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Rise in revenue of + 21% to 215.7 MEUR
+ EBIT to 18.1 MEUR more than doubled
+ New record level of the order intake with 256.2 MEUR**

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KEY FIGURES		1-6/2008	1-6/2007	Changes in	
				%	
Revenue	MEUR	215.7	178.4	+ 21%	
EBIT	MEUR	18.1	8.8	+ 106%	
EBT	MEUR	15.3	6.1	+ 151%	
Consolidated profit ¹⁾	MEUR	11.9	4.7	+ 153%	
Cash flow from operating activities	MEUR	7.2	(38.0)		
Total assets	MEUR	281.3	265.9	+ 6%	
Investments	MEUR	4.5	3.4	+ 32%	
Earnings per share	EUR	1.4	0.4 2)	+ 250%	
Employees as at June 30		1,703	1,571	+ 12%	
Order intake	MEUR	256.2	224.5	+ 14%	
Order backlog as at June 30	MEUR	406.7	391.4	+ 4%	

1) Before profits/losses on minority interest.

2) Earnings per share for the period 2007 have been recalculated on the basis of the 4-for-1 share split.

The Group's revenues and result in the first half of 2008 were considerably higher than in the corresponding period of 2007. Revenues were lifted 21% to 215.7 MEUR (1-6/2007: 178.4 MEUR). At 18.1 MEUR (1-6/2007: 8.8 MEUR), EBIT in the first six months more than doubled over the figure for this period last year.

This took the EBIT margin from 4.9% up to 8.4%, mainly due to positive effects from the high level of capacity utilization and the resulting fixed-cost depression. Moreover, a number of high-margin international export orders were fulfilled in the first half of the year.

Group order intake continued at a very satisfactory level in the first half of 2008, reaching a new record figure of 256.2 MEUR (1-6/2007: 224.5). This includes the major order received at the end of June 2008 from the Saudi Arabian Ministry of the Interior to supply 130 fire fighting vehicles and technical fire safety equipment worth around 30.0 MEUR. The vehicles will be delivered and commissioned in several tranches by the middle of 2010.

At 406.7 MEUR (June 30, 2007: 391.4 MEUR), order books per the end of the first half of the year broke the 400 million Euro barrier for the first time. This gives the ROSENBAUER Group a fairly clear view of the likely course of revenues in the months ahead.

OUTLOOK

Overall, the situation on the world fire-equipment market is expected to remain stable through 2008, although certain regions will be prone to greater fluctuations. On the strength of the first half-year results and on the assumption that the high volume of orders continues to be processed smoothly, Management can confirm its expectations for continued growth throughout 2008. Group revenues and EBIT are set to be some 15% above the level of the previous

year, taking Group revenues to around the 500 MEUR mark for the first time.

The half-year financial report 2008 is available on the ROSENBAUER Web site (www.rosenbauer.com) as PDF version.

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