



## First half 2006 sales up by 10.3%

in €M	First half		Variation
	2005	2006	2005/2006
France	232.4	230.3	-0.9%
Other European Union countries	233.9	270.3	+15.6%
Other regions	65.0	85.6	+31.7%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>531.3</b>	<b>586.2</b>	<b>+10.3%</b>

### Another increase in sales

Growth in activities during the second quarter remained strong with record quarterly results of €314.8 m, and a new and strong increase in international orders. **At the end of June, consolidated sales thereby rose by 10.3%.**

While sales revenue in France stabilised at the very high level attained in the first half of 2005,

growth was particularly strong in Germany, Italy, Spain, Benelux and in countries outside the European Union.

### New growth target

With an order book representing over 2.5 months of activities, the MANITOU Group has given itself the objective of accelerating the rate of growth in the second half, and exceeding its initial forecast of 10% for the year as a whole.

### Next meetings in 2006

**19 September:** First half 2006 results

**18 October:** Sales at the end of September 2006

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