

Annual Report

2005





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## Introduction from the Board of Management

#### Dear shareholders!

In a year with the early German elections in 2005, the political and economical measures which were anticipated were not implemented to the extent expected. Reforms were pushed back or stopped, while others were initiated. In terms of planning and decision making in Germany, this is not a pleasant situation.

In an environment negatively impacted by these external factors, we achieved slight growth. In the 2005 financial year, sales moved up 0.5% to  $\leqslant$  84.6 million. Earnings moved up very considerably. Earnings before tax improved by 23.1% to  $\leqslant$  1.6 million. EBIT was as high as  $\leqslant$  3.9 million. This represents a result of  $\leqslant$  1.29 per share.

The other key group financial ratios also improved: Thus the equity at the end of the 2005 financial year was  $\[ \in \]$  9.4 million (previous year:  $\[ \in \]$  8.5 million), representing an equity ratio of 18.2% (previous year: 15.9%). In an industry comparison (retail), this equity ratio is a very good figure. Cash flow in line with DVFA/SG increased from  $\[ \in \]$  4.6 million to  $\[ \in \]$  5.3 million, an increase of roughly 15.2%.

In 2005, the Tool Trade division generated sales of  $\in$  58.7 million. This is  $\in$  1.1 million or 1.9% more than in the previous year. Thus on the sales side there was another improvement on the level of the previous year, well above the industry trend. However, the development of sales only shows the expansion of trading volume to a limited extent, due to the trend to lower prices. If the trading volume had been generated at the level of the previous year, this would have resulted in a good double-digit increase.

Sales in the Valves Trade division reached €25.2 million (previous year: €25.8 million). Stabilisation was achieved, despite a negative situation on the market. The basis of this success was growth in the new systems business and higher spare part sales in the area of industrial engineering resulting from targeted technical customer advice.

The market position as a competent trading partner was reinforced and extended in all the target segments of the two divisions. In the Tools Trade, the Brüder Mannesmann brand stands without qualification for quality tools and uncompromising competency in terms of delivery, price and product. In the reporting year, an initial contract from a European power plant for supplying valves gained by the Valves Trade division had a not immaterial impact on the sales volume in project business. In connection with the sound potential from existing customers of the Group, which is underpinned by framework agreements, the outlook for 2006 is positive.

In the 2005 Annual General Meeting all the material resolutions were made so as to be comprehensively prepared for the increasing level of regulation in corporate law. This is by no means a matter of course for a company of our size. However, we regard this as a material element of securing the future alignment of our company. For a listing in the Prime Standard provides us with great opportunities in respect of company financing. This is in line with the growth outlook and the positive perspectives for Brüder Mannesmann AG.

Our workforce works with a high level of commitment for the success of the company. Their involvement played a decisive contribution to the excellent business development, not only over the last few years. This merits recognition and we would like to offer thanks to all our employees also in the name of the Supervisory Board.

Remscheid, April 2006 Brüder Mannesmann Aktiengesellschaft, Board of Management

Jürgen Schafstein

Bernd Schafstein

## Supervisory Board Report

During the period under review, the Supervisory Board observed its duties pursuant to legal requirements and company bylaws.

## Advisory and oversight function of the Supervisory Board

During the 2005 financial year the Supervisory Board convened for six regular meetings to review and discuss the business results and strategic alignment of the company and its subsidiaries in consultation with the Management Board. The meetings focused on the financial position of the company, its different business segments, strategic issues, staffing policy, business projections and risk situation.

 In its February 2005 meeting the Supervisory Board addressed issues involving in particular the course of business over the past financial year and preliminary review of business targets.

- In its April 2005 meeting the Supervisory Board engaged in an in-depth discussion attended by the company's auditor on the submission and adoption of the 31 December 2004 annual financial statements on the basis of the Group management report and submission and adoption of the consolidated annual financial statements The annual financial statements of individual companies in which an equity stake is held were also analysed.
- In its June 2005 meeting the Supervisory Board looked at figures for the first quarter of 2005 for both individual companies and the overall Group. Projected figures were reviewed on the basis of available Q1 2005 data for potential need of revision. The Management Board also reported to the Supervisory Board on the status of preparations for the annual shareholders' meeting.

- In its August 2005 meeting the Supervisory Board reviewed business during the first half of 2005 for both the Group and its individual equity holdings as well as details pertaining to the upcoming annual shareholders' meeting.
- In its October 2005 meeting the Supervisory Board reviewed the 30 September 2005 interim financial statements of the Group and its individual equity holdings.
- In its December 2005 meeting the Supervisory Board's agenda included a review of business during the financial year ended and setting the definitive dates relevant to stock corporations for the year 2006.

Other specific issues were addressed at Supervisory Board meetings and discussed with the Management Board.

Supervisory Board meetings also dealt with timely and comprehensive written and verbal reporting provided by the Management Board on a regular basis concerning in particular business policy and planning, the financial situation and growth strategy of the Group and its locations, profitability issues and business performance. The Supervisory Board Chairman maintained regular contact with the Management Board and was kept informed of all major developments and pending decisions affecting the company. These talks involved corporate strategy issues and important events.

Major decisions affecting the company were presented to the Supervisory Board for approval and granted after intensive review and assessment.

The Supervisory Board monitored and advised the Management Board on the exercise of its management duties pursuant to applicable regulations and company bylaws using information provided by the Management Board. The Supervisory Board's monitoring of management activities focused in particular on issues of legality, correctness, efficaciousness and economic viability. The Supervisory Board reviewed and discussed in detail both past actions by the Management Board as well as upcoming business decisions and projections with the Management Board on the basis of information and specific business documents/documentation provided. To assess individual business transaction of measures of the Management Board, the Supervisory Board took expert advice where necessary.

The Supervisory Board deemed it unnecessary during the period under review to impose special approval conditions for the execution of managerial decisions due to its close contact with the Management Board.

#### **Corporate governance**

The Supervisory Board also dealt with issues of corporate governance in its meetings including amendment of the corporate governance conformity declaration, which it approved. Reference is made to the Corporate Governance Report provided within the Management Report.

## **Supervisory Board committees**

The three-member Supervisory Board did not form any committees. The Supervisory Board regularly reviewed issues of efficiency in the conducting of its mission.

#### Audit of annual financial statements

Following appointment of the auditing firm Morison AG, Wirtschaftsprüfungsgesellschaft, Frankfurt am Main by shareholders at the 25 August 2005 meeting, the Supervisory Board formally approved the audit assignment. Over the course of the year the Supervisory Board devoted special attention to monitoring the independence of the auditor.

Auditor Morison AG, Wirtschaftsprüfungsgesellschaft, Frankfurt am Main audited the Brüder Mannesmann AG annual financial statements, consolidated annual financial statements per IFRS and management report for financial year 2005 on the basis of company bookkeeping data, providing unqualified audit certificates.

All financial statement documents and audit reports were discussed with the auditor at length at the 25 April 2006 Supervisory Board meeting. The auditor answered questions posed by Supervisory Board members.

The Supervisory Board likewise carefully reviewed the annual and consolidated annual financial statements and respective management reports. The Supervisory Board was in accordance with the auditor as to the audit results, finding on the basis of its own review that no exceptions were to be noted. The Supervisory Board thereupon approved the annual and consolidated annual financial statements for financial year 2005. The annual financial statements are thus adopted pursuant to Article 172, Stock Corporation Act.

There were no conflicts of interest affecting Supervisory Board members during the period under review arising in connection with these or other board memberships.

The Supervisory Board would like to thank the company's staff and managers for their hard work and outstanding achievements in financial year 2005.

Remscheid, 31 May 2006 Supervisory Board

Reinhard C. Mannesmann

Chairman

## Corporate Governance Report

Item 3.10 of the German Corporate Governance Code (June 2, 2005 amended version) provides that Management and Supervisory Boards must report annually within the company management report on their organisation's corporate governance (Corporate Governance Report). The German Corporate Governance Code sets forth principles for the management and oversight of publicly traded German corporations and establishes internationally and nationally recognised standards for effective and responsible corporate management. Corporate governance is designed to promote principled corporate management and controls that are geared toward long-term value creation. Supervisory and management boards review and shape corporate governance policy on an ongoing basis to ensure effective and responsible corporate management and create transparency. Corporate governance is aimed at promoting confidence on the part of national and international investors, customers, staff members and the public in the management and oversight of publicly traded German corporations.

### **General notes on management structure**

Brüder Mannesmann AG is a stock corporation under German law. The administration of the company is conducted by its Management and Supervisory Boards, which cooperate closely in representing the company's interests. Brüder Mannesmann AG is subject to German law governing stock corporations, to capital market regulations and to provisions within the company's memorandum of association and bylaws concerning the Management and Supervisory Boards. Brüder Mannesmann AG maintains a bipartite governance and oversight structure consisting of Management Board and Supervisory Board. The Management and Supervisory Boards are bound to represent the interests of shareholders and the welfare of the firm. The body of shareholders represents a third corporate governance entity.

### **The Supervisory Board**

The company's Supervisory Board is structured in accordance with Sections 96 (1) and 101 (1) of the Stock Corporation Act (AktG) and consists of three members as outlined in company bylaws who are appointed by shareholder resolution. The Supervisory Board advises the Management Board and monitors the execution of its administrative obligations vis-à-vis the company.

### **The Management Board**

The Brüder Mannesmann AG Management Board (made up of two members) manages the company and conducts its business. The Board is bound to represent the interests of the company and promote increasing enterprise value over the long-term. It determines the strategic alignment of the company and ensures the implementation thereof in consultation with the Supervisory Board. The Board is additionally responsible for projections of the company's performance and finances on both a year-to-year and multi-year basis and for producing mandatory reports including the annual and consolidated annual financial statements and quarterly reports.

Furthermore the Management Board is responsible for ensuring that adequate risk management and risk controlling procedures are in place and that timely and comprehensive information is provided to the Supervisory Board on a regular basis on any issues affecting the corporation in relation to strategic planning, operational planning, business outlook, risk assessment and risk management.

### **Shareholders meetings**

Shareholders exercise their decision-making power at shareholder meetings through observance of their voting rights. Each share held confers a single vote. The annual shareholders' meeting is held within the first eight months of each fiscal year. Shareholder meeting agendas and any reports and documentation requested for presentation at the shareholders' meeting are additionally posted on company's web site.

The company provides a non-discretionary proxy to facilitate the exercise of shareholders' personal voting rights. Shareholders are instructed upon the convening of a shareholder meeting and in shareholder communications as to proxy voting procedures.

Shareholders additionally have the right to authorise an individual of their choice with power of attorney for voting.

## **Transparency**

Brüder Mannesmann AG makes use of the company web site, www.bmag.de, for the rapid distribution of information to shareholders and investors. Mandatory disclosures and reports are likewise posted here. Adhoc disclosures and press releases keep shareholders and other parties informed about current developments above and beyond the company's consolidated and unconsolidated annual and quarterly reports. Brüder Mannesmann AG announces important dates on the company calendar with sufficient advance notice.

Compliance with the Article 10 of the German Securities Prospectus Act (WpPG) is given, the relevant document being posted at www.bmag.de.

### **Accounting and risk management**

Internationally recognised accounting principles were applied for the first time in the company's 31 December 2002 consolidated financial statements. The risk management system is revised by the Management Board and reviewed by auditors on an ongoing basis to adapt it to changing circumstances.

## Declaration of conformity per Section 161, Stock Corporation Act

A new provision, Article 161, was incorporated into the Stock Corporation Act upon enactment of the Transparency and Disclosure Act, obligating the management and supervisory boards of publicly-traded companies to issue an annual declaration of conformity with the German Corporate Governance Code and any principles not being observed. Brüder Mannesmann AG again maintained compliance throughout financial year 2005 with the recommended principles and policies outlined in the latest amended German Corporate Governance Code with the few exceptions noted below.

The declaration of conformity pursuant to Article 161, Stock Corporation Act, last issued 28 April 2006, reads as follows:

Backward-looking declaration by the Management and Supervisory Boards as per Article 161, Stock Corporation Act regarding prior adoption of recommended policies outlined in the German Corporate Governance Code.

The Management and Supervisory Boards of Brüder Mannesmann AG declare the company to be in compliance with the recommended policies outlined in the German Corporate Governance Code during the period dating from the last declaration of conformity issued 29 April 2005 through the date of the current declaration as issued and with the exceptions noted herein.

Forward-looking declaration as per Article 161, Stock Corporation Act by the Management and Supervisory Boards on the recommended policies outlined in the German Corporate Governance Code, 2 June 2005 amended version.

The Brüder Mannesmann AG Management and Supervisory Boards declare that compliance will be maintained with the 2 June 2005 amended version of the German Corporate Governance Code going forward, with the exceptions noted below:

- D&O insurance deductible (item 3.8):

There is no set deductible per policy provisions. The company expects its executive bodies to be able to continue to observe their duties with all due diligence and prudence in the absence of a set deductible per policy provisions.

- Management Board remuneration (item 4.2.3):

Management Board remuneration currently does not involve variable components such as stock options, as none are provided for under the contracts currently in force. Additional explanations are not provided as no such components as stock options or similar instruments are in place requiring explanation.

 Reporting of Management Board remuneration (item 4.2.4):

Data is not currently provided on an individual basis as disclosing total remuneration is sufficient according to Article 284 of German Commercial Code (HGB) and the company does not see a need for more specific information to be provided to investors.

 Age limit for Management Board members (item 5.1.2):

No age limit currently applies for Management Board members; this appears unnecessary in view of the age of Management Board members.

- Formation of committees (item 5.3.1):

In view of the current number of Supervisory Board members (three), the formation of committees does not appear practical.

- Age limit for Supervisory Board members (item 5.4.1):

No age limit currently applies for Supervisory Board members; this appears unnecessary in view of the age of Supervisory Board members.

- Supervisory Board remuneration (item 5.4.7):

Data is not currently provided on an individual basis as the company bylaws outline all components of remuneration.

- Shareholdings of individual Management and Supervisory Board members (item 6.6):

Data is not currently provided on an individual basis as the company believes this information is immaterial to the capital markets.

 Release of consolidated financial statements (item 7.1.2):

The consolidated financial statements for a given financial year are publicly released within four months of financial yearend. Interim reports are made publicly accessible within two months of the conclusion of the reporting period. These time periods correspond to the Deutsche Börse Prime Standard rules, with which the company maintains compliance.

- Disclosure of material equity holdings in third-party firms (item 7.1.4):

A list is published within the Management Report containing the names and headquarters of such holdings and the percentage stake held. Earnings or shareholders' equity data for the prior financial year are not provided. Publishing such information is not of fundamental importance to the capital markets in the opinion of Brüder Mannesmann AG, as it does not provide a transparent view of the specific way in which earnings are structured. Such information may furthermore be to the detriment of the companies concerned as it could potentially be exploited by competitors.

Remscheid, 28 April 2006

The Management Board The Supervisory Board

## Supplemental disclosures per German Corporate Governance Code

 Disclosures on stock option plans and other company incentive systems involving securities (item 7.1.3):

No stock option or similar option plans are in place.

Brüder Mannesmann Aktiengesellschaft

Remscheid, 31 May 2006

The Management Board The Supervisory Board

## **Executive Bodies**

The Supervisory Board consists of the following persons:

The Board of Management consists of the following persons:

Mr. Reinhard C. Mannesmann

Chairman Alling/Germany

**Mr. Michael Nagel**Assistant chairman

Mrs. Nicole Coen

Wermelskirchen/Germany

Ofterschwang/Germany

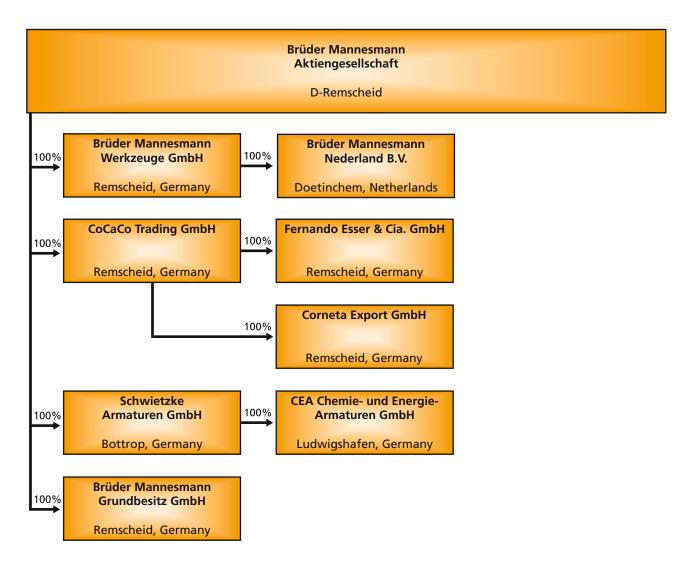
Mr. Jürgen Schafstein

Speaker of the Board of Management Remscheid/Germany

**Mr. Bernd Schafstein** Remscheid/Germany

**Mr. Frank Schafstein** to 30 April 2005 Remscheid/Germany

# Organization Chart of Brüder Mannesmann AG as at 31. December 2005



**Group Management Report** 

## **Group Management Report**

## Preliminary remarks

Brüder Mannesmann Aktiengesellschaft is a holding company with subsidiaries operating internationally in the fields of tools and valves. The holding combines two independently operating divisions under a single umbrella "Tool Trade" and "Valve Trade". The subsidiary Brüder Mannesmann Grundbesitz GmbH acts solely as a leasing company for property and is not involved in market operations. These properties are industrial and office property which has been held decades and which is mostly still used for the company's own business operations.

The consolidated financial statements of Brüder Mannesmann Aktiengesellschaft as at 31 December 2005 were prepared in accordance with Article 315a of the German Commercial Code (HGB) in conjunction with EU Directive 1606/2002 of 19 July 2002 and in accordance with the International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) accepted by the EU and valid on the reporting date of the financial statements.

As at 31 December 2005, investment property was disclosed and analysed for the first time in accordance with IAS 40.

## 2. Business development in the operating divisions

#### 2.1. Tools trade

### 2.1.1. General development of business

Consolidation was observed in the tools industry in Germany for the first time in years. This means that despite another significant decrease in retail sales, a level only slightly below the previous year was achieved. However, there is a continued trend of low prices. Although almost constant sales at lower prices mean increasing sales volume, there is fierce competition and unsatisfactory margins.

There was a slight increase in export sales in the industry.

Under these conditions our business development in the Tools Trade division was very satisfactory and partially avoided the negative influencing factors.

The market positioning as a competent trading partner was strengthened further and expanded in all target segments. The "Brüder Mannesmann" brand stands for quality tools and uncompromising delivery, price and product competency.

However, the margins did not always follow the development of the market positioning in full, thus there is still potential in this area, High negative net interest income continued to have a negative impact on income development.

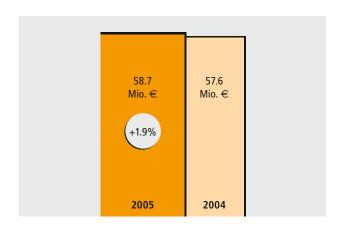
The success factors of our corporate strategy that we have been following in recent years have stood the test of time on the market. We will thus continue to follow them and build on the following pillars, as in previous years:

- Opening up new customer segments,
- Ongoing adaptation and refinement of our product range,
- Further cultivation of our purchasing relationships with reliable suppliers.

## 2.1.2. Key operating figures

Sales for the Tools division rose by 1.9% to €58.7 million. Sales thus increased from the previous year's level once again and outperformed the development of the industry. However, sales development did not fully reflect the expansion of trade volume due to the trend of falling prices. The business volume processed at last year's prices would have resulted in a double-digit sales increase.

### **Tools Division: Sales**



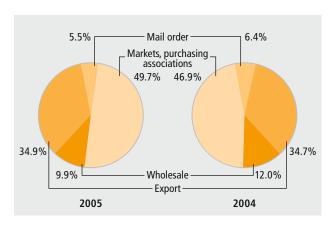
By customer groups, sales development broke down as follows:

Tools trade: sales according to customer group					
	2005	2004	Change		
	Mio.€ %	Mio.€ %	Mio.€ %		
Mail order	3.2 5.5	3.7 6.4	-0.5 -13.5		
Markets, purchasing associations	29.2 49.7	27.0 46.9	2.2 8.1		
Wholesale	5.8 9.9	6.9 12.0	-1.1 -15.9		
Export	20.5 34.9	20.0 34.7	0.5 2.5		
	58.7 100.0	57.6 100.0	1.1 1.9		

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The structure of the customer groups thus changed in favour of the markets and purchasing associations group.

## **Tools Division: Sales by Customer Groups**

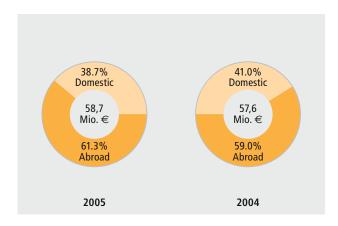


There was renewed strengthening of activities in domestic activities in the regional distribution of sales. Domestic sales rose by 5.9% and were thus above the industry average.

Tools trade: sales according to region					
	2005	2004	Change		
	Mio.€ %	Mio.€ %	Mio.€ %		
Domestic	36.0 61.3	34.0 59.0	2.0 5.9		
Abroad, including export	22.7 38.7	23.6 41.0	-0.9 -3.8		
	58.7 100.0	57.6 100.0	1.1 1.9		

nternational sales comprise two areas. Firstly, traditional export sales of goods which were originally manufactured and created in Germany. This also includes activities abroad, which transfer the business model that has successfully been implemented in Germany to international markets.

## **Tools Division: Geographic Information**

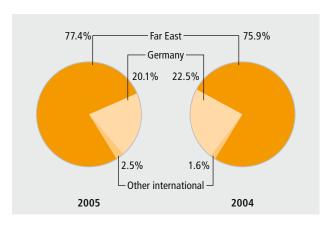


In a few international sub-markets in which only disappointing margins can be generated, sales were scaled back.

Well integrated, maintained and supported purchasing conditions are particularly important for the success of our company. Almost all of our quality suppliers are headquartered in Germany and the Far East.

Tools trade: purchasing according to region				
	2005	2004	Change	
	%	%	in %	
Germany	20.1	22.5	-2.4	
Far East	77.4	75.9	1.5	
Other international	2.5	1.6	0.9	
	100.0	100.0		

## Tools Division: Purchasing Volume by Region



There was thus a slight increase in the contribution of purchasing volume from the Far East once again.

Tools trade: expenses			
	2005	2004	Change
	Mio.€	Mio.€	Mio.€
Staffing costs	5.1	5.2	-0.1
Depreciation and amortisation of assets	0.2	0.2	0.0
Other operating expenses	7.4	7.4	0.0
	12.7	12.8	-0.1

Staffing and material costs were down slightly by  $\in$  0.1 million or 0.8% to  $\in$  12.7 million.

The average number of employees in the Tools Trade was 74.5 (previous year 80.5). Sales per employee amounted to 0.79 million (previous year 0.72 million).

The gross margin was 25.3% (previous year: 26%). Gross income was €14.9 million (previous year €15 million).

The significant level of foreign currency liabilities attendant with divisional operations rose by 27% to USD 9.4 million (previous year USD 7.4 million.) Financial earnings improved by  $\in$  0.3 million to  $\in$ 1.2 million (previous year:  $-\in$ 1.5 million).

Business development in the Tools division thus improved further based on the previous high level.

#### 2.2. Valves trade

## 2.2.1. General development of business

The Valves division, represented by the Schwietzke company headquartered in Bottrop, involves sales of standard valves and related products with distribution focused regionally in Germany as well as valve sales on a project basis primarily for industrial applications on a national and international scale. The company has offices in Cologne and Ludwigshafen.

The stagnation in the industry experienced in recent years continues. Both the municipal utilities and industrial plant construction businesses have suffered from the savings measures of municipalities and companies.

The rising raw material and energy prices were not passed on to the market in full, which worsened already tight margins.

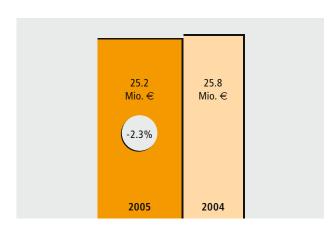
The following pillars of the corporate strategy continue to be responsible for the positive development of our own business activities despite these circumstances:

- A high level of consulting competence in advising customers not typical for the industry
- A high level of sales activity in project business requiring substantial expertise
- Flexibility and proximity to our customers through our locations in Bottrop, Cologne and Ludwigshafen

### 2.2.2. Key operating figures

Sales of the Valves trade amounted to €25.2 million (previous year €25.8 million). This achieved stability despite the negative market situation. This success was based on growth in the new equipment business and increased sales in the parts business in the industrial technology segment through targeted technical advice for customers.

#### Valves Division: Sales



The breakdown by business area is as follows:

Valves trade: sales according to business area				
	2005	2004	Change	
	Mio.€ %	Mio.€ %	Mio.€ %	
Industrial technology	18.9 75.0	18.5 71.9	0.4 2.2	
Project business	6.3 25.0	7.3 28.1	-1.0 -13.7	
	25.2 100.0	25.8 100.0	-0.6 -2.3	

Valves trade: expenses			
	2005	2004	Change
	Mio.€	Mio.€	Mio.€
Staffing costs	3.0	2.9	0.1
Depreciation and amortisation of assets	0.1	0.1	0.0
Other operating expenses	1.7	1.4	0.3
	4.8	4.4	0.4

The positioning of Schwietzke as a specialist for material-related new equipment and orientation of all work processes to the customer are important factors for sales volume. Combining the customer's personal information on site with transparency and clear decisions in selecting valve components is a significant factor for the continuity of customer relations.

Gross income was €5 million (previous year €5 million). This corresponds to a gross margin of 20% (previous year: 19.4%).

Whilst there was only a slight increase in staffing costs, there was a sharp rise in other operating expenses.

The average number of employees in the Valves division was 54 (previous year 54). Sales per employee amounted to €0.47 million (previous year €0.48 million).

In view of the industry situation, business development in the Valves division is satisfactory.

## 3. Group business development

Consolidated sales were up to  $\in 84.6$  million after  $\in 84.2$  million in the previous year.

Consolidated sales			
	2005	2004	Change
	Mio.€ %	Mio.€ %	Mio.€ %
Tools division	58.7 69.3	57.6 68.4	1.1 1.9
Valve division	25.2 29.7	25.8 30.6	-0.6 -2.3
Property			
(sales outside the division)	0.7 1.0	0.8 1.0	-0.1 -12.5
	84.6 100.0	84.2 100.0	0.4 0.5

The following measures were of material importance in the 2005 financial year:

- Optimising business volume in light of financing constraints,
- Optimisation of currency management,
- Improving cash flow,
- Continued expansion into new customer segments in Germany,
- Accelerated transfer of the national business model to international markets,
- Adapting cost structures.

## 3.1. Group result

Both operating divisions in the Group contributed to pleasing, positive earnings. EBIT of  $\in$  3.9 million was generated from Group business operations, up slightly from the previous year.

Despite the continued intense competition, margins improved slightly. Gross consolidated income (unadjusted for currency exchange rates) remained consistent at €20.7 million compared to the previous year's level of €20.8 million.

Group: Results			
	2005	2004	Change
	Mio.€	Mio.€	Mio.€ %
1. EBIT (operating result)	3.9	3.8	0.1 2.6
./. Financial result	-2.2	-2.5	0.3 12.0
2. Earnings before tax	1.6	1.3	0.3 23.1
./. Taxes	-0.7	-0.7	0.0 0.0
3. Consolidated net income	0.9	0.6	0.3 50.0

The Group's net interest result (financial result) was reduced by 12% to minus  $\in$  2.2 million (previous year: minus  $\in$  2.5 million) but remains at a high level with a direct impact on the earnings situation.

€1.3 million of the interest expense (previous year €1.6 million) is attributable to current liabilities to banks and, unchanged from the previous year, €0.9 million to non-current liabilities to banks.

Earnings before tax reached €1.6 million (previous year €1.3 million). This corresponds to an increase of 23.1%

Consolidated earnings were impacted by deferred tax expenses of  $\in$  0.58 million (previous year:  $\in$  0.49) in line with IFRS. Nevertheless, consolidated net income was up by  $\in$  0.3 million or 50% from  $\in$  0.6 million to  $\in$  0.9 million.

Consolidated net income per share rose from  $\in$  0.21 to  $\in$  0.30.

Earnings per share (EBIT) amounted to €1.29, following €1.27 in the previous year.

Cash flow in accordance with DVFA/SG was up from €4.6 million to €5.3 million, corresponding to an increase of €0.7 million, approximately 15.2%.

## 3.2. Consolidated balance sheet

The 2005 financial year saw the consolidated balance sheet total decline year-on-year by -€1.8 million or -3.4% from €53.5 million to €51.7 million.

Group			
	2005	2004	Change
	Mio.€	Mio.€	Mio.€
Inventories	12.0	13.7	-1.7
Receivables	14.3	12.9	1.4
Liquid funds	0.7	1.4	-0.7
Total	27.0	28.0	-1.0
Current financial liabilities	9.4	12.4	-3.0
Creditors	9.2	8.8	0.4
Total	18.6	21.2	-2.6
Working capital	8.4	6.8	1.6

Inventories were reduced by €1.7 million. At the same time, inventory turnover for the Group increased from 6.1 to 7.1. We see the continued improvement in this key figure for the Group as a validation of the strategic product range measures systematically implemented over the past few years.

Working capital increased by €1.6 million from last year's level of €6.8 million to €8.4 million

At €9.4 million (previous year: €8.5 million), equity for the 2005 financial year results in an equity ratio of 18.2% (previous year: 15.9%). We thus succeeded in further improving the company's financing. Compared to other companies in the sector (trade), the equity ratio achieved is good.

The book value per share, based on the equity ratio, amounted to  $\in$ 3.13, following  $\in$ 2.83 in the previous year.

## 3.3. Guarantees and other contingent liabilities

Contingent liabilities totalled €0.7 million (previous year: €2.4 million).

## 3.4. Employees

The average number of employees in the Group was 133.5 (previous year 139.5). Sales per employee amounted to €0.63 million (previous year €0.6 million).

Group employees			
	2005	2004	Change
Industrial employees	32	36	-4
Salaried employees	101.5	103.5	-2
Number of staff employed	133.5	139.5	-6
Trainees and apprentices	5	2	3
Sales per employee in € million (rounded)	0.63	0.60	0.03

The number of trainees and apprentices doubled from two to five, now corresponding to 3.7% of the total work force (previous year 1.4%).

Group: Expenses			
	2005	2004	Change
	Mio.€	Mio.€	Mio.€
Staffing costs	8.9	9.2	-0.3
Depreciation and amortisation of assets	0.6	0.6	0.0
Other operating expenses	8.4	9.0	-0.6
Total	17.9	18.8	-0.9

Staff and material costs, including depreciation, were reduced by €0.9 million to €17.9 million. Total costs were thus down to 21.2% (previous year: 22.3%).

## 4. Risk management and safeguarding the future

Critical business risks potentially jeopardising the continued existence of the company or its ability to obtain important strategic goals are addressed through the deployment of a reporting and control system. The information obtained through the system is incorporated into management planning. Responsibility for implementing countermeasures lies with division management.

With regard to industry-specific risks, both divisions employ a variety of measures on an ongoing basis in the areas of new customer segments and innovative product range policy to safeguard the future of the company.

The company counters currency risk through efficient management of its foreign currency liabilities. At the same time, price calculations are adapted to anticipate developments as far as possible.

The company employs an internal computer-supported controlling and reporting system. Financial accounting data from operating Group companies are transferred into the system on a monthly basis and analysed according to certain criteria focusing on deviation from projected earnings and financial status. The implications drawn from these analyses and steps taken in light of them are communicated to operating Group companies in regular meetings. In addition, the Board of Management forwards the quarterly figures from the companies to the Supervisory Board for review. The Supervisory Board convenes at least six times per year.

## 5. Other information

No events of material importance took place after the close of the financial year.

## 6. Outlook

#### Tools trade

At €16 million at the end of 2005, the order book increased considerably compared to €11,3 million in the previous year. The number of orders received also indicates an upward trend.

The expansion of international operations by transferring the successful national business model to international markets will continue. We are aiming to achieve an EU-wide presence through exclusive dealers, sales representatives and supporting branches, focussing on Croatia, Bosnia, Romania, Bulgaria, Turkey and Hungary. We will thus provide our customers who are expanding into these markets with their own regional presence and will remain a reliable partner. Considerable potential for expansion is anticipated in addition to the national growth prospects in the medium and long-term.

The development of the economic, industry-specific and international political conditions remains uncertain. A reliable overall forecast for future business development in concrete figures is thus extremely difficult. However, we are confident that we will once again achieve above-average development due to our good market position.

Purchase prices, which are likely to increase, represent a fundamental risk factor in terms of costs. This means that the traditional, long-term purchasing relations maintained by our company are even more important as they not only allow for reliable planning, but also appropriate pricing.

USD-based transactions are hedged whenever possible.

The further expansion of our own facilities for product and packaging design enables us to create very detailed presentations of products which currently only exist in a virtual format. This enables us to design, test and optimise the packaging design of new products and product ranges at low cost. We can also respond to our customers' design requirements more quickly and more specifically in line with their personal preferences.

Large clients in particular are demanding ever-higher standards of quality. This means greater expense for testing and documentation. However, this is good for us as we have an extensive track record and are well positioned in the field of high-quality tools.

Incoming orders and the order book in the first few months of the new financial year are moving upward, indicating that the trend is set to continue at least until 30 September 2006.

#### Valves trade

No significant economic growth is expected in the German-speaking economic area in 2006, the primary sales market for the Valves division and from which we could benefit. However, several new buildings are planned in the power station market, for which we have already received enquiries in relation to their valve equipment.

The first order received for the supply of valves to a power station in another EU country during the reporting year had a significant impact on sales volume in the project business. This, combined with the solid potential represented by the Group's regular customers which has been strengthened through framework agreements, results in a positive outlook for 2006.

Incoming orders, especially in the industrial business, posted an extremely good performance in the first months of the new financial year.

In financial year 2006, the focus will be on these measures, some of which have already been implemented:

- Process optimisation to improve the costeffectiveness across the entire range of processes
- Deployment of new IT software for materials management and order processing,
- Expanding the core business into neighbouring countries.
- Additional staff training events to allow us to maintain our high level of expertise in advising customers

#### Group

The overall development of the Group is based on the success of the two operating divisions Tools Trade and Valves Trade.

Both divisions are well positioned on the market and make good contributions to earnings. Though economic conditions remain uncertain, it is likely that we will successfully continue our positive development.

Our corporate financing objective remains the continued improvement of our equity ratio and renewed reduction of the net interest position.

Remscheid, April 2006 Brüder Mannesmann Aktiengesellschaft, Board of Management

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## Consolidated Financial Statements

## Consolidated Balance Sheet

## ASSETS

	Notes	31.12.2005 TEUR	31.12.2004 TEUR
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Goodwill	2.1.	3,845	3,845
Other intangible assets	2.2.	582	709
Property, plant and equipment	2.3.	7,530	7,852
Investment property	2.4.	8,377	8,377
Financial assets	2.5.	35	35
Deferred tax assets	2.6.	3,110	3,678
		23,479	24,496
CURRENT ASSETS			
Inventories	2.7.	12,047	13,712
Trade receivables		14,343	12,863
Other receivables and other assets	2.8.	1,089	1,056
Cash and cash equivalents	2.9.	720	1,374
		28,199	29,005
Balance sheet total		51,678	53,501

## LIABILITIES

	Notes	31.12. 2005 TEUR	31.12.2004 TEUR
EQUITY			
Share capital	2.10.	7,700	7,700
Reserves	2.11.	810	810
Unappropriated surplus	2.12.	903	0
		9,413	8,510
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Accruals for pensions and similar liabilities	2.13.	3,737	3,520
Financial liabilities	2.14.	14,996	14,962
Other liabilities	2.14.	2,229	1,005
Deferred tax liabilities	2.15.	111	102
		21,073	19,589
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Other accruals	2.13.	765	683
Financial liabilities	2.14.	9,410	12,635
Trade liabilities		9,176	8,841
Other liabilities	2.14.	1,483	3,073
Current income tax liabilities	2.15.	358	170
		21,192	25,402
Balance sheet total		51,678	53,501

## Consolidated Statement of Earnings

	Notes	01.0131.12. 2005 TEUR	01.0131.12. 2004 TEUR
Sales revenue	3.1.	84,611	84,209
Other operating income	3.2.	1,141	1,902
Costs of materials		-63,925	-63,412
Staffing costs		-8,945	-9,192
Other operating expenses	3.3.	-8,406	-9,035
EBITDA		4,476	4,472
Amortisation and depreciation of intangible assets and property, plant and equipment		-620	-648
EBIT (operating result)	2.4	3,856	3,824
Financial earnings	3.4.	-2,239	-2,497
Earnings before tax	3.5.	1,617	1,327
Income taxes	3.3.	-714	-684
Net consolidated income		903	643
Earnings per share (undiluted) in EUR	3.6.	0,30	0,21
Earnings per share (diluted) in EUR	3.6.	0,30	0,21
Earnings per share (EBIT) in EUR		1,29	1,27

## Consolidated Capital Finance Account

	2005 TEUR	2004 TEUR
I. Operating activities		
<ol> <li>Earnings for the period before non-cash interest expenses, interest income, income tax and extraordinary earnings</li> </ol>	3,280	3,094
2. Depreciations and amortisations (+) / additions (-)	3,200	5,054
on fixed assets	620	648
<ol> <li>Additions (+) / deductions (-) of accruals</li> <li>Non-cash expenses and income from</li> </ol>	836	158
a) deferred taxes	577	730
b) other non-cash expenses and income	2	3
Cash flow in accordance with DVFA/SG	5,315	4,633
5. Increase (-) / decrease (+) in inventories, trade		
receivables and other assets, which are not		
classified as investing or financial activity  6. Addition (+) / deduction (-) of trade	-197	1,738
liabilities and other liabilties, which are not		
classified as investing or financial activity	-1,032	-408
7. Cash transactions from:  a) Interest payments (+) / (-)	-2,239	-2,497
b) Taxes (+) / (-)	-2,239	-2,497
Cash flow from operating activities	1,710	3,445
II. Investment activities		
1. Income from disposal of tangible assets	3	19
2. Expenditure on investment in tangible assets	-135	-186
<ol> <li>Expenditure on investment in intangible assets</li> <li>Income from disposal of financial assets</li> </ol>	-42 0	-20 3
6. Expenditure on investment in financial assets	0	-16
Cash flow from investment activities	-174	-200
III. Financing activities		
<ol> <li>Inflow from the issue of bonds and taking out (financial) loans and bills of exchange</li> </ol>	1,000	0
Outflow from the repayment of bonds and (financial) loans	-3,190	-2,915
Cash flow from financing activities	-2,190	-2,915
Changes in cash and cash equivalents	-654	330
Cash balance at the start of the period	1,374	1,044
Cash balance at the end of the period	720	1,374

## Fixed Assets Schedule for the Consolidated Financial Statements

		Historical costs			
	Carried forward 01.01.2005 TEUR	Additions TEUR	Disposals TEUR	Balance 31.12.2005 TEUR	
Intangible assets					
1. Goodwill from capital consolidation	8,172	0	0	8,172	
Other intangible assets     a) Concessions, commercial property rights and similar rights and values as well as licences					
for such rights and values b) Advance payments received	2,586 3	42 0	0 -3	2,628	
	10,761	42	-3	10,800	
Property, plant and equipment	10,701	72			••••••
1. Land, land rights and					
building, including buildings on third party land*	18,593	0	-26	18,567	
2. Technical equipment and machinery	37	0	0	37	
3. Other plant and equipment	1,374	135	-64	1,445	
	20,004	135	-90	20,049	
Financial assets					
1. Other investments	26	0	0	26	
2. Other loans	9	0	0	9	
	35	0	0	35	

30,800

\* This item includes investment property

	Depred	ciation and amorti	sation	 Net carryir	ng amount
Carried forward 01.01.2005 TEUR	Additions TEUR	Disposals TEUR	Balance 31.12.2005 TEUR	As at 31.12.2005 TEUR	As at 31.12.2004 TEUR
4,327	0	0	4,327	3,845	3,845
1,880 0	166 0	0	2,046 0	582 0	706 3
 6,207	166	0	6,373	 4,427	4,554
2,614	345	-26	2,933	15,634	15,979
22	7	0	29	8	15
1,139	102	-61	1,180	265	235
 3,775	454	-87	4,142	15,907	16,229
0	0	0	0	26	26
0	0	0	0	9	9
 0	0	0	0	 35	35
0.002			40.545	20.250	22.040
9,982	620	-87	10,515	 20,369	20,818

## Statement of Changes to Shareholders' Equity

	Share capital TEUR	Capital reserves TEUR	Revenue reserves* TEUR	
Shareholders'equity as at December 31, 2003	7,700	10,226	8,177	
Transfer to earnings reserves from 2003 net income			174	
Profit distribution to the parent company			-150	
Revaluation of deferred taxes			-236	
Shareholders' equity as at December 31, 2004 before retransfer of reserves	7,700	10,226	7,965	
Retransfer of Capital reserve		-9,456		
Retransfer of other earnings reserves			-7,925	
Shareholders' equity as at December 31, 2004	7,700	770	40	
Shareholders' equity as at December 31, 2005	7,700	770	40	
* Currency translation differences incurred in previous years have been offset against revenue reserves				

	Retained earnings brought forward TEUR	Net income TEUR	Total share holders' equity TEUR
Shareholders'equity as at December 31, 2003	-17,048	-952	8,103
Transfer to earnings reserves from 2003 net income		-174	
Transfer to retained earnings brought forward from 2003 net income	-1,126	1,126	
Net income January 1, to December 31, 2004		643	
Profit distribution to the parent company	150		
Shareholders'equity as at December 31, 2004 before retransfer of reserves	-18,024	643	8,510
Retransfer of Capital reserve	10,469	-1,013	
Retransfer of other earnings reserves	7,555	370	
Shareholders'equity as at December 31, 2004	0	0	8,510
Net income January 1, to December 31, 2005		903	
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Shareholders'equity as at December 31, 2005	0	903	9,413

# Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements

## General information about the consolidated financial statements

#### 1.1. Basis

The consolidated financial statements of Brüder Mannesmann Aktiengesellschaft as at 31 December 2005 were prepared in accordance with Article 315a of the German Commercial Code (HGB) in conjunction with EU Directive 1606/2002 of 19 July 2002 and in accordance with the International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) accepted by the EU and valid on the reporting date of the financial statements.

For the first time the consolidated income statement was broken down in line with the nature of expense method (IAS 1.91). For the consolidated balance sheet the breakdown in line with IAS 1.68ff. was used. The previous year figures were adjusted accordingly.

In addition to the consolidated income statement and the consolidated balance sheet in line with IAS 1, the consolidated financial statements also comprise a cash flow statement in accordance with IAS 7 and an overview of changes in equity in accordance with IAS 1.

Individual items on the consolidated income statement and the consolidated balance sheet were summarised for clearer presentation. These items are listed and explained in the notes.

We have been applying IFRS 3 in conjunction with the new version of IAS 36 since o1 January 2004. According to this, there is no longer amortisation of goodwill.

As at 31 December 2005, investment property was disclosed and analysed for the first time in accordance with IAS 40.

In line with Article 264 Paragraph 3 HGB, Brüder Mannesmann Werkzeuge GmbH and Brüder Mannesmann Grundbesitz GmbH take advantage of the relief afforded for preparing the notes and publication.

In line with Article 264 Paragraph 3 HGB Schwietzke Armaturen GmbH take advantage of the relief afforded for publication.

#### 1.2. Scope of consolidation

In addition to Brüder Mannesmann Aktiengesellschaft as the parent company, a total of seven German subsidiaries and one foreign subsidiary are included in the consolidated financial statements.

Full details of the shareholdings of the Brüder Mannesmann Aktiengesellschaft Group are listed in the Wuppertal Register of Companies.

#### 1.3. Principles of consolidation

Revenue from sales generated internally and other income within the Group were offset against the corresponding expenses in the consolidated income statement.

Capital consolidation was implemented using the purchase method of accounting by offsetting the acquisition cost of shares against the pro rata equity of the subsidiaries at the time of acquisition. Resulting differences on the asset side of the balance sheet are reported as goodwill from capital consolidation.

Receivables and liabilities between the companies included in the consolidated financial statements were offset and interim results were eliminated.

#### 1.4. Currency translation

All the companies included in the consolidated financial statements are based in the euro zone. Thus, currency translation is not an issue.

Currency translation differences resulting from the translation of a subsidiary's equity before 1 January 1999 were offset against retained earnings without impacting income.

#### 1.5. Accounting policies

Intangible assets acquired against payment – mainly registered rights and software – are carried at acquisition cost and amortised over their useful operating lives. Registered rights are amortized over 15 years.

Property, plant and equipment are carried at cost, less straight-line depreciation.

The following useful lives apply to assets:

- Intangible assets 3 to 15 years

Land, land rights and
 buildings including buildings
 on third-party land
 8 to 60 years

- Technical equipment and machinery 2 to 15 years

- Other plant and equipment 2 to 15 years

Impairment losses were charged in previous years if, in accordance with IAS 36, the value of the assets in question fell below the carrying amount.

Investment property is carried at the attributable fair value.

Non-current financial assets are recognised at cost.

Deferred taxes are recognised for all temporary differences between the recognition of amounts in the tax accounts and the consolidated balance sheet. Deferred taxes from tax loss carryforwards are also posted. Deferments are made in the amount of the expected tax burden or tax relief for subsequent financial years on the basis of the income tax rate applicable at the time of realisation. Write-downs are charged on deferred tax assets, which are unlikely to be realised in the future.

Inventories were carried at cost at the lower of cost or market. Inventory risks were taken into account through write-downs.

Receivables and other current assets are carried at the principal amount or the lower carrying amount at the balance sheet date.

Cash and cash equivalents at carried at their principle amount.

The actuarial valuation of accruals for pensions is based on the projected unit credit method for defined benefit pension plans in accordance with IAS 19. Pension payments and vested entitlements existing at the balance sheet date are taken into account as well as expected future increases in salaries and pensions.

Other accruals are recognised in accordance with IAS 37 and take into account all discernible risks and uncertain obligations. Accruals are recognised at levels commensurate with their anticipated occurrence.

Liabilities were carried at their redemption or settlement values.

The line items Inventories, Trade receivables, Bank deposits and Trade payables includes items for which the amounts are denominated in foreign currency (USD) or were originally denominated in foreign currency. Translation into EUR takes into account currency forward transactions that are concluded to hedge currency risks. The principle of continuity of assessment was used.

The leases at the Brüder Mannesmann Group are classified as "operating leases". The leasing instalments paid are therefore posted immediately as expenditure.

The leasing agreements predominantly include options to extend or buy.

# 2. Notes on the consolidated balance sheet

#### 2.1. Goodwill

No impairments were carried out on goodwill, which results from the consolidation of cash flow, during the reporting year as the annual impairment test confirmed that the value had remained the same.

#### 2.2. Intangible assets

Additions to intangible assets totalled TEUR 42 in the reporting year. Write-downs totalled TEUR 166.

#### 2.3. Property, plant and equipment

Additions to property, plant and equipment totalled TEUR 134 and disposals TEUR 3. Depreciation totalled TEUR 453 in the financial year.

#### 2.4. Investment property

Investment property held by the Brüder Mannesmann Group was carried at the attributable fair value for the first time in the reporting year in accordance with IAS 40.

This amounted to TEUR 8,377 as at 31 December 2005. An independent expert, who does not have any connections to the Group, carried out the valuation. It is based on the income value calculated by taking into account the appreciation of all aspects of the property market.

The Group has transferred all investment property as collateral for a property-secured loan.

All investment property held by the Group is let through lease contracts. The rent income resulting from this totalled TEUR 736. Expenditure directly related to investment property amounted to TEUR 11.

#### 2.5. Financial assets

Financial assets generally comprise other investments.

#### 2.6. Deferred tax assets

The deferred tax assets reported primarily include recoverable taxes from tax loss carryforwards (IAS 12). This was based on a tax rate of 43% during the reporting year (previous year: 40%). Deferred taxes in the amount of TEUR 6,749 were appropriated to retained earnings as per the status of the tax loss carryforwards on January 1, 2001 without impacting income and were reversed in line with the development of net profit/loss of TEUR 3,098 for previous years.

A reversal of TEUR 566 of deferred tax assets on loss carryforwards was carried out in the 2005 reporting year. Deferred tax expenses thus increased by this amount in accordance with IAS.

In addition, this item also included deferred taxes from the elimination of intercompany profits.

#### 2.7. Inventories

The inventories of TEUR 12,047 held by the Brüder Mannesmann Group comprise commercial goods.

#### 2.8. Receivables and other assets

Global valuation allowances on trade receivables are not permitted under IAS 39. The reversal of global valuation allowances in the financial year resulted in a TEUR 14 increase in consolidated net income after forming deferred tax expenses.

The remaining receivables and other assets comprise the following:

	2005	2004
	TEUR	TEUR
Creditors with debt balances and bonus credits	388	411
Receivables from financial authorities	331	131
Deferred income	335	436
Other	35	78
	1,089	1,056

The deferred income listed was essentially the result of the reorganisation of financing for land held by a subsidiary. The forfeited rent interest receivables were settled in this context.

The fees incurred as a result of the repayment of previous financing are deferred in line with IAS and reversed over the term of the rental agreements using the diminishing balance method. As a result, the IAS consolidated profit for the period is TEUR 111 lower than in the annual financial statements prepared in accordance with German commercial law.

#### 2.9. Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents of the company comprise cash in hand, cheques and bank balances.

#### 2.10. Share capital

The share capital of TEUR 7,700 is fully paid up and divided into 3,000,000 no-par value bearer shares. One share represents EUR 2.57 of the company's capital.

#### 2.10.1. Authorised capital

The Board of Management is authorised, with the approval of the Supervisory Board, to increase the share capital by up to TEUR 3,850 on one or several occasions until 26 September 2006 through the issue of new bearer shares.

#### 2.10.2. Contingent capital

There was a contingent capital increase of up to TEUR 1,540 with the issue of up to 600,000 new no-par value bearer shares following a resolution by the Annual General Meeting on 25 August 2005. The contingent capital increase is to grant rights to the holders of options or convertible profit-sharing certificates that are issued by the company until 24 August 2010. No profit-sharing certificates had been issued as at 31 December 2005.

#### 2.11. Reserves

#### 2.11.1. Capital reserves

This item includes the premium from the capital increases in the amount of TEUR 10,226.

TEUR 9,456 was taken from the capital reserves in the previous year and adjusted against the balance sheet loss.

#### 2.11.2. Other retained earnings

Other retained earnings include the undistributed profit of TEUR 1,387 from companies included in the consolidated financial statements, provided that this was generated during affiliation to the Group. Differences arising from currency translation in the balance sheets of foreign companies before 1 January 1999 were offset against this item.

Furthermore, adjustments of TEUR 6,579 were transferred to retained earnings in the context of the International Accounting Standards in previous years without impacting income.

An adjustment of TEUR 7,925 was carried out against the consolidated balance sheet in the previous year.

### 2.12. Unappropriated surplus

The unappropriated surplus of the Group is derived from the income statement.

The development of equity is presented in the statement of changes in equity.

#### 2.13. Accruals

The company pension provided by the Brüder Mannesmann Group is mainly based on direct defined benefit pension plans. The pension commitments are generally based on the amount for the performance and the employee's length of employment (defined benefit plans).

Liabilities resulting from the pension plans are calculated on an annual basis by independent evaluators using the projected unit credit method in accordance with IAS 19.

The key assumptions are:

- Discount interest	4.2% - 5%
- Anticipated percentage salary increase	2%
- Future pension increases	1.5%

Actuarial gains and losses are amortised over the average term of the pension liabilities after up to 10% of the gross liabilities have been placed in a corridor that is not taken into account.

Liabilities comprise the following:

	TEUR
Cash value of performance-related liability	4,736
Actuarial gains / (-) losses not to be taken into account	-340
Actuarial gains / (-) losses to be repaid	-564
Remaining transition loss	-96
Balance sheet accrual	3,736

The following pension expenses are included in staffing costs on the consolidated income statement:

	TEUR
Expenses for length of service	78
Interest expenses	174
Repayment of the transition loss	96
Pension payments paid	-64
Net pension expenses	284

Please refer to the statement of changes in accruals for details of the development of accruals.

Statement of changes in accruals in accordance with IAS 37.84					
	Opening balance	Used	Reversed	Addition	Closing balance
	at January 1, 2005	in financial year	in financial year	in financial year	December 12, 2005
	TEUR	TEUR	TEUR	TEUR	TEUR
Pension accruals and similar liabilities	3,520	-64	-67	348	3,737
Accruals for guarantees	57	0	-57	1	1
Accruals for bonuses including staffing costs	335	-317	-5	306	319
Accruals for other uncertain liabilities	291	-232	-1	386	444
Other accruals	683	-549	-63	693	764
Total accruals	4,203	-613	-130	1,041	4,501

# 2.14. Liabilities

Liabilities schedule as at 31	December 2005					
	Total	Of which with a	remaining term of			
		Up to 1 year	1 to 5 years	More than 5 years	Secured amounts	Type of collateral
	TEUR	TEUR	TEUR	TEUR	TEUR	
Financial liabilities	24,406	9,410	2,504	12,492	24,363	Land changes, assignment of receivables,
Trade liabilities	9,176	9,176	0	0	0	assignment of tangible assets
Other liabilities	3,712	1,483	1,790	439	0	and goods as collateral
	37,294	20,069	4,294	12,931	24,363	

Type of liability	Term	Interest rate	Average interest	Market value	Nominal value
				TEUR	TEUR
				31 December 2005	31 December 2005
Financial liabilities	Up to 22 years	5,0% to 10.25%	7,8 %	24,406	24,406

Financial liabilities are liabilities to banks.

# Other liabilities comprise the following:

	2005	2004
	TEUR	TEUR
Loan liabilities to a former subsidiary	1,358	1,288
Liabilities from pension commitments	1,034	1,130
Liabilities to financial authorities	597	578
Liabilities to debtors with credit balances	316	352
Social security liabilities	145	153
Liabilities from commission	117	146
Advance payments received for orders	35	238
Other	110	193
	3,712	4,078

# 3.2. Other operating income

Other operating income includes the following items:

	2005	2004
	TEUR	TEUR
Income from exchange gains	374	1,505
Income from car use	146	130
Pension growth	100	0
Delcredere	91	0
Income from damage claims	70	13
Income from the reversal of value adjustments	61	4
Income from the reversal of accruals	130	53
Other	169	197
	1,141	1,902

### 2.15. Tax liabilities

Deferred tax liabilities increased by TEUR 9 to TEUR 111 in the 2005 financial year.

Deferred income tax liabilities increased by TEUR 188 to TEUR 358.

# 3. Notes on the consolidated income statement

## 3.1. Sales

The general principles of earnings from transactions apply to sales revenue.

Please refer to the segment reporting in section 5 for the breakdown of revenue by division and region.

# 3.3. Other operating expenditure

	2005	2004
	TEUR	TEUR
Selling expenses	3,998	3,632
Travel, entertainment and representation expenses	945	1,033
Insurance and telecommunications expenses	688	734
Purchased services, consultancy, legal protection	527	657
Transaction expenses	482	379
Rental and lease expenses	412	312
Maintenance, cleaning, waste disposal expenses	373	207
Other taxes	51	37
Exchange rate losses	13	123
Depreciation of current assets	0	812
Other	917	1,109
	8,406	9,035

## 3.4. Net finance costs

	2005	2004
	TEUR	TEUR
Other interest and similar income	13	76
Interest and similar expenses	-2,252	-2,573
	-2,239	-2,497

#### 3.5. Income taxes

This item comprises the following:

	2005	2004
	TEUR	TEUR
Current tax expenses within Germany (of which from prior periods)	-170 (+16)	-184 (-14)
Current tax income / expenses abroad	+33	-7
Deferred tax expenses	-602	-520
Deferred tax income	+25	+27
	-714	-684

#### 3.6. Earnings per share

In accordance with IAS 33, undiluted earnings per share are calculated by dividing the consolidated net profit for the period (including tax expense and extraordinary items) by the weighted number of ordinary shares outstanding in the financial year of 3,000,000.

With net income of TEUR 903 (previous year TEUR 643), earnings per share are EUR 0.30 (previous year EUR 0.21) thus corresponding to an increase of EUR 0.09 or 42.9%.

Since Brüder Mannesmann Aktiengesellschaft did not issue any ordinary shares with dilutive potential, diluted earnings and undiluted earnings are the same.

# 4. Other notes

#### 4.1. Cash flow statement

The cash flow statement was prepared in accordance with IAS 7, using the indirect method.

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash in hand, cheques and bank balances.

### 4.2. Contingencies

	2005	2004
	TEUR	TEUR
Guarantees	575	2,332
Liabilities on bills	77	111

## 4.3. Other financial liabilities

	2005	2004
	TEUR	TEUR
Total lease instalments due		
within one year	236	200
Total lease instalments due		
between 1 and 5 years	247	161
Total lease instalments due		
within 5 years	-	-

## 4.4. Employees

The Brüder Mannesmann Group employed an average of 133.5 employees in the 2005 financial year (previous year 139.5). Part-time employees are included using the economic concept.

	2005	2004
Workers	32.0	36.0
Employees	101.5	103.5
	133.5	139.5
Trainees	5.0	2.0

# 5. Segment reporting

In line with the regulations of IAS 14 (Segment Reporting), individual annual financial statement data is divided into the company segments of tools, valves and land holdings.

The segment reporting breakdown reflects the internal reporting structure.

Transactions between segments are conducted at standard market conditions.

Segment reporting						
	Tools*	Valves	Land holdings	Tools*	Valves	Land holdings
	31.12.2005	31.12.2005	31.12.2005	31.12.2004	31.12.2004	31.12.2004
	TEUR	TEUR	TEUR	TEUR	TEUR	TEUR
Revenue	58,661	25,152	798	57,605	25,808	796
Germany	35,967	23,325	798	33,959	25,022	796
Abroad - thereof European Union	22,694 13,693	1,827 1,664	0 0	23,646 14,069	786 660	0 0
Segment earnings before profit distribution	486*	316	101	90	482	71
Segment assets	25,699	8,547	13,653	29,079	6,281	13,937
Segment liabilities	11,008	4,286	191	12,083	2,924	248
Investment in non-current assets	106	71	0	123	34	48
Depreciation and amortisation	-222	-115	-283	-1,067	-110	-283
Annual average number of employed (excluding trainees)	es 79.5	54	0	85.5	54	0

The investments in non-current assets and the segment assets are nearly exclusive located in Germany.

<sup>\*</sup>In addition to the tools division, the tools segment also comprises Brüder Mannesmann AG and IAS-relevant expenses.

## 6. Other disclosures

The following are members of the Board of Management of the parent company:

#### - Mr. Jürgen Schafstein

Speaker of the Board of Management Businessman Member of the Board of Management of Deutsche Armaturen AG, Remscheid, Chairman of the Supervisory Board of Saltus Technology AG, Solingen

#### - Mr. Bernd Schafstein

Businessman

Member of the Supervisory Board of Deutsche Armaturen AG, Remscheid

#### - Mr. Frank Schafstein to 30 April 2005

Businessman

Member of the Supervisory Board of Deutsche Armaturen AG, Remscheid

The following are members of the Supervisory Board:

#### - Mr. Reinhard C. Mannesmann

Chairman

Businessman

Member of the Supervisory Board of Deutsche Armaturen AG, Remscheid

Member of the Supervisory Board of Saltus Technology AG, Solingen

#### - Mrs. Nicole Coen

Banker

Member of the Supervisory Board of Deutsche Armaturen AG, Remscheid

Member of the Supervisory Board of Saltus Technology AG, Solingen

#### - Mr. Michael Nagel

Businessman

Member of the Supervisory Board of Deutsche Armaturen AG, Remscheid

The Board of Management received payment of TEUR 1,205 and the Supervisory Board received payment of TEUR 54 in the reporting year.

Members of the Board of Management and the Supervisory Board held the following shares:

Board of Management 696,300 shares Supervisory Board 228,500 shares

The declaration prescribed by Article 161 of the German Stock Corporation Act (AktG) has been issued and made available to shareholders.

TEUR 60 for the parent company and TEUR 10 for the subsidiaries were included in expenses as fees for the auditor of the financial statements in 2005.

Remscheid, April 2006 Brüder Mannesmann Aktiengesellschaft, Board of Management

Jürgen Schafstein

Bernd Schafstein

# 7. List of shareholdings

Fully-consolidated subsidiaries	%
Brüder Mannesmann Werkzeuge GmbH, Remscheid	100
Brüder Mannesmann Nederland B.V., Doetinchem, Netherlands	100
CoCaCo Trading GmbH, Remscheid	100
Fernando Esser & Cia. GmbH, Remscheid	100
Corneta Export GmbH, Remscheid	100
Schwietzke Armaturen GmbH, Bottrop	100
CEA Chemie- und Energie-Armaturen GmbH, Ludwigshafen	100
Brüder Mannesmann Grundbesitz GmbH, Remscheid	100

# Independent Auditor's Report

We have audited the consolidated financial statements prepared by the Parent Company Brüder Mannesmann Aktiengesellschaft, Remscheid, comprising the balance sheet, the income statement, statement of changes in equity, cash flow statement and the notes to the consolidated financial statements, together with the group management report for the business year from 1. January 2005 to 31. December 2005. The preparation of the consolidated financial statements and the group management report in accordance with IFRSs as adopted by the EU, and the additional requirements of German commercial law pursuant to § 315a Absatz 1 HGB (and supplementary provisions of the articles of incorporation) are the responsibility of the parent company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the consolidated financial statements and on the group management report based on our audit. In addition we have been instructed to express an opinion as to whether the consolidated financial statements comply with full IFRS.

We conducted our audit of the consolidated financial statements in accordance with § 317 HGB and German generally accepted standards for the audit of financial statements promulgated by the Institut der Wirtschaftsprüfer (IDW). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit such that misstatements materially affecting the presentation of the net assets, financial position and results of operations in the consolidated financial statements in accordance with the applicable financial reporting framework and in the group management report are detected with reasonable assurance. Knowledge of the business activities and the economic and legal environment of the Group and expectations as to possible misstatements are taken into account in the determination of audit procedures.

The effectiveness of the accounting-related internal control system and the evidence supporting the disclosures in the consolidated financial statements and the group management report are examined primarily on a test basis within the framework of the audit. The audit includes assessing the annual financial statements of those entities included in consolidation, the determination of entities to be included in consolidation, the accounting and consolidation principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the consolidated financial statements and the group management report. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

Our audit has not led to any reservations.

In our opinion, based on the findings of our audit, the consolidated financial statements comply with IFRSs as adopted by the EU, the additional requirements of German commercial law pursuant to § 315a Abs. 1 HGB (and supplementary provisions of the articles of incorporation) and full IFRS and give a true and fair view of the net assets, financial position and results of operations of the Group in accordance with these requirements. The group management report is consistent with the consolidated financial statements and as a whole provides a suitable view of the Group's position and suitably presents the opportunities and risks of future development.

Frankfurt am Main, 25. April 2006

MORISON AG Wirtschaftsprüfungsgesellschaft

**Karl-Heinz Barth Karl-Heinz Wolf** Wirtschaftsprüfer Wirtschaftsprüfer

# **Financial Statements**

# AG-Balance Sheet

## ASSETS

	31.12 EUR	.2005 EUR	31.12.2004 TEUR
A. FIXED ASSETS			
I. Intangible assets			
1. Licences, trade marks and patents, etc., as well as licences to such rights and assets	11,318.00		9
2. Downpayments for intangible assets	0.00		3
		11,318.00	12
II. Tangible assets			
Office and plant equipment	2,162.00		7
III. Financial assets			
Shares in group companies	11,417,067.22		11,417
		11,430,547.22	11,436
B. CURRENT ASSETS			
I. Receivables and other current assets			
1. Amounts due from group companies 2. Other current assets	2,810,375.87 242,835.27		1,520 36
		3,053,211.14	1,556
II. Cash, deposits with commercial banks		40,555.41	13
		3,093,766.55	1,569
		14,524,313.77	13,005

# LIABILITIES

	31.12 EUR	.2005 EUR	31.12.2004 TEUR
A. SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY			
I. Share capital	7,700,000.00		7,700
II. Capital reserve	1,292,930.53		1,293
III. Earnings reserves			
Other earnings reserves	1,247,242.83		1,247
IV. Net profit	1,534,437.26		0
		11,774,610.62	10,240
B. ACCRUALS			
1. Accruals for pensions and similar obligations	0.00		66
2. Accruals for taxes	357,000.00		170
3. Other accruals	81,500.00		79
		438,500.00	315
C. LIABILITIES			
<ol> <li>Trade payables</li> <li>Amounts due to group companies</li> <li>Other liabilities</li> </ol>	5,405.55 119,992.37		79 154
thereof taxes EUR 12,551.28 (December 31, 2004 EUR 31,663.68) thereof in respect of social security EUR 7,274.27	2,185,805.23	2,311,203.15	2,217
(December 31, 2004 EUR 7,969.23)			
		14,524,313.77	13,005

# Financial Statements

# AG-Statement of Earnings

		01.01 20 EUR		01.0131.12. 2004 TEUR
1.	Sales		1,062,000.00	1,098
2.	Other operating income		289,763.85	919
3.	Personnel costs a) Wages and salaries b) Social security costs	-783,226.01 -46,122.05		-939 -119
			-829,348.06	-1,058
4.	Depreciation, amortization and special accruals on intangible and tangible assets		-13,358.63	-16
5.	Other operating expenses		-692,783.69	-687
6.	Income from profit transfer agreements and partial profit transfer agreements		1,986,274.31	2,130
7.	Income from distribution of dividends		0.00	150
8.	Other interest and similar income		3,892.27	2
9.	Write-down of financial assets and of securities included in current assets		0.00	-803
10.	Interest and similar expenses		-83,026.64	-28
11.	Result of ordinary operations		1,723,413.41	1,707
12.	Taxes on income		-188,730.15	-170
13.	Other taxes		-246.00	-1
14.	Net income of the year		1,534,437.26	1,536
15.	Loss carried forward		0.00	-10,469
			1,534,437.26	-8,933
16.	Retransfer of Capital reserve		0.00	8,933
	New world		1.524.427.26	
17.	Net profit		1,534,437.26	0

# Fixed Assets Schedule and Liabilities Schedule

### Development of fixed assets as per December 31, 2005

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	As of 01.01.2005 EUR	Additions EUR	Disposals EUR	As of 31.12.2005 EUR	
Intangible assets     1.Licences, industrial property rights     and similar rights and assets, as well as     licences to such rights     2.Downpayments for intangible assets	34,482.99 2,862.00	8,745.00 0.00	0.00 2,862.00	43,227.99 0.00	
II. Tangible assets Furnitures and fixtures	37,344.99 31,148.81	8,745.00 2,181.63	2,862.00 0.00	43,227.99 33,330.44	
III.Financial assets Shares in group companies	13,105,077.96	0.00	0.00	13,105,077.96	
Total	13,173,571.76	10,926.63	2,862.00	13,181,636.39	

## Schedule of liabilities as of December 31, 2005

			with a rem	aining term	
Art der Verbindlichkeit	Balance sheet value 31.12.2005 TEUR	up to one year TEUR	one to five years TEUR	more than five years TEUR	of which collateralised TEUR
Amounts due to banks	0	0	0	0	0
Trade liabilities	5	5	0	0	0
Amounts due to group companies	120	120	0	0	0
Other liabilities - thereof taxes: 12,551.28 EUR (December 31, 2004: 31,663.68 EUR) - thereof in respect of social security: 7,274.27 EUR (December 31, 2004: 7,969.23 EUR)	2,186	117	1,630	439	0
	2,311	242	1,630	439	0

	Deprec	iations		 Book	Book values		
As of 01.01.2005 EUR	Additions EUR	Disposals EUR	As of 31.12.2005 EUR	As of 31.12.2005 EUR	As of 31.12.2004 EUR		
25,457.99 0.00	6,452.00 0.00	0.00 0.00	31,909.99 0.00	11,318.00 0.00	9,025.00 2,862.00		
25,457.99	6,452.00	0.00	31,909.99	11,318.00	11,887.00		
 24,261.81	6,906.63	0.00	31,168.44	2,162.00	6,887.00		
 1,688,010.74	0.00	0.00	1,688,010.74	 11,417,067.22	11,417,067.22		
1,737,730.54	13,358.63	0.00	1,751,089.17	11,430,547.22	11,435,841.22		

# Notes for the 2005 AG-Financial Year

# A. General information about the annual financial statements

#### Legal basis

The annual financial statements as at 31 December 2005 were prepared in accordance with the accruals of the Handelsgesetzbuch (German Commercial Code – HGB) and the Aktiengesetz (German Stock Corporation Act – AktG).

In accordance with Article 275 (2) of the HGB, the total cost method was applied to the profit and loss account.

## 2. Shareholders' equity

#### 2.1. Share capital

Share capital amounts to EUR 7,700,000.00 and is divided into 3,000,000 bearer shares.

#### 2.2. Authorised capital

The Board of Management is authorised, with the approval of the Supervisory Board, to increase the share capital by up to EUR 3,850,000.00 on one or more occasions until 26 September 2006 through the issue of new bearer shares against cash or non-cash contributions.

### 2.3. Contingent capital

There was a contingent capital increase of up to EUR 1,540,000.00 with the issue of up to 600,000 new no-par value bearer shares following a resolution by the Annual General Meeting on 25 August 2005. The contingent capital increase is to grant rights to the holders of options or convertible profit-sharing certificates that are issued by the company until 24 August 2010. No profit-sharing certificates had been issued as at 31 December 2005.

#### 3. Currency translation

The receivables and liabilities of the Brüder Mannesmann Aktiengesellschaft were denominated solely in euro as at the balance sheet date.

# B. Notes to the accounting policies

#### 1. Accounting policies

Intangible assets are recognised at cost, less amortisation. Tangible assets are carried at cost and reduced by straight-line depreciation over their useful operating lives.

Low-value assets with acquisition or production costs of up to, and including, EUR 410.00 are written down in full in the year of acquisition.

Financial assets are carried at cost or the lower of cost or market.

The statement of changes in fixed assets is presented in the appendix to the Notes.

Receivables and other assets are carried at their nominal amount.

Accruals take into account all discernible risks and uncertain obligations. They are recognised in the amount dictated by prudent business practice.

Liabilities were carried at their redemption amount and pension obligations at their actuarial values as at the balance sheet date.

#### 2. Balance sheet disclosures

In accordance with section 287 of the HGB, details of shareholdings are summarised in a separate section to these Notes and filed in the Wuppertal Commercial Register.

Receivables from affiliated companies are due to profit-pooling agreements trade receivables (Group contributions), entity liability for VAT, interest rates, costs and profit entitlements that are charged on.

Please refer to part A sections 2 and 3 for details of equity.

The balance sheet was prepared in line with the proposed appropriation of net income.

Other accruals relate to the expected costs of mandatory audits prescribed in German commercial law as well as for remaining paid leave claims and contributions to a professional occupational liability association.

Liabilities to affiliated companies include settlement accounts with subsidiaries (value-added tax group).

Other liabilities primarily relate to VAT payment, social security, wage tax and a pension obligation.

Please refer to the maturity structure of liabilities for details of the maturity and collateral of liabilities.

Other financial commitments comprise rental agreements and leases totalling TEUR 24.

# C. Contingent liabilities

As at the balance sheet date, liabilities from guarantees and joint and several liability amounted to TEUR 5,933, TEUR 5,723 of which was attributable to affiliated companies and TEUR 210 to third-party companies.

# D. Notes to the profit and loss account

#### 1. Sales

Sales primarily relate to Group contributions to affiliated companies, EUR 90,000 of which was to an affiliated company outside Germany.

#### Other income

The income mainly relates to passing costs incurred on to affiliated companies as well as income from writing down receivables. This item also includes income from the adjustment of the cash value of the bond.

#### 3. Income from profit-pooling

This item relates to the profit of affiliated companies transferred for 2005 within the framework of profit transfer agreements.

#### 4. Interest and similar income

This item includes interest from affiliated companies of EUR 3,231.30.

#### 5. Interest and similar expenses

This item includes interest to affiliated companies of EUR 2,769.00.

## E. Other disclosures

During the financial year, the Company employed an average of 5 other persons in addition to the Board of Management. The Board of Management manages the company.

The company is the parent company for the purposes of the consolidated financial statements. The consolidated financial statements are announced in the Bundesanzeiger (Federal Gazette) and filed with the Wuppertal Commercial Register under HRB 11838 (previously AG Remscheid Number HRB 1927).

TEUR 60 for the parent company were included in expenses as fees for the auditor of the financial statements in 2005.

#### F. Executive bodies

The following are members of the Board of Management:

#### - Mr. Jürgen Schafstein

Speaker of the Board of Management, Businessman Board of Management of Deutsche Armaturen AG, Remscheid Chairman of the Supervisory Board of Saltus Technology AG, Solingen

#### - Mr. Bernd Schafstein

Businessman Member of the Supervisory Board of Deutsche Armaturen AG, Remscheid

Mr. Frank Schafstein resigned from his position as a member of the Board of Management and left the committee on 30 April 2005.

The following are members of the Supervisory Board:

- Mr. Reinhard C. Mannesmann

Chairman

Businessman

Member of the Supervisory Board of Deutsche Armaturen AG, Remscheid Member of the Supervisory Board of Saltus Technology AG, Solingen

- Mrs. Nicole Coen

Banker

Member of the Supervisory Board of Deutsche Armaturen AG, Remscheid

Member of the Supervisory Board of Saltus Technology AG, Solingen

- Mr. Michael Nagel

Businessman

Member of the Supervisory Board of Deutsche Armaturen AG, Remscheid

During the year under review, the members of the Board of Management received payment of TEUR 548 from the company. The Supervisory Board's remuneration amounted to TEUR 54.

Members of the Board of Management and the Supervisory Board held the following shares:

Board of Management 696,300 shares Supervisory Board 228,500 shares

The declaration in accordance with Article 161 of the AktG (German Stock Corporation Act) has been issued and made available to the shareholders.

# G. Appropriation of profit

Please refer to part B section 2 for information on the appropriation of profit.

Remscheid, April 2006 Brüder Mannesmann Aktiengesellschaft, Board of Management

Jürgen Schafstein Bernd Schafstein

# Independent Auditor's Report

We have audited the annual financial statements, comprising the balance sheet, the income statement and the notes to the financial statements, together with the bookkeeping system, and the management report of the Brüder Mannesmann Aktiengesellschaft, Remscheid, for the business year from 1. January 2005 to 31. December 2005. The maintenance of the books and records and the preparation of the annual financial statements and management report in accordance with German commercial law (and supplementary provisions of the articles of incorporation) are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the annual financial statements, together with the bookkeeping system, and the management report based on our audit.

We conducted our audit of the annual financial statements in accordance with § 317 HGB and German generally accepted standards for the audit of financial statements promulgated by the Institut der Wirtschaftsprüfer (IDW). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit such that misstatements materially affecting the presentation of the net assets, financial position and results of operations in the annual financial statements in accordance with principles of proper accounting and in the management report are detected with reasonable assurance. Knowledge of the business activities and the economic and legal environment of the Company and expectations as to possible misstatements are taken into account in the determination of audit procedures. The effectiveness of the accounting-related internal control system and the evidence supporting the disclosures in the books and records, the annual financial statements and the management report are examined primarily on a test basis within the framework of the audit.

The audit includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the annual financial statements and management report. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

Our audit has not led to any reservations.

In our opinion, based on the findings of our audit, the annual financial statements comply with the legal requirements (and supplementary provisions of the articles of incorporation) and give a true and fair view of the net assets, financial position and results of operations of the Company in accordance with principles of proper accounting. The management report is consistent with the annual financial statements and as a whole provides a suitable view of the Company's position and suitably presents the opportunities and risks of future development.

Frankfurt am Main, 25. April 2006

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