

EANS-Adhoc: Rosenbauer International AG / Record revenues of EUR 864.0 million (up 6%) due to enormous growth on US market / EBIT up 4% at EUR 50.2 million / Acquisition of G&S Brandschutztechnik AG completed

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KEY CORPORATE				r in %
FIGURES		2015e	2014	
Revenues	in_EUR_million_	864.0	813.8*)	6%
	in EUR million			
EBIT	EUR	50.2	48.4	4%
EBT	in_EUR_million_	47.8	47.3	1%
Employees as				
of_December_31		3,086	2,941	5%
Order_intake	in_EUR_million_	905.9	820.4	10%
Order backlog				
as of December				
31	in_EUR_million_	797.5	670.2	19%

^{*)} The disclosure of the previous year's figures for 2014 has been revised as necessitated by the readjustment of segment reporting.

The Rosenbauer Group's revenues reached a top level of EUR 864 million in the 2015 financial year (2014: EUR 813.8 million), marking a year-on-year increase of 6%. This rise in revenues was possible due primarily to the good economic situation and the stronger U.S. dollar in North America. In some Asian countries, the low oil price was already reflected in a lower propensity to invest among customers, but Rosenbauer nonetheless continued its revenue growth in Arab countries.

At EUR 50.2 million, EBIT in the 2015 financial year was up 4% on the previous year (2014: EUR 48.4 million), meaning that the EBIT margin remained constant year-on-year at 5.8%. Although consolidated earnings developed positively in 2015 due to U.S. business, the year was dominated mainly by expenses for the Group's appearance at world's largest trade fair and by higher freight costs.

In addition, consolidated earnings came under pressure due to fluctuations in capacity utilization during the year in some areas of production, postponements of deliveries at the end of the year, and preliminary costs for tapping new markets.

The increase in earnings was attributable largely to the American segment as a result of the expansion of business on the U.S. market and the development of the dollar, while optimized production of the COMMANDER chassis at Rosenbauer Motors also contributed to the improvement in earnings.

Rosenbauer has now completed the acquisition of G&S Brandschutztechnik AG, a stationary fire protection specialist based in Mogendorf, Germany, and is acquiring 100% of the shares in G&S Brandschutztechnik from the owning company with retroactive effect from January 1, 2016. The company most recently generated revenues of EUR 14.3 million with 130 employees. The G&S Group's activities comprise the planning, production and installation through to servicing of systems for preventative fire protection.

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