

ROSENBAUER GROUP – PRELIMINARY RESULTS 2008

- **Best year in the company’s history**
- **500 m€ revenue barrier broken for first time**
- **EBIT up 29% to 39.8 m€**
- **Order trend still at high level**

Leonding, February 25, 2009: 2008 was the best year yet for the ROSENBAUER Group in its entire 143-year history. This success is attributable largely to the strong international position achieved by the Group over the past few years. With timely additions to its production capacity in the USA and Austria, ROSENBAUER was well prepared to deal with the ensuing high production volumes, enabling it to continue on the successful growth track of recent years.

Group revenues rose by 17% in 2008, to 500.2 m€ (2007: 426.1 m€). This organic growth of 74.1 m€ represents what is by far the biggest increase in revenues ever achieved in the history of the company. The main drivers of this revenue growth were the export business of ROSENBAUER International AG and the German companies. EBIT surged by 29% in 2008 to an all-time high of 39.8 m€ (2007: 30.8 m€). The main earnings drivers were the export business of ROSENBAUER International AG and the US companies.

Order intake in the ROSENBAUER Group climbed to 556.7 m€, 98.0 m€ (21%) above the previous year’s figure (2007: 458.7 m€). Particularly strong growth was achieved in international and US business.

Thanks to the buoyant order intake trend in the final quarter of the year, the volume of orders on hand at the end of 2008 reached a new record level of 459.2 m€ (2007: 375.4 m€). In consequence, 2009 will also see a continuation of the high levels of capacity utilization at the Group’s production facilities.

COMPANY KEY FIGURES		2008 (interim)	Change in %	2007	2006
Revenues	in m€	500.2	+ 17%	426.1	372.0
EBIT	in m€	39.8	+ 29%	30.8	25.1
EBT	in m€	32.3	+ 27%	25.4	22.0
Employees (31.12.)		1,795	+ 9%	1,651	1,517
Order intake	in m€	556.7	+ 21%	458.7	485.9
Order backlog as at 31.12.	in m€	459.2	+ 22%	375.4	354.1

The figures given here are based on an IFRS-compliant accounting forecast. The final figures for the 2008 financial year are to be announced on April 24, 2009.

About the ROSENBAUER Group:

The ROSENBAUER Group is the fire protection and civil defense sector’s leading manufacturer of specialty vehicles for airports and industry. A full-liner with a workforce of about 1,800 and a wide range of municipal fire fighting vehicles and aerials (to both European and US Standards) as well as a comprehensive series of air crash tenders and industrial fire fighting vehicles, advanced fire fighting components and fire & safety equipment, ROSENBAUER is represented in more than 100 countries.

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