



First Results 2004

Sales Increased Strongly and Profit Doubled

Bossard Group, the leading provider worldwide of components, engineering and logistics solutions for industrial fastenings reached sales in Swiss francs of 497 million (2003: CHF 433 million). In local currencies sales increased by 18.2 percent. In line with the expectations announced in the interim report in October 2004, the group's unaudited consolidated net profit has doubled compared to the prior year's result of CHF 9.1 million. Thus, in a less difficult economic environment than in the past few years, the group has increased sales substantially and improved its profit more than proportionally.

The meeting for financial analysts and the group's press conference will be held on March 15, 2005. Detailed financial data and final proposals to the annual general meeting will be announced then. The annual report will also be dispatched on that date. The annual general meeting will be held on April 19, 2005 in the Theater Casino in Zug, Switzerland.

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