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## **Strong Sika growth in favorable business environment**

Sika Group posted net sales in 2006 of CHF 3.9 billion. Net sales were therefore 33.5% above previous year measured in Swiss francs. Organic growth accounted for 16.8%, acquisitions for 15.0% (mainly Sarnafil) and favorable currency effects for 1.7%. The acquisition effects benefited the Construction Division exclusively.

Sales in all regions saw solid, two-digit growth. The sharpest rises were recorded in Eastern Europe, Latin America, South-East Asia and Australia/New Zealand.

Organic growth of the Construction Division was favorably affected by the mainly positive market situation in the construction business as well as the mild weather in the fourth quarter of 2006. As the business environment has been extraordinarily favorable for Sika in 2006, similar growth rates can most probably not be expected in 2007. Our mid-term financial goals stay at 8 – 10% organic growth per annum, as previously communicated.

Further details on 2006 will be announced at the annual media conference on March 9, 2007.

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## **Sika AG – a corporate profile**

Sika AG, located in Baar, Switzerland, is a globally active company supplying the specialty chemicals markets. It is a leader in processing materials used in sealing, bonding, damping, reinforcing and protecting load-bearing structures in construction (buildings and infrastructure construction) and in industry (vehicle, building component and equipment production).

Sika's product lines feature high-quality concrete admixtures, specialty mortars, sealants and adhesives, damping and reinforcing materials, structural strengthening systems, industrial flooring and membranes.

Subsidiaries in more than 70 countries worldwide and approximately 12,000 employees link customers directly to Sika and guarantee the success of all of its business relationships. With this business structure Sika generates annual sales of approximately CHF 4 billion. Visit our website at [www.sika.com](http://www.sika.com).

