

MEDIA INFORMATION

EMS Group:

Very satisfactory first quarter 2007

First-quarter report 2007 (January – March 2007)

Summary

With its companies combined in EMS-CHEMIE HOLDING AG and global activities in the business areas of **Performance Polymers** and **Fine Chemicals / Engineering**, the EMS Group reports an increase in net sales of 9.5% over the previous year for the first three months of 2007.

Consolidated **net sales** in Swiss francs rose by 9.5% to CHF 392 million (358), corresponding to a growth in local currencies of 8.5%. Sales of speciality products in the main business area **Performance Polymers** increased further. This business performance was supported by a favourable economic trend in the main sales markets.

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Development of net sales for the EMS Group January – March 2007 in comparison to the previous year

Net sales in CHF million	2007 (Jan-Mar)	in local currencies	2006 (Jan-Mar)
Total EMS Group change from previous year	392 +9.5%	+8.5%	358 +14.0%
- Performance Polymers change from previous year	358 +10.8%	+9.9%	323 +15.8%
- Fine Chemicals / Engineering change from previous year	34 -2.9%	-6.4%	35 +0.0%

Business with speciality products in the main business area **PERFORMANCE POLYMERS** was expanded further. All Business Units were able to open up new fields of application. The business performance was additionally promoted by the lasting positive economic development in the main markets Europe and Asia.

The secondary business area **FINE CHEMICALS / ENGINEERING** reported an anticipated drop in net sales, due to lower sales prices.

Outlook

The global economic situation is inconsistent. Whilst Europe and Asia continue to show a very positive economic performance, EMS notes a clear slowing of industrial development in North America. EMS continuously follows the economic development and is prepared to respond swiftly and flexibly according to the situation. The current strategy with focus on speciality products in the business area Performance Polymers will be continued consistently.

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Schedule

EMS announces net sales figures on a quarterly and the consolidated net sales and income results on a half-year and full-year basis.

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| - Open Day in Domat/Ems | June 2, 2007 |
| - Media conference / first-half report 2007 | July 13, 2007 |
| - General meeting 2007 | August 11, 2007 |
| - Third-quarter report 2007 | October 2007 |
| - Media conference / year-end results 2007 | February 2008 |

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