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**WACKER POSTS SUBSTANTIAL SALES AND  
EARNINGS GAINS IN Q1 2006**

Munich, May 16, 2006 – Wacker Chemie AG reported strong year-on-year sales growth and even stronger earnings for Q1 2006.

Consolidated sales rose to €798.5 million (Q1 2005: €608.2 million).

Despite higher raw material and energy costs, the Munich-based chemical company doubled its year-on-year EBITDA to €183.6 million (Q1 2005: €92.0 million). Group result reached €66.2 million, up €86.5 million year-on-year. Equity increased by 4.1% to €930.7 million (Q1 2005: €893.7 million), resulting in an equity ratio of 30.8% (Q1 2005: 30.8%). Net debt came down by 4% to €954.1 million (Q1 2005: €994.0 million). Total assets increased by 4 % to €3,019.8 million (Q1 2005: €2,900.2 million). Earnings per share reached €1.49 (Q1 2005: €-0.39). During Q1 2006, 44.3 million shares were outstanding on average.

WACKER expects to continue the upward trend during 2006 in a favorable economic environment. An uncertain factor, however, is the impact of higher oil prices on the global economy. For the full year 2006 WACKER now expects sales growth slightly higher than 10%, which was last year's growth rate. Full year EBITDA 2006 is expected between €640 and 680 million.

The full quarterly report is available for download from Wacker Chemie AG's website under the caption Investor Relations ([www.wacker.com](http://www.wacker.com)).

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