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Press Release



CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL RESULTS 2005

REMARKABLE FINANCIAL FIGURES DEVELOPMENT

NEOCHIMIKI L.V. LAVRENTIADIS Group of Companies announced its consolidated financial results for the financial year 2005 according to International Financial Reporting Standards (I.F.R.S.).

Consolidated sales reached 142.5 mil. Euro over 82.9 mil. Euro in 2004 marking an increase of 71.9%. More specifically, **revenues from production** for the year 2005 amounted to 60.7 mil. Euro compared to 32.4 mil. Euro in 2004 marking a y-o-y increase of 87.3%. The main part of the above increase is attributed to the production of detergents for multinationals and private label companies business unit.

At the same time, **revenues from distribution** of chemical raw materials posted an increase of 62% for 2005 and amounted to 81.8 mil. Euro as compared to 50.5 mil. Euro in the respective period last year. This increase is due to the activity of the business units of plastics, paints & lacquer, industrial oils and fertilizers.

Remaining focused on its strategic goal for geographical expansion in South Eastern European countries, Group posted within 2005 **foreign sales** of 23.5 mil. Euro as compared to 11.19 mil. Euro during 2004 showing an increase of 110%. More specifically foreign sales for the year 2005 represent 16.5% of consolidated turnover as opposed to 13.5% for the year 2004.

Gross profit rose by 60.7% at 42.9 mil. Euro over 26.7 mil. Euro in 2004.

EBITDA marked a y-o-y increase of 52.3%, amounted to 27.5 mil. Euro as compared to 18.1 mil. Euro in 2004. At the same time, **profit before tax** amounted to 15 mil. Euro marking an increase of 77.4% while **net earnings after tax and minority rights** rose by 72.3% standing at 12.6 mil. Euro.

Within the last three months, the Group made **two takeovers** through its subsidiaries, further enhancing its production capacity. Initially, Group's subsidiary LAMDA DETERGENT S.A., took over BALLIS CHEMICALS S.A. with which it then merged. Through the above merger, Group's production activities are expected to further expand, namely in the field of chemical

products and detergents for professional use, where BALLIS possesses advanced know-how and expertise.

Moreover, through its subsidiaries, the Group acquired the total number of shares of the company NOVION S.A. (former Celanese), which has privately-owned facilities in Vathi, Avlida and produces emulsions and chemical raw materials for the paints, lacquer and glue products industries.

For 2006, NEOCHIMIKI L.V. LAVRENTIADIS S.A management made a positive revision of its previous estimates. More specifically, consolidated sales are expected to rise to 230 mil. Euro from 193 mil. Euro and earnings after tax and minority rights are expected to rise to 17.2 mil. Euro as compared to 15.5 mil. Euro of the previous estimate. Based on the above revision, estimated sales for 2006 are expected to rise by 61% and net earnings are expected to mark an increase of 37%, in relation 2005 results. The above revision is due to the abovementioned takeovers, as well as the Group's first-time involvement in the cosmetics market and its penetration in the agrochemical products market.

FINANCIAL DATA
P&L FY 2005

(000 €)	FY 2004	FY 2005	%
Sales	82,905	142,498	↑ 71.9 %
Gross Profit	26,673	42,875	↑ 60.7 %
EBITDA	18,084	27,539	↑ 52.3 %
EBT	8,462	15,013	↑ 77.4 %
EAT & Minorities	7,326	12,620	↑ 72.3 %