Total EMS Group change against prev. year	1'042 +10.1%	+9.3%	946 +8.2%
- Performance Polymers change against prev. year	943 +12.1%	+11.3%	841 +10.2%
- Fine Chemicals / Engineering change against prev. year	99 -5.7%	-6.9%	105 -5.4%

Business area **Performance Polymers** achieved highly satisfactory volume growth. High demand for specialities was recorded in particular in the main sales markets Europe and Asia. Considerably higher raw material costs necessitated sales price increases.

In business area **FINE CHEMICALS / ENGINEERING**, EMS-PATVAG (airbag ignitors) reports the expected drop in business. EMS-PRIMID (the leading producer of crosslinkers for weather-resistant powder coatings) developed according to plan.

Outlook

EMS expects the positive economic environment to continue through 2006, despite initial signs of a slowdown. EMS will exploit the sales opportunities for high-yield specialities in the Performance Polymers field. EMS remains confident that the expectations for 2006 communicated at the beginning of the year – net sales revenues and net operating income (EBIT) slightly above the previous year's level – will be met.

EMS expects weaker global economic growth as of 2007, and is adapting to this development by way of investment restraint and cost discipline. The current strategy of systematic focus on speciality products will be pursued unchanged.

Schedule

- Financial media / financial analysts conference
for the business year 2006 February 9, 2007
- First-quarter report 2007 April 2007
- First-half report 2007 July 13, 2007
- Annual General Meeting 2007 August 11, 2007
- Third-quarter report 2007 October 2007

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