

Press release

ATB Austria Antriebstechnik AG achieves marked sales growth in the first quarter of 2006

Spielberg, May 12, 2006. In the first quarter of 2006, ATB Austria Antriebstechnik AG, which is listed on the Vienna Stock Exchange and has a workforce of 3,603 (as at March 31, 2006), was able to maintain its growth course and raise its consolidated sales by 12% from EUR 54.81 million to EUR 61.19 million. The Industrial Motors and Explosion Protected Motors Business Units, which increased their sales by 22% and 33% respectively, played a major role in this pleasing development.

The Industrial Motor Business Unit made the largest contribution to total sales with EUR 31.18 million, or 51%. EUR 19.27 million, or 32 %, derived from House and Garden, EUR 9.31 million, or 15%, from Explosion Protected Motors and EUR 1.43 million, or 2%, from ATB Technologies.

ATB Group order intake in the first quarter was well up on that of the preceding year, rising by around 22% to EUR 68.80 million (2005: EUR 56.42 million). Order backlog as at March 31, 2006, amounted to EUR 49.58 million, which was 21% higher than the comparable value of the preceding year.

As in 2005, earnings were influenced by the partially massive increases in the cost of raw materials. Due to intensive market competition, it was still only possible to pass on these price rises in a delayed fashion. In spite of these unfavourable market conditions, EBIT stood at EUR 1.31 million, following EUR 1.36 million in the comparable period of the preceding year. Increased financial expenditure led to a fall in the ATB Group's pre-tax earnings (EBT) for the first quarter from EUR 1.1 million in 2005 to EUR 0.81 million in 2006.

Holding in Lindeteves-Jacoberg raised to over 45 %

As planned, the phased acquisition of the Lindeteves-Jacoberg Ltd., Singapore, electrical motors group, which commenced in August 2005, was successfully continued in the first quarter of 2006. In the course of a capital increase, during February the loan granted by ATB in the second half of 2005, was converted into a 29.99% interest in increased Lindeteves-Jacoberg Ltd. share capital. ATB has also purchased a further 15.12% of stock through the exercise of a call option on the shares of G15 Investment Holding Pte. Ltd., which was the previous main stockholder. Due to the fact that the ATB Group's holding now exceeds 45% and has passed the 30% limit, in line with the regulations of the Singapore Stock Exchange, ATB has now made a public takeover bid to the remaining shareholders. As Christian Schmidt, The ATB Group CEO explains, *"As a result of the gradual entry at Lindeteves-Jacoberg Ltd., we have now definitively closed the gap on the world's*

leading motor groups. We possess options, which irrespective of the outcome of the public takeover bid, ensure that in the course of the first half of 2006, the ATB Group will increase its holding in Lindeteves-Jacobsberg Ltd. to at least 51%. Consequently, we have created a solid platform for the further successful development of the ATB Group.”

Outlook

2006 will be largely characterised by the integration of the new subsidiaries, particularly that of Lindeteves-Jacoberg Ltd, and the continuation of the restructuring and consolidation process within the Group. Therefore, in spite of the prolongation of the tense situation in the raw materials markets, the ATB Group management is optimistic that ATB will be able to continue its positive development.

Overview of the most important ATB Group key financial indicators for the first quarter of 2006:

(pursuant to IFRS in TEUR)

	Q2 2005	Q1 2006
Sales	54,811	61,187
EBIT	1,362	1,314
EBT	1,107	806
Order intake	56,415	68,801
Order backlog	40,942	49,581
Total assets	157,582	217,825
Employees (full-time)	3,978	3,603

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ATB Austria Antriebstechnik AG, which has its headquarters in Spielberg, Austria, and is listed on the Vienna stock exchange, along with its subsidiaries ATB Antriebstechnik in Welzheim/Germany, ATB Motorentchnik in Nordenham/Germany, ATB Technologies in Lustenau/Austria, ATB COMPONENTS s.r.o. in the Czech Republic, ATB SELNI in France, ATB Morley in the UK and ATB SEVER a.d. in Serbia and Montenegro, is a leading manufacturer of electrical drive systems for industrial purposes and machines.

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