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SGL Carbon increases Graphite Electrode prices

Wiesbaden, April 24, 2006. SGL Carbon announces today the following new prices for its Graphite Electrodes effective April 21st, 2006 for all new business:

Europe:

- o Regular-size Graphite Electrodes: 3760 (euro)/MT
- o Extra-size Graphite Electrodes: 4030 (euro)/MT

Americas, Asia (excluding China*), Near Middle East and Africa:

- o For regular-size Graphite Electrodes: 2,08 US\$/lb (4585 US-\$/mt)
- o For extra-size Graphite Electrodes: 2,23 US\$/lb (4915 US-\$/mt)

Regular-sized is defined as: diameter 14" (350 mm) - 24" (600 mm)

Extra-sized is defined as: diameter 26" (650 mm) - 30" (750 mm)

These prices will be applicable for all new orders received from April 21st, 2006 until further notice and for shipments through June 30th, 2007.

This price increase is due to cost increases for the major raw materials and energy (electricity and gas).

* Pricing in China is the sole responsibility of the joint venture between SGL Carbon and Tokai in Shanghai (STS).

Forward-looking statements:

This document contains statements on future developments that are based on currently available information and that involve risks and uncertainties that could lead to actual results deviating from these forward-looking statements. The statements on future developments are not intended as guarantees; rather, such developments and results are dependent on a number of factors, they contain various risks and uncertainties and are based on assumptions that may prove to be incorrect. These risks and uncertainties include, for example, unforeseeable changes in political, economic and business conditions, particularly in the area of electrosteel production, the competitive situation, interest rate and currency developments, technological developments and other risks and unanticipated circumstances. We see other risks in price developments, unexpected developments relating to acquired and consolidated companies, and ongoing cost optimization programs. SGL Carbon does not intend to update these forward-looking statements.

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SGL Carbon: Successful First Quarter 2006

- o Sales in Q1/2006 up by 11 %, EBIT up by 55 % compared to Q1/2005
- o Net profit for the period more than tripled in comparison with Q1/2005
- o Successful placement of almost 10 % capital increase
- o Earnings expected to further improve in Q2/2006

Wiesbaden, April 25, 2006. Due to the favorable development of demand in all three business units, consolidated sales increased by 11 % to (euro) 267.3 million in Q1/2006, or 8 % after adjusting for foreign currency changes. There was an above-average increase in EBIT of 55 % to (euro) 33.1 million. The main reasons for the growth in earnings were the sustained positive development at Carbon and Graphite, the substantial increase in income at Specialties and cost savings of approximately (euro) 5 million in the first quarter of 2006. On March 17, 2006 the rating agency Standard & Poor's placed the ratings for SGL Carbon on positive watch for an upgrade as a result of the successful capital increase in March and in the expectation of a further reduction in debt.

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Net Financing Costs

The net financing costs recorded a slight improvement in Q1/2006 to minus (euro) 12.3 million compared with minus (euro) 13.1 million in the same quarter of the previous year. This is a result of reduced net interest expenses due to the decrease in financial liabilities and lower interest expenses in connection with the antitrust proceedings, resulting from the earlier than scheduled payment of the remaining North American antitrust liabilities in 2005.

The proceeds from the capital increase of March 2006 were used to fund the first EU antitrust fine in April 2006. Consequently, the bank guarantee for this EU antitrust fine was cancelled. Therefore guarantee fees and interest accruals are no longer required. These measures benefit the net financing costs so that from today's perspective we expect a financial result of approximately minus (euro) 50 million in 2006.

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Profit before and after taxes

During the reporting period, earnings before income taxes more than doubled from (euro) 8.2 million to (euro) 20.8 million. With a tax rate of 40 %, net profit for the period more than tripled from (euro) 3.9 million to (euro) 12.4 million. With an average number of shares of 57.5 million, the earnings per share were (euro) 0.22 in Q1/2006 compared with (euro) 0.07 in Q1/2005.

Statement of Changes in Consolidated Shareholders' Equity

As a result of the capital increase and the net profit for the period, equity as at March 31, 2006 increased by (euro) 99 million to (euro) 421 million, thus leading to an improvement in the equity ratio from 27.2 % to 33.9 %. The cash funding of the EU antitrust fine relating to graphite electrodes to the amount of around (euro) 69 million plus accumulated interest made in April 2006 will again lead to a shortening of the balance sheet in Q2/2006. On a pro-forma basis, this will result in an equity ratio of more than 35 %. In the coming three months, we will examine whether the EU antitrust fine concerning Graphite Specialties amounting to (euro) 18.5 million plus accumulated interest should also be funded with cash for reasons of financial optimisation.

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Net Debt

As at March 31, 2006, there was a significant improvement in net financial debt due to the proceeds from the capital increase. The cash received from the capital increase was used to cash fund the first EU antitrust fine, for which a restricted account was established at the EU. The final utilization of these funds still depend on the outstanding appeals before the European courts. As we do not include restricted accounts in our calculation of net financial debt, we are adhering to our guidance for the full 2006 fiscal year to reduce net debt to below (euro) 240 million by year-end despite the positive development of net debt during Q1/2006.

Segment reporting

Carbon and Graphite (CG)

In Q1/2006, sales increased by 7% to (euro) 152.7 million, currency-adjusted by 3%. Despite planned reduced deliveries of graphite electrodes, EBIT rose by 18 % to (euro) 31.5 million due to price increases and ongoing cost reduction measures. The return on sales improved to 20.6 % compared with 18.7 % in the same quarter of the previous year. The average prices for graphite electrodes increased by 21 % in USD and 10 % in EUR compared to Q1/2005. As expected, shipments of graphite electrodes decreased by around 14 % compared to the exceptionally strong Q1/2005, reaching a level of 45,000 metric tons, which is comparable to the first quarters of previous years. Factor costs increased in line with expectation by 10-15 %.

The price increases for graphite electrodes announced on April 24, 2006 will be applicable for all new orders received from April 21st, 2006 until further notice and for shipments through June 30th, 2007, and therefore have little impact on the 2006 fiscal year. For the current fiscal year, we therefore maintain already indicated price increases of 15-20 % in USD and 5-10 % in EUR,

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with prices trending toward the upper ends of both brackets.

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Specialties (S)

Sales increased by 22 % to (euro) 72.3 million, currency-adjusted by 19 %, with all businesses contributing to the sales growth. Particularly demand from North America and from the Automotive and Mechanical Applications and Solar Energy customer sectors showed a favorable development. EBIT increased more than fivefold compared to the weak Q1/2005. Return on sales with 12.2 % reached our target range of 10-15 % for the first time.

SGL Technologies (T)

Due to continued positive development of demand for carbon fibers and carbon fiber reinforced composite materials, sales increased by 10 % to (euro) 41.8 million, currency adjusted by 7 %. EBIT is burdened by a receivables writedown due to the Chapter 11 proceedings of Dana Corporation in the USA, a customer in the area of Expanded Graphite. Without this effect, EBIT would have reached break even, as announced in March 2006 despite ongoing development expenses in the Brakes business and new projects for the defense industry.

Employees

The number of employees in the Group was 5,250 as at March 31, 2006 compared with 5,263 at the end of December 2005. Although the number of employees in Carbon and Graphite and Specialties declined slightly, headcount increased at SGL Technologies due to the ongoing expansion of business.

Outlook

For Q2/2006, SGL Carbon is anticipating an increase in sales of around 5 % and an EBIT growth of at least 20% compared to the strong Q2/2005. The increase in sales for Carbon and Graphite is likely to continue comparable to the growth

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rate in Q1/2006, while the improvement in EBIT is likely to accelerate slightly. For Specialties, we expect another solid quarter in terms of sales and EBIT which should reach roughly the same levels of the strong second quarter of the previous year. At SGL Technologies, we expect stable sales as a result of project-related order and delivery cycles affecting Q2/2006 however with an improved EBIT compared to Q2/2005. For the year as a whole, the company's outlook at Group level remains unchanged for the time being at an expected increase in sales of around 5 % and a low double digit improvement in EBIT.

Retroactive adjustments

For the first time since the consolidated financial statements as at December 31, 2005, all previously non-consolidated subsidiaries are fully included in the scope of consolidation and two joint ventures are accounted for under the equity

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method. For the quarterly representation of the 2005 fiscal year, the reported data were adjusted to include the previously non-consolidated companies and thus made comparable.

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Financial Highlights SGL Carbon Group ((euro) million / unaudited)

	First Quarter	
	2006	2005

Sales revenue	267.3	241.0

EBITDA	45.9	35.5

EBIT	33.1	21.3

Return on Sales (1)	12,4%	8,8%

Net profit before minority interests	12.4	3.9

Earnings per share (in (euro))	0,22	0,07

Cash flow from operations before antitrust payments (2)	-1.3	-9.7

	March 31, 2006	Dec. 31, 2005

Total assets	1,244	1,183

Shareholders' equity	421	322

Net debt	196	265

Debt Ratio (gearing) (3)	0,5	0,8

Equity ratio (4)	33.9%	27.2%

- (1) Ratio of profit from operations to sales revenue
- (2) Without currency exchange rate effects
- (3) Net debt divided by shareholders' equity
- (4) Shareholders' equity divided by total assets

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Report on the first quarter 2006

Highlights

- Sales in Q1/2006 up by 11%, EBIT up by 55% compared to Q1/2005
- Net profit for the period more than tripled in comparison with Q1/2005
- Successful placement of almost 10% capital increase
- Earnings expected to further improve in Q2/2006

Financial Highlights (unaudited)

	1st Quarter	
	2006	2005
(euro) million		
Sales revenue	267.3	241.0
Gross profit	82.1	66.3
EBITDA	45.9	35.5
EBIT	33.1	21.3
Return on sales (1)	12.4%	8.8%
Net profit before minority interests	12.4	3.9
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method. For the quarterly representation of the 2005 fiscal year, the reported data were adjusted to include the previously non-consolidated companies and thus made comparable.

Business Development in the Group

Consolidated Income Statement (unaudited)

	1st Quarter	
	2006	2005
(euro) million		
Sales revenue	267.3	241.0
Gross profit	82.1	66.3
Selling, administrative, research and other income/expense	-49.0	-45.0
Profit from operations	33.1	21.3
Net financing costs	-12.3	-13.1
Profit before tax	20.8	8.2
Income taxes	-8.4	-4.3
Net profit before minority interests	12.4	3.9
Earnings per share	0.22	0.07

Due to the favorable development of demand in all three business units, consolidated sales increased by 11% to (euro)267.3 million in Q1/2006, or 8% after adjusting for foreign currency changes. There was an above-average increase in EBIT of 55% to (euro)33.1 million. The main reasons for the growth in earnings were the sustained positive development at Carbon and Graphite, the substantial increase in income at Specialties and cost savings of approximately (euro)5 million in the first quarter of 2006.

On March 17, 2006 the rating agency Standard & Poor's placed the ratings for SGL Carbon on positive watch for an upgrade as a result of the successful capital increase in March and in the expectation of a further reduction in debt. On March 20, 2006, SGL Carbon received an upgrade from the rating agency Moody's on its ratings. The Corporate Family rating was raised by one notch from "B1" to "Ba3" with a "stable" outlook. The rating on secured facilities was increased from "B1" to "Ba3", and the rating on senior notes of SGL Carbon Luxemburg was upgraded from "B3" to "B2". These upgrades have a positive impact on SGL Carbon's potential future financing. According to Moody's, the higher rating is largely a consequence of the substantial improvement in the operational and financial performance in the last two years as well as the positive outlook for the Carbon and Graphite business unit presented by SGL Carbon at their annual press conference on March 9, 2006. The successful capital increase allows the Company additional financial flexibility.

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Details of Net Financing Costs

	1st Quarter	
	2006	2005
(euro) million		
Interest expense on loans (net)	-6.4	-7.0
Interest expense on pensions	-3.3	-3.1
Interest expense on antitrust (non-cash)	-0.7	-1.3
Total interest expense, net	-10.4	-11.4
Currency and hedging valuation		
adjustments of antitrust liabilities		
(non-cash)	0.0	-0.7
Amortization of refinancing costs	-0.9	-1.0
Other	-1.0	0.0
Total other financing expenses	-1.9	-1.7
Net financing costs	-12.3	-13.1

The net financing costs recorded a slight improvement in Q1/2006 to minus (euro)12.3 million compared with minus (euro)13.1 million in the same quarter of the previous year. This is a result of reduced net interest expenses due to the decrease in financial liabilities and lower interest expenses in connection with the antitrust proceedings, resulting from the earlier than scheduled payment of the remaining North American antitrust liabilities in 2005.

The proceeds from the capital increase of March 2006 were used to fund the first EU antitrust fine in April 2006. Consequently, the bank guarantee for this EU antitrust fine was cancelled. Therefore guarantee fees and interest accruals are no longer required. These measures benefit the net financing costs so that from today's perspective we expect a financial result of approximately minus (euro)50 million in 2006.

Profit before and after taxes

During the reporting period, earnings before income taxes more than doubled from (euro)8.2 million to (euro)20.8 million. With a tax rate of 40%, net profit for the period more than tripled from (euro)3.9 million to (euro)12.4 million. With an average number of shares of (euro)57.5 million, the earnings per share were (euro)0.22 in Q1/2006 compared with (euro)0.07 in Q1/2005.

Financial Position

Consolidated Balance Sheet (unaudited)

	Mar 31, 2006	Dec 31, 2005
Assets		
(euro) million		
Non-current assets		
Intangible assets	85	86
Property, plant and equipment	341	346
Long-term investments	15	15
Deferred tax assets	123	129
	564	576
Current assets		
Inventories	297	281
Trade receivables	195	195
Other current assets	36	34
Cash and cash equivalents	148	93

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	676	603
Assets held for sale	4	4
Total assets	1,244	1,183

Equity And Liabilities (euro) million	Mar 31, 2006	Dec 31, 2005
Shareholders' equity	421	322
Minority interests	1	1
Total equity	422	323
Non-current liabilities		
Financial liabilities	327	336
Provisions for pensions and other employee benefits	160	159
Deferred tax liabilities	31	35
Other liabilities	0	1
Other provisions	14	13
	532	544
Current liabilities		
Financial liabilities	2	6
Trade payables	81	89
Other liabilities	65	70
Other provisions	142	151
	290	316
Total equity and liabilities	1,244	1,183

As at March 31, 2006, total assets increased by around (euro)61 million compared with year-end 2005. The main reasons for this were the inflow of liquidity from the capital increase and the seasonally typical increase in working capital, while exchange rate effects had a shortening impact due primarily to the weakening of the US dollar against the euro. Cash and cash equivalents increased by (euro)55 million compared with December 31, 2005. The inflow of (euro)81 million from the capital increase in particular had a positive impact while cash and cash equivalents to the amount of (euro)13 million were used to pay back a loan.

Working Capital

(euro) million	Mar 31, 2006	Dec 31, 2005
Inventories	297	281
Trade receivables	195	195
Less trade payables	-81	-89
Working capital	411	387

The increase in working capital of around (euro)24 million (currency-adjusted (euro)28 million) compared with year-end 2005 is the result of higher than expected business activity primarily in Carbon and Graphite as well as in Specialties and corresponds to the typical seasonal development at this time of the year as part of the year's order book needs to be produced in advance.

Statement of Changes in Consolidated Shareholders' Equity

	Three months 2006	Equity Ratio
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(euro) million	-----	
Balance at January 1	322	27.2%
Capital increase	82	
Net profit	12	
Currency exchange differences and other	5	
Balance at March 31	421	33.9%

As a result of the capital increase and the net profit for the period, equity as at March 31, 2006 increased by (euro)99 million to (euro)421 million, thus leading to an improvement in the equity ratio from 27.2% to 33.9%. The cash funding of the EU antitrust fine relating to graphite electrodes to the amount of around (euro)69 million plus accumulated interest made in April 2006 will again lead to a shortening of the balance sheet in Q2/2006. On a pro-forma basis, this will result in an equity ratio of more than 35%. In the coming three months, we will examine whether the EU antitrust fine concerning Graphite Specialties amounting to (euro)18.5 million plus accumulated interest should also be funded with cash for reasons of financial optimisation.

Net Debt

(euro) million	Mar 31, 2006	Dec 31, 2005

Financial liabilities	329	342
plus accrued refinancing cost	15	16
Cash and cash equivalents	-148	-93
Net financial debt	196	265

As at March 31, 2006, there was a significant improvement in net financial debt due to the proceeds from the capital increase. The cash received from the capital increase was used to cash fund the first EU antitrust fine, for which a restricted account was established at the EU. The final utilization of these funds still depend on the outstanding appeals before the European courts. As we do not include restricted accounts in our calculation of net financial debt, we are adhering to our guidance for the full 2006 fiscal year to reduce net debt to below (euro)240 million by year-end despite the positive development of net debt during Q1/2006.

Financial Condition

Consolidated Cash Flow Statement (unaudited)

-----	1st Quarter	
adjusted by currency impacts / (euro) million	2006	2005

Cash Flows from operating activities		
Net income before taxes	20.8	8.2
Loss/(gain) on disposal of property, plant and equipment	0.1	-0.1
Depreciation and amortization of fixed assets	12.8	14.2
Amortization of refinancing costs	0.9	0.8
Income taxes paid	-4.7	-1.7
Interest on financial debt paid	-12.7	-13.6
Changes in provisions, net	1.6	-5.7
Changes in Working Capital	-27.6	-23.6
Changes in other operating assets and other liabilities	7.5	11.8

Cash used in operating activities

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before antitrust payment	-1.3	-9.7
Payments relating to antitrust	-	-7.4
Cash used in operating activities	-1.3	-17.1
Cash Flows from investing activities		
Capital expenditure in property, plant and equipment and intangible assets	-12.2	-7.2
Other investing activities	-	-
Cash used in investing activities	-12.2	-7.2
Free Cash Flow *	-13.5	-16.9
Cash Flows from financing activities		
Changes in corporate debt	-11.8	-3.2
Net proceeds from capital increase	80.8	-
Other financing activities	-	-
Cash provided by/used in financing activities	69.0	-3.2
Effect of FX-changes/others	-0.7	0.5
Total Cash Flow	54.8	-27.0
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	93.4	195.5
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	148.2	168.5
(thereof cash escrow account)	(0.0)	(120.0)

*defined as cash used in operating activities before antitrust payments plus cash used in investing activities

In line with the reporting in the annual report, we have adapted the quarterly cash flow statements according to the indirect method as defined under IAS 7.

In Q1/2006, SGL Carbon achieved an improved but still slightly negative operating cash flow of minus (euro)1.3 million compared with minus (euro)9.7 million in Q1/2005. The main reasons for the negative cash flow are the currency-adjusted increase in working capital of (euro)27.6 million ((euro)23.6 million in Q1/2005) which is typical for this time of the year and the (euro)12.7 million ((euro)13.6 million in Q1/2005) interest payments on our financial liabilities which are influenced by the half-yearly payment schedule on our bond (8.5% coupon).

Accordingly, free cash flow also posted a negative though improved figure of minus (euro)13.5 million compared with minus (euro)16.9 million in Q1/2005 despite higher capital expenditure of (euro)12.2 million this quarter compared to (euro)7.2 million in Q1/2005. With the typical normalization of working capital in the course of the year and despite higher capital expenditure of around (euro)60 million (2005: (euro)45 million), we still expect for the full year 2006 a free cash flow of at least (euro)25 million, which we want to use to reduce our net debt to below (euro)240 million.

Cash provided by financing activities amounted to (euro)69.0 million Q1/2005: cash used (euro)3.2 million), which is mainly due to the net cash inflow from the capital increase.

Segment Reporting

Carbon and Graphite (CG)

1st Quarter

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	2006	2005
(euro) million		
Sales revenue	152.7	143.3
EBITDA	38.4	34.5
Profit from operations	31.5	26.8
Return on sales	20.6%	18.7%

In Q1/2006, sales increased by 7% to (euro)152.7 million, currency-adjusted by 3%. Despite planned reduced deliveries of graphite electrodes, EBIT rose by 18% to (euro)31.5 million due to price increases and ongoing cost reduction measures. The return on sales improved to 20.6% compared with 18.7% in the same quarter of the previous year. The average prices for graphite electrodes increased by 21% in USD and 10% in EUR compared to Q1/2005. As expected, shipments of graphite electrodes decreased by around 14% compared to the exceptionally strong Q1/2005, reaching a level of 45,000 metric tons, which is comparable to the first quarters of previous years. Factor costs increased in line with expectation by 10-15%.

The price increases for graphite electrodes announced on April 24, 2006 will be applicable for all new orders received from April 21st, 2006 until further notice and for shipments through June 30th, 2007, and therefore have little impact on the 2006 fiscal year. For the current fiscal year, we therefore maintain already indicated price increases of 15-20% in USD and 5-10% in EUR, with prices trending toward the upper ends of both brackets.

	1st Quarter	
	2006	2005
(euro) million		
Sales revenue	72.3	59.1
EBITDA	11.7	4.7
Profit from operations	8.8	1.5
Return on sales	12.2%	2.5%

Sales increased by 22% to (euro)72.3 million, currency-adjusted by 19%, with all businesses contributing to the sales growth. Particularly demand from North America and from the Automotive and Mechanical Applications and Solar Energy customer sectors showed a favorable development. EBIT increased more than fivefold compared to the weak Q1/2005. Return on sales with 12.2% reached our target range of 10-15% for the first time.

	1st Quarter	
	2006	2005
(euro) million		
Sales revenue	41.8	38.0
EBITDA	2.0	2.8
Profit from operations	-0.8	-0.5
Return on sales	-1.9%	-1.3%

Due to continued positive development of demand for carbon fibers and carbon fiber reinforced composite materials, sales increased by 10% to (euro)41.8 million, currency adjusted by 7%. EBIT is burdened by a receivables writedown due to the Chapter 11 proceedings of Dana Corporation in the USA, a customer in the area of Expanded Graphite. Without this effect, EBIT would have reached break even, as announced in March 2006 despite ongoing development expenses in the Brakes business and new projects for the defense industry.

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Corporate Costs	1st Quarter	
-----	2006	2005
(euro) million		
Other revenue	0.5	0.6
Corporate costs	-6.4	-6.5

Despite higher expenses arising from the implementation of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act as well as share-based payments, Corporate costs at (euro)6.4 million remained virtually unchanged in Q1/2006 compared to the same quarter of the previous year.

Employees

The number of employees in the Group was 5,250 as at March 31, 2006 compared with 5,263 at the end of December 2005. Although the number of employees in Carbon and Graphite and Specialties declined slightly, headcount increased at SGL Technologies due to the ongoing expansion of business.

Outlook

For Q2/2006, SGL Carbon is anticipating an increase in sales of around 5% and an EBIT growth of at least 20% compared to the strong Q2/2005. The increase in sales for Carbon and Graphite is likely to continue comparable to the growth rate in Q1/2006, while the improvement in EBIT is likely to accelerate slightly. For Specialties, we expect another solid quarter in terms of sales and EBIT which should reach roughly the same levels of the strong second quarter of the previous year. At SGL Technologies, we expect stable sales as a result of project-related order and delivery cycles affecting Q2/2006 however with an improved EBIT compared to Q2/2005.

For the year as a whole, the company's outlook at Group level remains unchanged for the time being at an expected increase in sales of around 5% and a low double digit improvement in EBIT.

Quarterly Sales Revenue and Profit from Operations by Business Area

(euro) million	Q1	Q2	Q3	2005 Q4	2005 Full Year
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Sales revenue					
Carbon and Graphite	143.3	168.6	157.3	174.5	643.
Specialties	59.1	68.1	66.3	69.9	263.
SGL Technologies	38.0	43.5	40.2	37.3	159.
Other	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.9	2.
	241.0	280.8	264.4	282.6	1,068.

(euro) million	Q1	Q2	Q3	2005 Q4	2005 Full Year
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Profit (loss) from operations					
Carbon and Graphite	26.8	33.7	29.8	31.3	121.
Specialties	1.5	6.8	6.2	5.3	19.
SGL Technologies	-0.5	0.1	3.8	-3.2	0.
Corporate costs	-6.5	-7.3	-6.8	-8.2	-28.
	21.3	33.3	33.0	25.2	112.

Quarterly Consolidated Income Statement

(euro) million	Q1	Q2	Q3	2005 Q4	2005 Full Year
Sales revenue	241.0	280.8	264.4	282.6	1,068.
Cost of sales	-174.7	-191.9	-183.8	-196.3	-746.
Gross profit	66.3	88.9	80.6	86.3	322.
Selling/administration/ research/other	-45.0	-55.6	-47.6	-61.1	-209.
Profit from operations	21.3	33.3	33.0	25.2	112.
Net financing costs	-13.1	-14.7	-17.6	-20.2	-65.
Profit before tax	8.2	18.6	15.4	5.0	47.
Income taxes	-4.3	-7.6	-6.1	-1.1	-19.
Net profit before minority interests	3.9	11.0	9.3	3.9	28.

Important note:

This interim report contains opinions on future developments which are based on currently available information and do not include the risks and uncertainties which may result in the actual results deviating from the opinions given on

future developments. The opinions on future developments are not to be taken as guarantees. Rather, the future developments and occurrences are dependent on a multitude of factor, they include different risks and imponderables and are based on assumptions which may prove to be inaccurate. These include, for example, unforeseeable changes in policy, economic and social conditions, especially in terms of electric steel production, the competitive situation, interest rate and currency developments, technological developments and other risks and imponderables. We see further risks in, amongst other things, price developments, unforeseeable events in terms of acquired companies and Group companies, as well as with the current cost optimization programs. SGL Carbon does not intend to update these opinions on future developments.

Calendar 2006

April 28	Annual General Meeting
July 26	Q2 Shareholders letter
October 26	Q3 Shareholders letter

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

SGL CARBON Aktiengesellschaft

Date: April 25, 2006

By: /s/ Robert J. Kohler

Name: Robert J. Koehler
Title: Chairman of the Board of
Management

By: /s/ Sten Daugaard

Name: Mr. Sten Daugaard
Title: Member of the Board of
Management