

Financial results of SIDMA S.A. for the period ending 30 June 2006
SIDMA S.A. announces the financial results of the period ending 30 June 2006
according to I.F.R.S..

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Consolidated profit before tax amounted to €5,5 million, that is, increased by 87%.

The consolidated turnover of SIDMA S.A. including the consignment sales amounted to €107 million compared to €93 million during the corresponding period of the last year, representing a 15% increase. The increase is partly due to the steel sector's positive performance internationally which started at the middle of the first quarter of 2006, and partly due to the increased demand of company products by certain sectors company clients.

According to the I.F.R.S, the consolidated turnover of SIDMA S.A., for the first six months of 2006, was €71,6 million compared to €63,3 million in the corresponding period in 2005, representing an increase of 13%.

Consignment sales increased by 19% to €35,4 million in the first six months of 2006 from €29,8 million in the corresponding period of 2005. The Group turnover was bolstered by the sales of the subsidiaries PANELCO and SID-PAC amounting to €9,5 million.

The increase in turnover was accompanied with a considerable increase in gross profit margin by 3 percentage units compared to that of the first six months of 2005 (15,3% vs 12,4%).

Specifically, the Group's gross profit amounted to €11 million, registering a 40% increase compared to that of the first six months of 2005. The consolidated results before taxes amounted to €5,5 million, registering a 87% increase compared to €2,9 million of the first six months of 2005. Finally, the consolidated profit after taxes and minority interests was €3,8 million compared to €2,2 million of the first six months of 2005, registering a 70% increase.

The company continues its investment program, as already publicly announced, consisting of, among others: the construction of private offices and warehouses for the subsidiaries in Sofia and Bucharest as well as the construction of the new warehouse at Inofita area, for which the relevant permit from the local authorities is pending.