

Press release

ATB Austria Antriebstechnik AG presents its results for 2005

- **Marked increase in sales.**
- **High raw material costs have a negative effect on results.**
- **Record order intake and backlog.**

Spielberg, May 4, 2006. ATB Austria Antriebstechnik AG, which is based in Spielberg, Styria/Austria, is fully owned by A-TEC Industries AG and listed on the Vienna Stock Exchange. Following dynamic expansion in 2004, the company's 2005 financial year was characterised by extensive integration and restructuring measures at its new locations. In particular, the sales and distribution organisation was adjusted to the new corporate structure. Against this background, ATB Austria Antriebstechnik was able to markedly increase its consolidated sales and achieve new records with regard to order intake and backlog.

Record sales, order intake and backlog

ATB Group sales rose by around 17% over the preceding year to stand at EUR 211.14 million and thus attained the highest level in company history. The Industrial Motor Business Unit made the largest contribution to total sales with EUR 96.28 million, or 46%. EUR 69.76 million, or around 33 %, derived from House and Garden, EUR 36.87 million, or some 17%, from Explosion Protected Motors and EUR 8.23 million, or approximately 4%, from ATB Technologies.

ATB Group order intake was up on that of the preceding year at EUR 213.75 million (2004: EUR 196.68 million). Order backlog as at December 31, 2005, amounted to EUR 41.97 million, which also represented a new record and forms a solid reserve of work for 2006.

As at the balance sheet closing date of December 31, 2005, the ATB Group employed a workforce of 3,603.

High raw material costs have a negative effect on results

The past business year was characterised by powerful import pressure from Eastern Europe, China and Brazil, as well as massive price increases for the raw materials copper, electrical sheet and aluminium. If at all, these price rises could only be passed on to the market in a delayed fashion. This fact and the continuing integration and restructuring process both placed a burden on ATB Austria Antriebstechnik's results. EBIT was down at EUR 6.26 million following EUR 7.44 million in 2004 and the pre-tax result also failed to emulate the record of the preceding year, increased financial expenditure leading to a figure of EUR 1.09 million, which was down on the EUR 5.47 million of 2004.

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 with the Group. Christian Schmidt, the ATB CEO, outlines the coming financial year as follows, *“As a result of the successful integration of the companies purchased up to now and gradual entry at Lindeteves-Jacoberg Ltd., we have not only closed the gap on the world’s leading motor groups and improved our market standing, but have also created a solid platform for further growth. Therefore, in spite of the challenging economic climate, the ATB Group management is optimistic that ATB will be able to continue its positive development in 2006.”*

ATB Group results

(pursuant to IFRS in TEUR)

	2004	2005
Sales	180,976	211,142
EBITDA	14,460	14,575
EBIT	7,440	6,257
EBT	5,465	1,090
Net income for the year	4,214	1,750
Total assets	125,447	186,270
Employees (full-time)	3,973	3,603

ATB Austria Antriebstechnik AG

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.

A-TEC Industries

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