



TNT press release

A large orange cargo aircraft is shown on a tarmac. The text 'Q3 results 2005' is overlaid in large, white, sans-serif letters across the middle of the aircraft's body. The aircraft has 'Global Logistics & Mail' written on its side. In the background, another aircraft is visible, and ground handling equipment like a luggage cart and a yellow truck are on the tarmac.

Q3 results
2005

Revenues increase 9%. Earnings per share 5% higher
Strategic partnership with Japan Post

- ⦿ **Operating income up 37% in Express, due to revenue growth and efficiency**
- ⦿ **Growth in Mail revenues driven by 34% increase in European Mail Networks**
- ⦿ **Mail margin remains high, despite higher pension costs**
- ⦿ **Margins under pressure in Logistics**
- ⦿ **Strategic partnership with Japan Post announced**
- ⦿ **China development gains momentum**

Key numbers	Q3 2005	Q3 2004	% Change	YTD Q3 2005	YTD Q3 2004	% Change
	€ mil	€ mil		€ mil	€ mil	
Revenues	3,230	2,975	8.6%	9,891	9,012	9.8%
Operating income (EBIT)	246	241	2.1%	892	889	0.3%
Profit / (Loss) attributable to the shareholders	148	147	0.7%	551	543	1.5%
Net cash from operating activities	323	318	1.6%	782	724	8.0%
Earnings per share (€ cents)	32.5	30.9	5.2%	121.2	114.3	6.0%

Operating margin	Q3 2005	Q3 2004	YTD Q3 2005	YTD Q3 2004
Mail	16.2%	16.4%	19.8%	21.1%
Express	7.8%	6.2%	8.6%	7.0%
Logistics	1.2%	4.0%	2.0%	3.5%
<i>Contract Logistics</i>	1.0%	4.1%	2.1%	3.5%
<i>Freight Management</i>	2.0%	1.7%	1.6%	1.7%

CEO Peter Bakker:

"I continue to be pleased with the good progress of Express, which hit another record third quarter margin. Mail delivered as expected with solid execution of the masterplans, which have now brought us almost € 200 million of cumulative savings, and European Mail Networks achieved a revenue growth of 34% this quarter. In Logistics, we moved ahead with the refocusing of our French operations, and have received offers for large parts of this business. In the rest of Logistics, partly resulting from an unexpected law change in Italy, margin pressure remained, although we did see some positive signs in business development.

Looking to the future, I am delighted that we have started to work with Japan Post on a joint strategic vision. Our next step will be to launch a new international premium express product. We gained more traction with our China strategy, with the launch of new domestic express operations and the announcement of two 747 air freighters to the fleet, to fly between Shanghai and Europe."

Group overview

Third quarter revenue growth was 8.6%, coming from strong organic growth in Express and the Freight Management acquisition effect. The highlights of the Mail division were the maintenance of a high margin and the 33.6% organic growth in EMN. Express set another third quarter margin record, with revenue growth at the high end of our expectations. Logistics made important progress with the France restructuring but incurred € 18 million of one-off costs and experienced margin pressure in many business units.

The quarter saw strategic progress in relation to Japan, China and the refocusing of France Logistics.

Review of operations

Mail achieved total revenue growth of 3.1%, with the strong lift from EMN. In Mail Netherlands, revenues declined broadly in line with the 2.3% addressed mail volume decline. Also, pension costs are running at € 20 million per quarter higher than last year. However, good progress with the masterplans (€ 22 million savings) together with profit improvements in EMN, Cross Border and Data & Document Management, ensured that divisional margin remained strong at 16.2%, close to last year's level.

The procession of strong results from **Express** continued with a 37.1% increase in operating income. The division set another record third quarter margin of 7.8%, over one and a half percentage points better than last year, with a continuation of high single digit revenue growth. Organic revenue growth in Europe was 8.1% and, in Rest of World, 10.3%. European revenue yield was 3.8%.

For **Logistics**, organic revenue growth in North America was 13.7%. The growth in the Rest of World doubled to 20.2%, with a rebound in China automotive and good results from Australia. In Europe, the largest region, revenues continued to decline, affected by contract losses. The division was impacted by one-off costs - a provision for Italian subcontractor fees of € 10 million and French restructuring costs of € 8 million – in addition to general margin pressure. The resulting operating margin was 1.2%.

Financial review

Operating income was € 246 million, up € 5 million from last year, impacted by the € 18 million one-off costs in Italy and France Logistics and the € 20 million higher pension costs already mentioned. Non-allocated costs included a € 12 million gain in respect of the divestment of a non-core business.

Net financial expense was € 17 million, € 5 million lower than last year due to cheaper debt, and the effective tax rate was 34.5%.

The profit attributable to the shareholders came in € 1 million higher than last year at € 148 million, and EPS were 32.5 cents, an increase of 5.2%, helped by the share repurchase that was concluded in January 2005. Net cash from operating activities was a little higher than last year at € 323 million.

Tax investigations

The tax investigations, under the responsibility of the Audit Committee and mentioned in our press release of 22 September 2005, are ongoing. It is too early to determine their financial impact on the group.

Strategic progress

Today, we announce that TNT will enter into strategic partnership with Japan Post, with the joint vision to realise a leading express position in Asia Pacific. TNT already carries and distributes EMS volumes for Japan Post. The important next step will be to establish a joint, international premium express operation between Japan and the rest of the world. We expect operations to commence in the second quarter of 2006. We also expect joint logistics activities to commence by early 2007.

In France Logistics, we announced receipt of a binding offer from Norbert Dentressangle for the majority of the business, and we are considering management buy-out offers for most of the remainder. The proposed transactions are within the parameters that we set out at our second quarter announcement, including the € 140 million of P&L one-offs, pre-tax, the majority of which we expect to take in the fourth quarter of this year.

In China, TNT aims to build a leading domestic express network, and progress is well underway to achieve this ambition. Furthermore, we have decided to add two 747-400 air freighters to the TNT fleet to operate between Shanghai and Europe. We were pleased to see some recovery in China Logistics revenues due to improvement in the automotive sector.

2005 guidance

In **Mail**, we expect total revenues to be stable, with gains in EMN counteracting declines in Dutch addressed volumes. We expect a strong operating margin of 19% to 20%.

In **Express**, we expect high single digit revenue growth. Due to the continuing good performance of the division, we now lift the operating margin expectation from the range 8.5% to 9.0% to new guidance of around 9%.

In **Contract Logistics**, we expect revenues to remain stable with a margin of around 4%, excluding France.

In **Freight Management**, we expect revenues to grow high single digit, with an operating margin of around 1.5%, after charging amortisation of intangible fixed assets recognised on acquisition and integration costs.

Significant events since the second quarter

1 July	TNT Logistics selected by MAN Nutzfahrzeuge as pan-European spare parts logistics partner
12 July	State sells 43.4 million TNT shares to take holding down to 10%
14 July	TNT Logistics wins inbound contract for Dodge Charger manufacture
15 July	TNT acquires print and mailing house Euro Mail
15 August	TNT Express announces expansion of Middle East Road Network
8 September	TNT placed first in sector in Dow Jones Sustainability Index
19 September	Departure of CFO announced
22 September	Independent tax investigations announced
18 October	Announcement of binding offer received for French logistics business units

Group Summary		
Revenues		
Operating income (EBIT)		
Profit / (Loss) attributable to the shareholders		

	Q3 2005	Q3 2004	% Change		
	€ mil	€ mil	Operational	Fx	Total
Revenues	3,230	2,975	8.2%	0.4%	8.6%
Operating income (EBIT)	246	241	1.7%	0.4%	2.1%
Profit / (Loss) attributable to the shareholders	148	147	0.0%	0.7%	0.7%

Divisional Summary		
Mail		
Revenues		
Operating income (EBIT)		
Operating margin		
Express		
Revenues		
Operating income (EBIT)		
Operating margin		
Logistics		
Revenues		
Operating income (EBIT)		
Operating margin		
Non-allocated		
Operating income (EBIT)		

	Q3 2005	Q3 2004	% Change		
	€ mil	€ mil	Operational	Fx	Total
Revenues	906	879	3.1%	0.0%	3.1%
Operating income (EBIT)	147	144	2.1%	0.0%	2.1%
Operating margin	16.2%	16.4%			
Express	1,234	1,130	8.8%	0.4%	9.2%
Revenues	96	70	37.1%	0.0%	37.1%
Operating margin	7.8%	6.2%			
Logistics	1,119	975	14.0%	0.8%	14.8%
Revenues	13	39	-69.3%	2.6%	-66.7%
Operating margin	1.2%	4.0%			
Non-allocated	(10)	(12)	16.7%	0.0%	16.7%
Operating income (EBIT)	246	241	1.7%	0.4%	2.1%

Group Summary

Revenues
Operating income (EBIT)
Profit / (Loss) attributable to the shareholders

	YTD Q3 2005	YTD Q3 2004	% Change		
	€ mil	€ mil	Operational	Fx	Total
Revenues	9,891	9,012	9.8%	0.0%	9.8%
Operating income (EBIT)	892	889	0.1%	0.2%	0.3%
Profit / (Loss) attributable to the shareholders	551	543	0.9%	0.6%	1.5%

Divisional Summary
Mail

Revenues
Operating income (EBIT)
Operating margin

Express

Revenues
Operating income (EBIT)
Operating margin

Logistics

Revenues
Operating income (EBIT)
Operating margin

Non-allocated

Operating income (EBIT)

	YTD Q3 2005	YTD Q3 2004	% Change		
	€ mil	€ mil	Operational	Fx	Total
Revenues	2,852	2,801	1.8%	0.0%	1.8%
Operating income (EBIT)	564	590	-4.4%	0.0%	-4.4%
Operating margin	19.8%	21.1%			
Revenues	3,719	3,378	10.2%	-0.1%	10.1%
Operating income (EBIT)	321	236	36.0%	0.0%	36.0%
Operating margin	8.6%	7.0%			
Revenues	3,379	2,861	18.1%	0.0%	18.1%
Operating income (EBIT)	68	99	-32.3%	1.0%	-31.3%
Operating margin	2.0%	3.5%			
Non-allocated	(61)	(36)	-66.6%	-2.8%	-69.4%
Operating income (EBIT)	892	889	0.1%	0.2%	0.3%

- ⇒ High margin maintained, despite the higher pension costs
- ⇒ Solid execution of masterplans - cumulative savings approach € 200 million
- ⇒ EMN organic revenue growth hits 33.6%

Mail Summary	Q3 2005	Q3 2004	% Change	YTD Q3 2005	YTD Q3 2004	% Change
	€ mil	€ mil		€ mil	€ mil	
Revenues	906	879	3.1%	2,852	2,801	1.8%
Operating income (EBIT)	147	144	2.1%	564	590	-4.4%
Operating margin	16.2%	16.4%		19.8%	21.1%	

Mail division maintained a high third quarter margin, very close to last year's level, despite the € 20 million higher pension costs and the changing business mix, as EMN grows and the higher margin Dutch addressed mail volumes decline. In fact, EMN organic revenue growth was 33.6%.

The savings from the masterplans amounted to € 22 million this quarter, bringing the cumulative total to € 199 million. All of the new sequence sorting machines have now been delivered and commissioning will be 100% complete by the year-end. These savings, together with profit improvements in EMN, Cross Border and Data & Document Management, explain the strong margin performance for the division overall.

Revenue Analysis	Q3 2005	Q3 2004	% Change	% Change		
	€ mil	€ mil		Organic	Acq	Fx
Mail Netherlands	586	601	-2.5%	-2.5%	0.0%	0.0%
Cross Border	118	121	-2.5%	-2.5%	0.0%	0.0%
European Mail Networks	147	110	33.6%	33.6%	0.0%	0.0%
Data & Document Management	55	47	17.0%	6.4%	10.6%	0.0%
Mail	906	879	3.1%	2.5%	0.6%	0.0%

Revenue Analysis	YTD Q3 2005	YTD Q3 2004	% Change	% Change		
	€ mil	€ mil		Organic	Acq	Fx
Mail Netherlands	1,897	1,914	-0.9%	-0.9%	0.0%	0.0%
Cross Border	369	397	-7.1%	-6.8%	0.0%	-0.3%
European Mail Networks	426	344	23.8%	23.8%	0.0%	0.0%
Data & Document Management	160	146	9.6%	2.8%	6.8%	0.0%
Mail	2,852	2,801	1.8%	1.4%	0.4%	0.0%

Mail Netherlands saw addressed mail volumes fall by only 2.3% in the quarter, which was better than our -3% to -4% expectation, with electronic substitution, competition and a subdued economy all playing a part. Domestic volumes were off 2.7%, affected by reduced bank mailings, and direct mail was off 1.7%. The better-than-trend decline in direct mail resulted from some recovery in printed matter mailings. Revenues declined by 2.5%, broadly in line with volumes. Next day delivery remained over 97%.

Cross Border revenues declined by 2.5%. Competitive pressures continued to weigh on both prices and volumes. However, the decline was more favourable than in recent quarters, since contract rationalisation has reduced and the fee reductions that took place last year did not recur.

Organic revenue growth in the **European Mail Networks** increased to 33.6%. Addressed mail volumes in Germany almost doubled and the addressed mail business in the UK, which was just starting up last year, remained firmly on track to achieving a run-rate of at least 500 million items per annum by the year-end. Mail Italy also achieved a strong double digit growth, with contributions from the addressed, unaddressed and mail services operations.

In **Data & Document Management**, most of the growth was provided by the acquisition of Euro Mail in the Netherlands, which specialises in production and distribution of direct mail. Organic growth improved to 6.4% due mostly to higher call centre activity.

- ⇒ Operating income increases by 37.1%
- ⇒ Another record third quarter margin
- ⇒ China development gains momentum

Express Summary	Q3 2005	Q3 2004	% Change	YTD Q3 2005	YTD Q3 2004	% Change
	€ mil	€ mil		€ mil	€ mil	
Revenues	1,234	1,130	9.2%	3,719	3,378	10.1%
Operating income (EBIT)	96	70	37.1%	321	236	36.0%
Operating margin	7.8%	6.2%		8.6%	7.0%	

The continuing success story of the Express division was marked in the third quarter by a 37.1% increase in operating income. The usual positive trends were evident – a record third quarter margin, positive revenue yield and successful application of the fuel surcharge. Operational leverage and efficiency improvements continue to drive the margin improvement.

Organic revenue growth of 8.4% remained close to the top of our guidance.

Important developments with respect to China included the launch of a new domestic network and agreement to add two 747-400 aircraft to the fleet. The new planes will provide uplift capacity from China to fuel our European network. The first comes into service in 2006 and the second in 2007.

High single digit revenue growth, combined with robust pricing, demonstrates our customers' appreciation for a high quality product with strong customer service support.

Revenue Analysis	Q3 2005	Q3 2004	% Change	% Change		
	€ mil	€ mil		Organic	Acq	Fx
Express Europe	989	915	8.1%	8.1%	0.4%	-0.4%
Express ROW	245	215	14.0%	10.3%	0.0%	3.7%
Express	1,234	1,130	9.2%	8.4%	0.4%	0.4%

Revenue Analysis	YTD Q3 2005	YTD Q3 2004	% Change	% Change		
	€ mil	€ mil		Organic	Acq	Fx
Express Europe	3,018	2,751	9.7%	9.9%	0.2%	-0.4%
Express ROW	701	627	11.8%	10.8%	0.0%	1.0%
Express	3,719	3,378	10.1%	10.1%	0.1%	-0.1%

Growth in **Europe** was 8.1%, with Benelux, Germany, Italy, Switzerland and Scandinavia putting in the largest percentage gains of the western European markets. In eastern Europe, organic growth increased to 23%. Acquisition growth mainly related to the business development in Slovenia. Domestic volumes continued to increase in all markets, but International (i.e. cross-border) volumes provided the main momentum, with double digit revenue growth. Road volume growth (8%) outpaced air (5%), and kilos growth (6%) outpaced the number of consignments (3%). The revenue yield was 3.8%, mostly attributable to the fuel surcharge.

The **Rest of World**, scored another quarter of double digit growth. China region grew by 25% and the Middle East grew by 24%. This quarter saw the first trials of the new domestic Express business in China, where we work with service partners that operate under the TNT brand and standards. We already operate from 25 of our own depots in China. With the strong Middle East growth, five new line-haul routes were announced for the region. In Australia, as previously mentioned, business was affected by customer rationalisation and the economic conditions.

- ⦿ Good progress with French disposals
- ⦿ Margins affected by one-off costs and price pressure
- ⦿ Business development pipeline improves

Logistics Summary	Q3 2005	Q3 2004	% Change	YTD Q3 2005	YTD Q3 2004	% Change
	€ mil	€ mil		€ mil	€ mil	
Revenues	1,119	975	14.8%	3,379	2,861	18.1%
Operating income (EBIT)	13	39	-66.7%	68	99	-31.3%
Operating margin	1.2%	4.0%		2.0%	3.5%	

Good progress was made in the quarter with the French disposals process, leading to the announcement on 18 October of a binding offer for most of the business.

Revenues were up 14.8%, which was acquisition driven. The Rest of World returned to strong organic growth and North America continued to do well, but Europe saw declines in many markets.

The operating income was impacted by a € 10 million provision relating to subcontractor fees in Italy, and by € 8 million of French restructuring costs, the latter being part of the € 140 million of total estimated costs announced last quarter. In addition to these items, margins were affected by contract price pressures in the major markets.

Business development continued to make progress, with the pipeline up 13% and contract wins running ahead of terminations.

Revenue Analysis	Q3 2005	Q3 2004	% Change	% Change		
	€ mil	€ mil		Organic	Acq	Fx
Logistics Europe	639	681	-6.2%	-6.8%	0.7%	-0.1%
Logistics North America	165	146	13.0%	13.7%	0.0%	-0.7%
Logistics ROW	116	89	30.3%	20.2%	0.0%	10.1%
Logistics Freight Management	199	59	237.3%	5.1%	230.5%	1.7%
Logistics	1,119	975	14.8%	-0.5%	14.5%	0.8%

Revenue Analysis	YTD Q3 2005	YTD Q3 2004	% Change	% Change		
	€ mil	€ mil		Organic	Acq	Fx
Logistics Europe	2,009	2,105	-4.6%	-4.6%	0.2%	-0.2%
Logistics North America	489	436	12.2%	14.5%	0.0%	-2.3%
Logistics ROW	305	261	16.9%	11.5%	0.0%	5.4%
Logistics Freight Management	576	59	876.3%	5.1%	869.5%	1.7%
Logistics	3,379	2,861	18.1%	0.0%	18.1%	0.0%

Contract Logistics

Europe was affected by revenue decreases in several markets, particularly the UK, Italy automotive and France. In the UK, the main issue was contract losses and, in Italy automotive, volumes were lower. France continued to operate below last year's level, as we moved to exit this business. Some of the revenue loss in France was due to the restructuring.

Double digit revenue growth in **North America** entered its fourth consecutive quarter, with new contracts and higher volumes. Contract wins were mainly in the automotive and FMCG sectors.

Organic revenue growth increased significantly in the **Rest of World**, from 10.0% in the previous quarter to 20.2% this time. China turned around due mostly to higher outbound automotive volumes and commencement of the VWV spare parts contract. Australia and Asia also saw strong double digit growth, much of which was in the automotive sector.

Freight Management

Organic revenue growth of 5.1% was in line with the last quarter. The large acquisition effect shown above relates to the acquisition of Wilson in August 2004. The reported margin of 2.0%, was after charging € 3.0 million of intangible fixed asset amortisation and € 1.4 million of integration costs.

	Q3 2005	Q3 2004	YTD Q3 2005	YTD Q3 2004
	€ mil	€ mil	€ mil	€ mil
Net sales	3,216	2,973	9,847	8,965
Other operating revenues	14	2	44	47
Total revenues	3,230	2,975	9,891	9,012
Other income	17	2	28	8
Cost of materials	(176)	(142)	(474)	(425)
Work contracted out and other external expenses	(1,421)	(1,268)	(4,279)	(3,685)
Salaries incl social & pension charges	(1,089)	(1,068)	(3,355)	(3,216)
Depreciation, amortisation and impairments	(101)	(91)	(299)	(277)
Other operating expenses	(214)	(167)	(620)	(528)
Total expenses	(3,001)	(2,736)	(9,027)	(8,131)
Operating income	246	241	892	889
Interest and similar income	6	7	45	17
Interest and similar expenses	(23)	(29)	(89)	(78)
Net financial (expense) / income	(17)	(22)	(44)	(61)
Profit before income taxes	229	219	848	828
Income taxes	(79)	(74)	(294)	(283)
Results from investments in associates	(1)	(1)	(2)	(3)
Profit for the period	149	144	552	542
Profit / (Loss) attributable to minority interests	1	(3)	1	(1)
Profit / (Loss) attributable to the shareholders	148	147	551	543
Earnings per share (in euro cents)*	32.5	30.9	121.2	114.3
Number of employees	161,940	162,957		
Full time equivalent employees **	124,639	124,949		

* Based on an average number of 454.7 million ordinary shares, including ADS (2004: 475.2 million).

** The reported full time equivalent employees for Mail Netherlands over 2004 have been restated to include overtime which initially was not included.

€ mil	Q3 2005	Q3 2004
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MAIL
Mail Netherlands

Revenues	586	601
Growth %	-2.5%	
Organic	-2.5%	
Acquisition / Disposal	0.0%	
Fx	0.0%	
Adressed mail pieces (millions)	1,101	1,127
Growth %	-2.3%	-2.8%
Working days	65	65

Cross Border

Revenues	118	121
Growth %	-2.5%	
Organic	-2.5%	
Acquisition / Disposal	0.0%	
Fx	0.0%	

European Mail Networks

Revenues*	147	110
Growth %	33.6%	
Organic	33.6%	
Acquisition / Disposal	0.0%	
Fx	0.0%	

Data & Document Management

Revenues*	55	47
Growth %	17.0%	
Organic	6.4%	
Acquisition / Disposal	10.6%	
Fx	0.0%	

Total Mail

Revenues	906	879
Growth %	3.1%	
Organic	2.5%	
Acquisition / Disposal	0.6%	
Fx	0.0%	

Operating income (EBIT)	147	144
Operating margin	16.2%	16.4%

* Dimar, a former subsidiary of Data & Document Management, was transferred to European Mail Networks per 1 January 2005, figures for comparative periods have been restated.

Note that 2004 growth data is excluded from these tables because conversion to IFRS, with an effective transition date of 1 January 2004, renders 2003 data incomparable with the results of later years.

€ mil	Q3 2005	Q3 2004
EXPRESS		
Express Europe		
Revenues	989	915
Growth %	8.1%	
Organic	8.1%	
Acquisition / Disposal	0.4%	
Fx	-0.4%	
Core consignments (mil)	33.0	32.1
Core kilos (mil)	573.8	540.8
Core revenue quality yield improvement	3.8%	4.5%
Express ROW		
Revenues	245	215
Growth %	14.0%	
Organic	10.3%	
Acquisition / Disposal	0.0%	
Fx	3.7%	
Total Express		
Revenues	1,234	1,130
Growth %	9.2%	
Organic	8.4%	
Acquisition / Disposal	0.4%	
Fx	0.4%	
Working days	64	65
Operating income (EBIT)		
Operating margin	96	70
	7.8%	6.2%

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€ mil	Q3 2005	Q3 2004
LOGISTICS		
Logistics Europe		
Revenues	639	681
Growth %	-6.2%	
Organic	-6.8%	
Acquisition / Disposal	0.7%	
Fx	-0.1%	
Logistics North America		
Revenues	165	146
Growth %	13.0%	
Organic	13.7%	
Acquisition / Disposal	0.0%	
Fx	-0.7%	
Logistics ROW		
Revenues	116	89
Growth %	30.3%	
Organic	20.2%	
Acquisition / Disposal	0.0%	
Fx	10.1%	
Logistics Freight Management		
Revenues	199	59
Growth %	237.3%	
Organic	5.1%	
Acquisition / Disposal	230.5%	
Fx	1.7%	
Total Logistics		
Revenues	1,119	975
Growth %	14.8%	
Organic	-0.5%	
Acquisition / Disposal	14.5%	
Fx	0.8%	
Revenues by Sector		
Automotive	425	336
Tyres	46	38
FMCG	152	159
Hi-tech electronics	83	118
Publishing / media	59	61
Freight management	199	59
Other	155	204
Operating income (EBIT)	13	39
Operating margin	1.2%	4.0%

Note that 2004 growth data is excluded from these tables because conversion to IFRS, with an effective transition date of 1 January 2004, renders 2003 data incomparable with the results of later years.

	Q3 2005 € mil	Q3 2004 € mil	YTD Q3 2005 € mil	YTD Q3 2004 € mil
Profit before income taxes	229	219	848	828
Adjustments for:				
Depreciation, amortisation and impairments	101	91	299	277
Investment income:				
- profit /loss on sale of property, plant and equipment	(5)	(8)	(15)	(19)
- interest and similar income	(5)	(7)	(45)	(17)
- foreign exchange gains	0	0	0	0
- foreign exchange (losses)	0	1	0	3
- interest and similar expenses	22	28	89	75
Changes in provisions:				
Pension liabilities	(29)	(24)	(84)	(139)
Other provisions	9	1	41	(1)
Changes in working capital:				
Inventory	(1)	1	(3)	2
Trade accounts receivable	(41)	51	(35)	180
Other current assets	19	(1)	(27)	(62)
Trade payables	(52)	(20)	(120)	(112)
Other current liabilities excl. short term financing and taxes	94	71	13	12
Cash generated from operations	341	403	961	1,027
Interest paid	(15)	(15)	(66)	(37)
Income taxes paid	(3)	(70)	(113)	(266)
Net cash from operating activities	323	318	782	724
Acquisition of group companies/jv's (net of cash)	(18)	(188)	(32)	(197)
Disposals of group companies/jv's (net of cash)	0	(1)	0	(1)
Investment in associates	(5)	0	(12)	(4)
Disposals of associates	2	1	3	1
Capital expenditure on intangible assets	(16)	(16)	(52)	(42)
Disposal of intangible assets	0	8	2	10
Capital expenditure on property, plant and equipment	(80)	(68)	(213)	(194)
Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment	11	21	26	52
Other changes in (financial) fixed assets	7	(10)	30	(10)
Changes in minority interests	(6)	2	(5)	6
Interest received	2	8	32	18
Dividends received	0	0	0	0
Net cash used in investing activities	(103)	(243)	(221)	(361)
Repurchase of shares	0	0	(259)	0
Other equity changes	4	1	(8)	6
Proceeds from long-term borrowings	6	17	29	32
Repayments to long-term borrowings	(16)	(5)	(41)	(21)
Proceeds from short-term borrowings	(10)	(8)	49	0
Repayments to short-term borrowings	(16)	(13)	(105)	(57)
Proceeds from finance lease	3	1	6	2
Repayments to finance lease	(2)	(1)	(9)	(10)
Dividends paid	(100)	(95)	(268)	(237)
Net cash used in financing activities	(131)	(103)	(606)	(285)
Changes in cash	89	(28)	(45)	78
Cash at beginning of the period	511	580	633	470
Exchange rate differences	3	0	15	4
Changes in cash	89	(28)	(45)	78
Cash at end of period	603	552	603	552

	30 Sep 2005 € mil	01 Jan 2005 € mil
Goodwill	2,491	2,425
Other intangible assets	223	218
Intangibles	2,714	2,643
Land and buildings	970	960
Plant and equipment	457	464
Other property, plant and equipment	429	453
Construction in progress	56	47
Property, plant and equipment	1,912	1,924
Investments	86	82
Loans receivable from associates	1	2
Other loans receivable	16	21
Deferred tax assets	209	253
Prepayments and accrued income	118	142
Financial fixed assets	430	500
Fixed assets	5,056	5,067
Inventory	54	46
Accounts receivable	2,214	2,089
Prepayments and accrued income	422	393
Cash and cash equivalents	603	679
Current assets	3,293	3,207
Non-current assets held for sale	10	
Total assets	8,359	8,274
Shareholders' equity	3,363	3,066
Minority interests	14	19
Group equity	3,377	3,085
Deferred tax liabilities	267	236
Provisions for pension liabilities	114	198
Other provisions	169	126
Long-term debt	1,320	1,435
Accrued liabilities	204	221
Non-current liabilities	2,074	2,216
Trade payables	564	670
Provisions (current)	59	49
Other current liabilities	952	950
Accrued current liabilities	1,333	1,304
Current liabilities	2,908	2,973
Total liabilities and group equity	8,359	8,274

Capital expenditure on property, plant and equipment and other intangible assets

	Q3 2005 € mil	Q3 2004 € mil	YTD Q3 2005 € mil	YTD Q3 2004 € mil
Mail	23	21	66	65
Express	42	40	122	105
Logistics	27	23	67	62
Corporate	4		10	4
Total	96	84	265	236

Movement in shareholders' equity

	Q3 2005 € mil	Q3 2004 € mil	YTD Q3 2005 € mil	YTD Q3 2004 € mil
Opening balance	3,330	3,263	3,066	2,981
Profit / (Loss) attributable to the shareholders	148	147	551	543
Foreign exchange effects	(16)	(20)	23	
Other reserves	1	1	(9)	6
Cash dividend	(100)	(94)	(268)	(233)
Closing balance	3,363	3,297	3,363	3,297

Net debt

	30 Sep 2005 € mil	01 Jan 2005 € mil
Short-term debt	209	97
Long-term debt	1,320	1,435
Total interest bearing debt	1,529	1,532
Cash and cash equivalents	(603)	(679)
Net debt	926	853

Reconciliation as required under IFRS 1 (First time adoption IFRS)

	Shareholders' equity ¹ € mil	Profit attributable to the shareholders ² € mil
Reported under Dutch GAAP		
Goodwill amortisation	96	96
Share based Compensation		(4)
Other employee benefits	(35)	(3)
Employee benefits pensions	27	(22)
Other	(1)	
Reported under IFRS	3,297	543

¹ As per 24 September 2004

With respect to the basis of preparation of the interim financial information presented in this press release, reference is made to our announcement of April 27, 2005 on the presentation of financial information for FY 2004 under International Financial Reporting Standards.

Profit attributable to the shareholders

	YTD Q3 2005 € mil	YTD Q3 2004 € mil
Profit attributable to the shareholders under IFRS	551	543
Adjustments for:		
Other employment benefits	(20)	33
Employment schemes and group reorganisation		(8)
Other intangible assets amortisation	(3)	(1)
Financial instruments		1
Stock based compensation	(1)	4
Real estate sale		(4)
Amortisation on restoration of previously recognised impairments	3	3
Long term contract incentive payment	1	
Provisions		(1)
Tax effect of adjustments	6	(4)
Profit attributable to the shareholders under US GAAP	537	566
Profit per ordinary share and per ADS under US GAAP * (in € cents)	118.1	119.1

* Based on an average number of 454.7 million ordinary shares, including ADS (2004: 475.2 million).

Shareholders' equity

	30 Sep 2005 € mil	24 Sep 2004 € mil
Shareholders' equity under IFRS	3,363	3,297
Adjustments for:		
Other employment benefits	16	16
Minimum pension liability	(455)	
Employment schemes and group reorganisation		133
Goodwill and other long-lived intangible assets	98	47
Other intangible assets amortisation	(27)	(6)
Financial instruments		4
Stock based compensation		4
Real estate sale		(24)
Sale-lease-back transaction	(5)	(6)
Restoration of previously recognised impairments, net of amortisation	6	(4)
Long term contract incentive payment	(3)	(4)
Pension curtailment	2	2
Provisions	2	1
Other	(1)	
Deferred taxes on adjustments	48	24
Shareholders' equity under US GAAP	3,044	3,484

Financial Calendar 2005 / 2006

Tuesday 6 December, 2005 Analyst Day

Monday 27 February, 2006 Publication of 2005 fourth quarter and full year results

Thursday 20 April, 2006 Annual General Meeting of shareholders

Wednesday 3 May, 2006 Publication of 2006 first quarter results

Monday 31 July, 2006 Publication of 2006 second quarter and half year results

Monday 30 October, 2006 Publication of 2006 third quarter results



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