



Media Release

Improved Order Backlog

StarragHeckert Group, which is listed at the SWX Swiss Exchange, achieved in the first half-year 2005 an order intake of 80.5 million CHF. In comparison to the same period in the previous year, this resulted in an increase of 8.2 percent or 6.1 million CHF. Order backlog at the end of June was 58.4 million CHF or 8.3 percent more than at the end of June 2004 and 11.5 percent more than at the end of December 2004.

The increased order intake is primarily due to the market activities in Asia, where two major orders from the power generation segment could be realized in first quarter. Also, the market region Americas showed a clear growth in the high-technology sector. Compared to the exceptionally high first half-year 2004, which was influenced by heavy investments, order intake in Europe was slightly lower. Sales revenue in first half-year 2005 rose by 10.4 million CHF to 75.5 million CHF.

The results of first half-year 2005 will be published on August 19, 2005. Due to the almost completed restructuring program, significant cut backs on cost will be realized in the second half-year. However, uncertainties with regard to material costs exist, since cost increases caused by the renewal of procurement framework agreements seem to be unavoidable. In 2006 at the latest, a positive development should be achievable, unless external factors, like e.g. a sudden economic slump, will create a new situation.

StarragHeckert is a globally active machine tool group with its holding head office in Rorschacherberg (Switzerland) and production sites in Rorschacherberg and Chemnitz (Saxony, Germany), as well as distribution subsidiaries and offices in all its key sales markets. The company manufactures milling centers and flexible machining systems for the aerospace, automotive and other industries. It also supplies technology packages (software, processes, tools, etc.) for its customers. StarragHeckert's shares are listed on the SWX Swiss Exchange.

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Preliminary Key Figures Half-Year 2005

(in million CHF)	30.6.2005	30.6.2004	Changes	
Order Intake	80.5	74.3	+6.2	+8.2%
Order Backlog	58.4	53.9	+4.5	+8.3%
Sales Revenue	75.5	65.1	+10.4	+16.1%

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- Half-year results 2005 August 19, 2005
- Preliminary information on 3rd quarter 2005 November 11, 2005
- Preliminary information on annual results 2005 January 24, 2006
- Key figures financial year 2005 March 10, 2006
- Media and analysts conference on annual results April 7, 2006
- Annual general meeting May 13, 2006
- Preliminary information on 1st quarter 2005 May 15, 2006

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