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EANS-Adhoc: ROSENBAUER Group
Revenues (+ 17%) and EBIT (+ 30%) up once again
Dividend raised from 0.7 EUR to 0.8 EUR per share
Further rise in revenues and earnings expected in 2009

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KEY FIGURES		2008	2007	Changes	
Revenue	EUR Mio	500.3	426.1	+ 17%	
EBIT	EUR Mio	39.9	30.8	+ 30%	
EBT	EUR Mio	32.3	25.4	+ 27%	
Consolidated profit	EUR Mio	25.1	19.9	+ 26%	
Cashflow from operating activities	EUR Mio	20.4	24.1	(15%)	
Total assets	EUR Mio	251.0	228.8	+ 10%	
Equity in % of total assets		36.7%	31.8%	+ 15%	
Investments	EUR Mio	12.2	7.1	+ 72%	
Earnings per share	EUR	2.9	2.2	+ 32%	
Dividend per share	EUR	0.8 1)	0.7	+ 14%	
Employees as at Dec 31		1,795	1,651	+ 9%	
Order intake	EUR Mio	556.7	458.7	+ 21%	
Order backlog as at Dec 31	EUR Mio	459.2	375.4	+ 22%	

1) Proposal to the Annual General Meeting

Group revenues rose last year to EUR 500.3 Mio (2007: EUR 426.1 Mio). At EUR 74.2 Mio, the increase in revenues - achieved solely through organic growth - was by far the highest in the company's entire history. This development was driven largely by the export business of ROSENBAUER International AG and by the German segment.

Last year's operating result (EBIT) was lifted by 30% to reach the highest figure ever, EUR 39.9 Mio (2007: EUR 30.8 Mio). The main earnings drivers were ROSENBAUER International AG, with yet another improvement in its export performance, and the US companies. The strategic goal of increasing the EBIT margin year by year was also achieved in 2008, with the EBIT margin improving from 7.2% (2007) to 8.0%.

Outlook: The program to expand the Group's manufacturing capacity which began in 2008 will be pursued with undiminished vigor in 2009. The planned investment outlays of around EUR 12 Mio will be considerably more than the probable depreciation charges during the same period. This program of investment focuses on expanding capacity at the Leonding and Neidling facilities in Austria. Extra assembly lines will be built here for vehicle production, as will be improved customer and service zones.

Management is expecting a continuation of the past few years' trend through 2009 as well. On the basis of the large volume of order backlog, the positive development in the Group's revenues and EBIT may be expected to continue.

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