



Steady growth in net sales for the first quarter of 2006: +13.8%

in M€	1st quarter		Variation
	2005	2006	2005/2006
France	104.6	110.6	+ 5.8%
Other European Union countries	106.3	124.6	+17.2%
Other regions	27.7	36.2	+30.7%
TOTAL	238.6	271.4	+13.8%

The first quarter of 2006 was marked by a steady growth in all the Group's areas of business, both in terms of order intake as well as in terms of invoiced sales. There was an increase in net sales of 13.8% at the end of March; this is an excellent result when you consider the high 2005 figure used as the basis of comparison. The main engine for growth was once more the expansion overseas,

especially with significant increases occurring in net sales in Italy, Germany, in the Benelux countries, Spain and increases in the North American continent. Now finding itself in a strong position as a result of sales orders growing at the same rate as invoiced sales, the Group is well placed to achieve the 2006 financial year target for organic growth of 10%.

2006 next meetings:

1st June: General Meeting

21st July: Net sales figure for the first half of 2006

19th September: Results for the first half of 2006

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