

PUMA AG Rudolf Dassler Sport

INTERIM REPORT

3rd Quarter and First Nine Months of 2004



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- PUMA reports strongest quarter in history.
- Consolidated sales grow almost 17% in Q3 and 23% ytd. (currency neutral).
- Highest gross profit margin ever achieved in a quarter.
- EBIT margin sustains a high level: 27% in Q3 and 25% ytd.
- Earnings per share up 22% to €5.30 and 41% to €13.75 respectively.
- Management anticipates new records across the board in FY2004, and upgrades earnings expectations: Sales growth of around 20% and earnings growth between 35% and 40% now anticipated.
- 35th consecutive quarter of order growth
- Future orders are up by 19% currency adjusted.

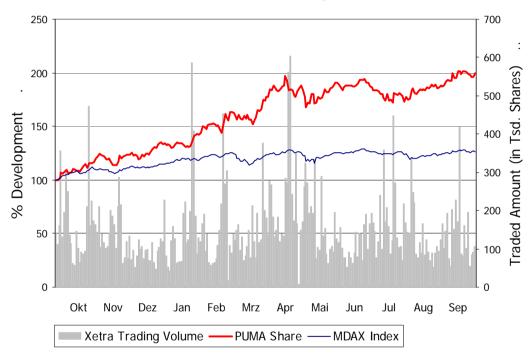


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Development of the PUMA Share

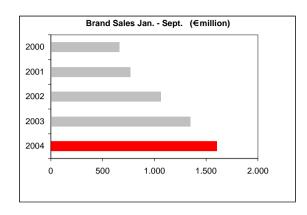
Rebased Development, incl. Trading Volume (Xetra)

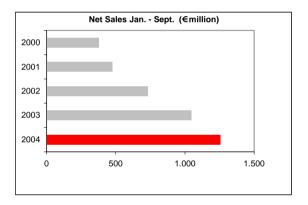


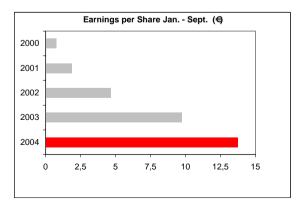


Financial Highlights

	1-9/2004	1-9/2003	Devi- ation
Brand Sales	1.604,1	1.349,5	18,9%
Consolidated net sales	1.257,0	1.046,3	20,1%
Gross profit in %	51,9%	48,9%	0,0%
EBT	319,4	231,3	38,1%
- in %	25,4%	22,1%	0,0%
Net earnings	220,2	154,8	42,2%
- in %	17,5%	14,8%	0,0%
Total assets	963,2	770,7	25,0%
Equity ratio in %	57,1%	51,3%	20,070
Working capital	197,0	180,1	9,4%
Cash flow - gross	330,9	249,2	32,8%
Free cash flow (before acquisition)	196,0	101,1	93,9%
Earnings per share (in €)	13,75	9,75	41,0%
Cash flow - gross per share (in €)	20,67	15,70	31,6%
Free cash flow per share (in €)	12,25	6,37	92,2%
Share price at end of the period	215,72	108,10	99,6%
Market capitalization at end of the period	3.464,5	1.748,5	98,1%
Order backlog	756,5	645,6	17,2%
Investments in tangible and intangible assets	27,2	19,8	37,8%









Sales and earnings review

Strong sales performance

Third Quarter showed another outstanding performance with growth in consolidated sales of 16.5% on a currency-neutral basis or by 14.6% to €461 million in Euro currency. Like for like, Footwear sales grew by 13.9% (in Euro terms 12.4%) to €301 million, Apparel increased 19.3% (17.6%) to €130 million and Accessories were up 27.1% (25.1%) to €31 million.

Currency neutral sales for the first nine months jumped by 22.5%. In Euro terms, sales were up 20.1% to €1,257 million, nearly reaching full year sales of FY2003. Footwear sales grew by 18.1% (in Euro terms 16.2%) to €836 million, Apparel by 28.5% (26.6%) to €339 million and Accessories recognized the strongest growth of 39.8% (38.6%) reaching €82 million.

Branded sales growth in line with consolidated sales

PUMA's global branded sales, which include consolidated and licensee sales, totaled €590 million during Q3, a like-for-like increase of 17.2% (in Euro terms 15.2%) over last year. Licensed sales contributed with an increase of 19.7% (17.3%) to global sales.

During the first nine months, branded sales grew by 20.9% currency neutral or by 18.9% to €1,604 million. Footwear sales rose by 15.4% (in Euro terms 13.4%) to €922 million, Apparel by 27.7% (25.7%) to €556 million and Accessories by 36% (34%) to €126 million. Sales from licensees were up by 15.3% or 14.5% respectively.

Further improvement in gross profit margin

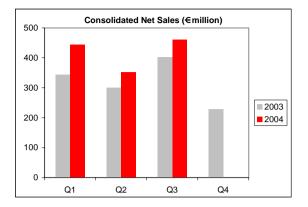
The gross profit margin once again reached a new high in Q3 of 52.8%, compared to 50.4% in last year's third quarter. This reflects an increase of 240 basis points year over year, resulting from a favorable product mix as well as the strong Euro. All product categories as well as all regions contributed to this strong result.

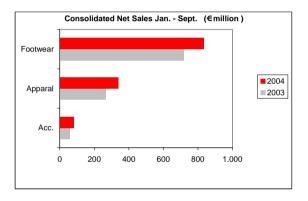
The accumulated gross profit margin increased 300 basis points from 48.9% to 51.9%. The Footwear margin climbed from 49.7% to 53.2%, Apparel from 47.2% to 49.3% and Accessories from 47.1% to 48.7%.

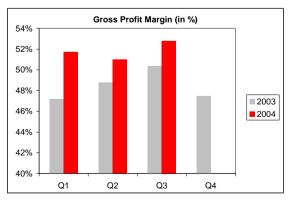
SG&A expenses

Total SG&A expenses increased in Q3 from €104 million to €127 million. In the first nine months, expenses totaled €355 million versus €300 million last year, which reflects a decline from 28.7% to 28.3% as a percentage of sales.

Marketing/Retail expenditures for the first nine months were up 22.8% to €157 million or 12.5% of sales compared to €128 million or 12.2% in the previous year. Expenses for product development and design increased by 17.7% to €27 million and account for 2.1% on sales versus 2.2% last year. Other selling, general and administrative expenses declined from 14.3% to 13.6% on sales and totaled €171 million versus €149 million.









High profitability continues

EBIT increased by 17.9% to €122 million in Q3 and jumped by strong 36.7% to €316 million in the first nine months, resulting in an EBIT margin improvement from 25.8% to 26.5% and from 22.1% to 25.1% respectively. Due to a strong financial result of €1.7 million (last year €0.1 million) in Q3 and €3.4 million (last year €0,2 million) after nine months, the pre-tax profit climbed by 19.5% to €124 million and by 38.1% to €319 million year-to-date. The average tax rate was reduced, due to a favorable profit allocation. Therefore, net earnings rose by 23.2% to €85 million in Q3 and by an outstanding 42.2% to €220 million in the first nine months. Net return on sales reached 18.4% and 17.5% respectively.

Strongest EPS in a quarter

The company reported its strongest earnings per share in a quarter as EPS jumped by 22.4% from €4.33 to €5.30. Year-to-date, earnings per share rose by 41% from €9.75 to €13.75. Diluted earnings per share were calculated at €13.44 compared with €9.61 last year.

Balance sheet review

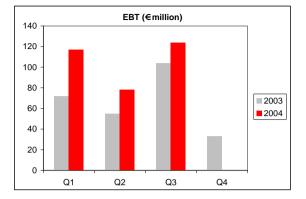
Very strong financial position

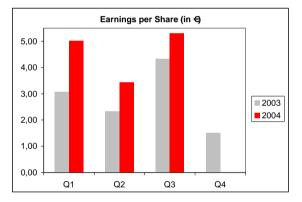
Total assets climbed from €771 million to €963 million as of Sep 30, 2004, which reflects an increase of 25% versus last year. Despite the strong increase, the equity ratio further improved from 51.3% to 57.1%. As total cash increased from €180 million to €321 million and bank debt decreased from €18 million to €10 million, the net cash position reached €311 million versus €162 million as of September last year, resulting in a very solid financial position.

Inventories increased by only 12.4% to €183 million and receivables by 6.7% to €286 million. Taking into account the current liabilities, net working capital increased by only 9.4% to €197 million.

Strongest free cash flow ever

The high free cash flow reflects the strong cash oriented management. During the first nine months, free cash almost doubled from €101 million to €196 million. This marked a free cash flow of more than 15% on sales and exceeded management expectations to date.







Share buy back

Due to the active share buy back program, PUMA added another 40,000 shares to the treasury stocks during Q3. At the end of September 2004, PUMA held 3.4% of the total stock, or 565,000 shares, for a total investment of 692 million.

Regional development

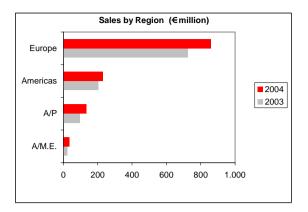
Remarkable development in all regions

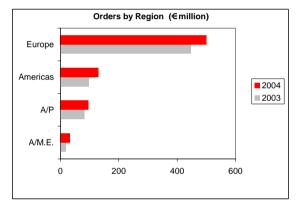
From a regional perspective sales in **Europe** were up by 11.1% to €314 million during the 3rd quarter and by 18.5% to €859 million for the first nine months, representing 68.3% of consolidated sales. Year-to-date, the strongest growth was achieved in the Apparel segment, with 28.5%. Footwear and Accessories also contributed with excellent double-digit growth rates of 14.8% or 15.1% respectively. The overall gross profit margin improved from 52.3% to 54.5%. Orders on hand remained high, totalling €500 million at the end of September, which translates to an increase of 12% versus last year's level.

The Americas reported acceleration in currency neutral sales in Q3 of 26.8% versus 22.6% during the first nine months. In Euro currency, sales increased by 17.9% to €84 million and by 12.2% to €228 million respectively. The total region accounts for 18.2% of group sales. On a US Dollar basis all product segments contributed with a significant increase: Footwear up 19.2%, Apparel up 27.1% and Accessories up 66.4%. The gross profit margin further improved and reached 46.8% compared with 44.1% last year. Future orders also accelerated versus end of June and like-for-like orders are now up by a strong 45.9%. In Euro terms, orders increased by 32.5% to €130 million.

Asia/Pacific region reported sales of €48 million in Q3 compared to €42 million last year. For the first nine months, sales increased by 40.6% to €134 million, or by 16.9% excluding the effect from the first time consolidation of the Japan subsidiary. The region contributes now 10.7% to Group sales. All product segments achieved strong growth rates: Accessories increased 88.1%, Footwear 34.9% and Apparel 20.6%. The gross profit margin jumped from 46.1% to 48.6%. The order book stands at €95 million which is an increase of 15.5% compared to last year.

In the **Africa/Middle East** region consolidated sales improved by 110.7% to \in 15 million in Q3 and rose in the first nine months by 57.9% to \in 36 million. Overall, the region contributed 2.8% to consolidated sales. All product segments reported significant growth: Accessories 96.3%, Apparel 88% and Footwear 48.9%. The gross profit margin improved from 26.4% to 32.6%, and future orders were up by 72.4% to \in 31 million.





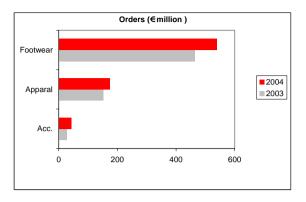


Future orders

Future orders up by 19%

Total future orders at the end of the quarter increased by a favorable 19% on a currency neutral basis. In Euro terms, total orders were up by 17.2% to €757 million, which is the 35th consecutive quarter of order growth. The order volume is comprised mainly of deliveries scheduled for the next 2 quarters.

Currency neutral Footwear orders were up by 18.2% (in Euro terms16.3%) to €540 million. Accessories continued to show the strongest growth adding 51.3% (50.1%) to last year's order book, which now total €42 million. Apparel orders increased by 15.3% (13.8%) to €174 million.





Outlook

Management anticipates new records across the board and upgrades earnings expectations

As a result of the Group's performance during the first nine months, management confirms top-line growth expectations of around 20% for FY 2004, and increases gross profit margin guidance provided earlier this year (between 50% and 51%) to above 51%. Total SG&A is expected at around 29% of sales, or slightly above. This should lead to an operating margin clearly above 20%. Net earnings for the full year are now expected to grow between 35% and 40%, which would reflect a further increase versus the previous estimate of above 30%. For the sixth consecutive year, earnings growth should once again outpace company's growth in sales.

Jochen Zeitz, CEO: "Once again, we can be nothing but pleased with our overall financial performance. In both mature and developing markets we continued to achieve significant growth in top and bottom line. Additionally, we expect a strong finish in the 4th quarter which should enable us to once again achieve new records across the board in the full year."





Balance Sheet

	Sept. '04 € Mio.	Sept. '03 €Mio.	Devi- ation	Dec. '03 €Mio.
ASSETS				
Cash	320,8	180,4	77,9%	190,6
Inventories	182,6	162,4	12,4%	196,2
Receivables and other current assets	313,1	293,3	6,8%	177,5
Total current assets	816,6	636,1	28,4%	564,3
Deferred income taxes	35,7	35,1	1,9%	36,5
Property and equipment, net	79,1	62,7	26,1%	66,5
Goodwill and other long-term assets	31,8	36,8	-13,6%	32,9
	963,2	770,7	25,0%	700,1
LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY				
Short-term bank borrowings	10,3	18,3	-43,4%	16,8
Accounts payable	155,0	142,5	8,8%	132,6
Other current liabilities	80,8	68,8	17,5%	69,0
Total liabilities	246,2	229,5	7,2%	218,5
Pension accruals	18,8	18,7	0,4%	18,5
Tax accruals	65,9	53,6	22,8%	27,1
Other accruals	76,4	71,5	6,9%	49,0
Long-term liabilities interest bearing	0,0	0,1	-26,0%	0,0
Deferred income taxes	3,2	0,0		3,2
Minority interest	2,4	1,5	54,3%	0,8
Total shareholders' equity	550,3	395,7	39,1%	383,0
	963,2	770,7	25,0%	700,1



Income Statements

	Q3/2004	Q3/2003	Devi-	1-9/2004	1-9/2003	Devi-
	€Mio.	€Mio.	ation	€Mio.	€Mio.	ation
Net sales	460,9	402,3	14,6%	1.257,0	1.046,3	20,1%
Cost of sales	-217,8	-199,4	9,2%	-604,9	-534,5	13,2%
Gross profit	243,2	202,9	19,9%	652,1	511,8	27,4%
- in % of net sales	52,8%	50,4%	10,070	51,9%	48,9%	21,470
Royalty and commission income	11,2	8,9	26,1%	33,1	30,2	9,7%
	254,4	211,8	20,1%	685,2	541,9	26,4%
Selling, general and						
administrative expenses	-126,8	-104,3	21,6%	-355,5	-300,3	18,4%
EBITDA	127,6	107,5	18,6%	329,7	241,6	36,5%
Depreciation and amortisation	-5,2	-3,8	38,8%	-13,8	-10,6	30,3%
EBIT	122,4	103,8	17,9%	316,0	231,1	36,7%
- in % of net sales	26,5%	25,8%		25,1%	22,1%	
Interest result	1,7	0,1		3,4	0,2	
EBT	124,0	103,8	19,5%	319,4	231,3	38,1%
- in % of net sales	26,9%	25,8%		25,4%	22,1%	
Income taxes	-38,2	-34,4	10,8%	-97,7	-75,9	28,8%
- Tax ratio	30,8%	33,2%		30,6%	32,8%	
Minorities	-0,9	-0,4	125,8%	-1,5	-0,7	127,8%
Net earnings after minorities	85,0	69,0	23,2%	220,2	154,8	42,2%
Net earnings per share (€)	5,30	4,33	22,4%	13,75	9,75	41,0%
Net earnings per share (€) - diluted	5,21	4,33	20,3%	13,44	9,61	39,9%
Weighted average shares outstanding				16,010	15,872	0,9%
Weighted average shares outstanding - diluted				16,383	16,102	1,7%



Cash flow Statement

	1-9/2004 €Mio.	1-9/2003 €Mio.	Devi- ation
Earnings before taxes on income	319,4	231,3	38,1%
Depreciation	13,8	10,6	30,1%
Other non cash effected expenses and income	-2,3	7,3	30,570
Cash flow - gross	330,9	249,2	32,8%
Change in net assets	-56,1	-66,9	-16,1%
Taxes, interests and other payments	-58,1	-58,7	-1,1%
Cash flow from operating activities	216,7	123,6	75,3%
Payments for acquisitions	0,0	-30,3	
Purchase of property and equipment	-27,2	-19,8	37,8%
Interest received and others	6,6	-2,7	-340,3%
Cash flow from investing activities	-20,6	-52,9	61,0%
Free cash flow before acquisitions	196,0	101,1	93,9%
Capital increase	21,5	8,1	164,6%
Dividend payments	-11,2	-8,7	28,0%
Purchase of own shares	-71,3	0,0	
Other changes	-4,9	0,1	
Cash flow from financing activities	-65,9	-0,5	
Effect on exchange rates on cash	0,1	-3,5	
Change in cash and cash equivalents	130,3	66,8	-95,0%
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of financial year	190,6	113,6	67,8%
Cash and cash equivalents end of the period	320,8	180,4	77,9%



Changes in Equity

		€Mio.	€Mio.	€Mio.	€Mio.	€Mio.	€Mio.	€Mio.
	Subscribed		Group re	eserves		Consolidated	Treasury	TOTAL
	capital	Capital reserve PUMA AG	Revenue reserves PUMA AG	Difference from currency conversion	Cash flow hedges	profit/net income for the year	stock	TOTAL
Dec. 31, 2002	40,6	41,9	40,9	2,6	-0,2	126,5	0,0	252,2
Dividend payment Currency changes				-7,4	·	-8,7		-8,7 -7,4
Net effect on cash flow hedges, net of taxes	0.0	7.0			-3,3			-3,3
Capital increase Consolidated profit	0,8	7,3				154,8		8,1 154,8
Sept. 30, 2003	41,4	49,1	40,9	-4,8	-3,4	272,6	0,0	395,7
Dec. 31, 2003	41,6	50,4	59,5	-15,2	-10,7	278,5	-20,9	383,0
Dividend payment Currency changes Net effect on cash flow hedges,				1,0	-,	-11,2		-11,2 1,0
net of taxes Capital increase Consolidated profit	1,0	20,5			7,1	220,2		7,1 21,5 220,2
Purchase of treasury stock Sept. 30, 2004	42,6	70,9	59,5	-14,2	-3,7	487,5	-71,3 -92,3	-71,3 550,3



Segment Data

	Sales	5	Gross profit		Sales		Gross profit	
	Q3/2004	Q3/2003	Q3/2004	Q3/2003	1-9/2004	1-9/2003	1-9/2004	1-9/2003
	by he	ad office loca	tion of custome	er	by hea	ad office locat	ion of custome	er
Breakdown								
by regions	€Mio.	€Mio.	%	%	€Mio.	€Mio.	%	%
Europe	313,5	282,2	55,5%	52,7%	859,1	725,0	54,5%	52,3%
America	83,9	71,1	47,2%	45,2%	228,4	203,6	46,8%	44,1%
Asia/Pacific Rim	48,0	41,6	50,2%	48,9%	133,9	95,2	48,6%	46,1%
Africa/Middle East	15,5	7,3	35,7%	31,2%	35,5	22,5	32,6%	26,4%
	460,9	402,3	52,8%	50,4%	1.257,0	1.046,3	51,9%	48,9%
	Sales	5	Gross p	rofit	Sales	,	Gross p	rofit
	Q3/2004	Q3/2003	Q3/2004	Q3/2003	1-9/2004	1-9/2003	1-9/2004	1-9/2003
Breakdown								
by product segments	€Mio.	€Mio.	%	%	€Mio.	€Mio.	%	%
Footwear	300,6	267,5	54,0%	51,5%	835,6	718,9	53,2%	49,7%
Apparel	129,6	110,2	50,2%	48,1%	339,4	268,2	49,3%	47,2%
Accessories	30,7	24,5	51,6%	49,2%	82,0	59,2	48,7%	47,1%
	460,9	402,3	52,8%	50,4%	1.257,0	1.046,3	51,9%	48,9%



Notes to the Interim Report

ACCOUNTING STANDARDS

The unaudited interim report of PUMA AG and its subsidiaries (which together form the PUMA group) for the third quarter and the first nine months of 2004 was prepared according to the International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) passed by the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB).

The accounting standards applied in the preparation of this interim report correspond to those of the group's annual accounts as of December 31, 2003.

This interim report is partly based on assumptions and estimates which have an effect on the amounts and on the breakdown of the reported assets and liabilities as well as of the revenues and expenses. The actual values may, in some exceptional cases, differ from these assumptions and estimates at a later date. The corresponding changes if and when they occur will be reflected in the results as soon as the findings are revised.

CONSOLIDATED GROUP

Effective April 1, 2003, PUMA Japan KK took over the operative shoe and accessory business from the former Japanese licensee. This is also the initial consolidation date. Accordingly, the income statement for the first quarter differs versus last year due to the first time consolidation effect. Starting from the second quarter of 2004 there's no more impact caused by the extension of the consolidated group.

SEASONAL VARIANCE

The group's sales fluctuate with the season. Consequently, the sales and resulting earnings vary in the course of a year. Normally, sales and earnings reach their peak in the first and third quarter while the second, and particularly the fourth quarter, may be characterized by lower levels.

EMPLOYEES

	2004	2003
Number of employees at the		
beginning of the period	3,189	2,387
Number of employees at the		
end of the period	3,590	2,913
Average number of		
employees	3,366	2,663



FARNINGS PER SHARE

Earnings per share are calculated according to IAS 33 by dividing the result for the period by the weighted average number of outstanding shares. As of September 30, 2004 there were outstanding stock options from the Management Incentive Program which have diluted the earnings per share.

	2004	2003
Earnings per share	€ 13.75	€ 9.75
Diluted earnings per share	€ 13.44	€ 9.61

DIVIDEND

According to the Annual Shareholders' Meeting on April 20, 2004, a dividend of €0.70 per share was approved. The dividend totaled €11.2 million and was paid to the shareholders beginning on April 21, 2004.

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Subscribed Capital

As of September 30, 2004 the subscribed capital amounted to €42,6 million, divided into 16,625,114 no par value shares.

Treasury Stock

PUMA continued its share buy-back program in Q3. During this period the company added 40,000 shares to the treasury stock which corresponded to an investment of \in 7.6 million, financed through the company's cash position. At the end of September, the company held a total of 565,000 shares for an investment of \in 92.3 million. This represents 3.4% of the total stock capital. This item reduces equity capital (see "Changes in Equity").

Management Incentive Program

As of March 31, 2004 the last tranche of the approved Management Incentive Program was issued with a total of 459,000 options. According to the approval at the shareholders' meeting, 30% or 137,700 options were contributed to the board of management and 70% or 321,300 to the members of executive bodies of PUMA and its affiliate companies.

As at end of September a total of 734,600 stock options were outstanding, whereby 214,700 are allocated to the board of management.

	2004	2003
Number of shares at the		
beginning of the period	16,233,714	15,845,500
+ conversion of		
Management Incentives	+391,400	+329,564
Number of shares at the end of		
the period/subscribed capital	16,625,114	16,175,064
thereof own shares/treasury		
stocks	-565,000	0
Shares outstanding at		
the end of the period	16,060,114	16,175,064
Weighted average number		
of shares, outstanding	16,009,572	15,871,624
Diluted number of shares	16,383,003	16,101,523

In accordance with the Company statutes, authorized capital totaling €15.4 million exists. The authorization was granted until May 13, 2007.

EVENTS AFTER THE BALANCE SHEET DATE

No events have occurred after the balance sheet date which may affect the financial situation and earnings position as of September 30, 2004.

Herzogenaurach, October 29, 2004

The Board of Management



Board of Management

Jochen Zeitz

Chairman/CEO (Marketing, Sales, Finance, Administration and Human Resources)

Martin Gänsler

Deputy Chairman (Research, Development, Design and Sourcing, Environmental and Social Affairs)

Ulrich Heyd

(Legal Affairs and Industrial Property Rights)

Group Executive Committee

Beside the Board of Management, the "Global Functional Directors" complement the "Group Executive Committee":

Antonio Bertone

(Brand Management)

Peter Mahrer

(International Sales)

Dieter Bock

(Finance)

Klaus Bauer

(Operations, Human Resources)

Supervisory Board

Werner Hofer

(Chairman)

Thore Ohlsson

(Deputy Chairman)

James Douglas Packer (through March 18, 2004)

Arnon Milchan

David Matalon

Peter Chernin (through March 20, 2004)

Katharina Wojaczek

(Employees' Representative)

Erwin Hildel

(Employees' Representative)

Melanie Seiler (through April 20, 2004)

(Employees' Representative)



Financial Calendar

Feb. 7, 2005 Financial Results FY2004

Press Conference

Analyst Conference Call

March 30, 2005 Annual Shareholders' Meeting

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Analyst Conference Call

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