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500 Million Euro revenue barrier broken for first time

EBIT up 29% to EUR 39.8 Mio

Order trend still at high level

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2008 was the best year yet for the ROSENBAUER Group in its entire 143-year history. This success is attributable largely to the strong international position achieved by the Group over the past few years. With timely additions to its production capacity in the USA and Austria, ROSENBAUER was well prepared to deal with the ensuing high production volumes, enabling it to continue on the successful growth track of recent years.

Group revenues rose by 17% in 2008, to EUR 500.2 Mio (2007: EUR 426.1 Mio). This organic growth of EUR 74.1 Mio represents what is by far the biggest increase in revenues ever achieved in the history of the company. The main drivers of this revenue growth were the export business of ROSENBAUER International AG and the German companies. EBIT surged by 29% in 2008 to an all-time high of EUR 39.8 Mio (2007: EUR 30.8 Mio). The main earnings drivers were the export business of ROSENBAUER International AG and the US companies.

Order intake in the ROSENBAUER Group climbed to EUR 556.7 Mio, EUR 98.0 Mio (21%) above the previous year's figure (2007: EUR 458.7 Mio). Particularly strong growth was achieved in international and US business.

Thanks to the buoyant order intake trend in the final quarter of the year, the volume of orders on hand at the end of 2008 reached a new record level of EUR 459.2 Mio (2007: EUR 375.4 Mio). In consequence, 2009 will also see a continuation of the high levels of capacity utilization at the Group's production facilities.

COMPANY KEY FIGURES		2008 (interim)	Change in %	2007	2006
Revenues	EUR Mio	500.2	+ 17%	426.1	372.0
EBIT	EUR Mio	39.8	+ 29%	30.8	25.1
EBT	EUR Mio	32.3	+ 27%	25.4	22.0
Employees 31.12.		1,795	+ 9%	1,651	1,517
Order intake	EUR Mio	556.7	+ 21%	458.7	485.9
Order backlog 31.12.		459.2	+ 22%	375.4	354.1

The figures given here are based on an IFRS-compliant accounting forecast. The final figures for the 2008 financial year are to be announced on April 24, 2009.

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