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Interim Report

HORNBACH HOLDING AG GROUP

FIRST NINE MONTHS **2006/2007**

(MARCH 1 – NOVEMBER 30, 2006)

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Interim Report (IFRS): First Nine Months of 2006/2007

(March 1 – November 30, 2006)

- Highly pleasing business performance in Germany and abroad in the third quarter
- Consolidated sales growth of 6.9 % in first nine months – thanks to increased demand for construction materials – like-for-like sales up by 2.9 % at DIY megastores with garden centers
- Further improvement in profitability – nine-month EBIT growth of 39.0 % at overall Group

The sales and earnings performance of the HORNBACH HOLDING AG Group gained notably in momentum in the third quarter of the current financial year (September 1 to November 30, 2006). While quarterly sales rose by 7.3 % to € 643.8 million (previous year: € 599.9m), operating earnings (EBIT) increased by 146.0 % to € 32.6 million (previous year: € 13.3m). Thanks to this substantial growth, the cumulative figures for the first nine months have also improved compared with those for the first half. Nine-month sales rose by 6.9 % to € 2,023.4 million (previous year: € 1,892.0m). In addition to the DIY megastores with garden centers, the HORNBACH Baustoff Union GmbH subgroup also made an above-average contribution to these figures, with cumulative sales growth of 10.9 %.

In the third quarter, the HORNBACH DIY megastores with garden centers reported very pleasing like-for-like sales growth rates both in Germany (plus 5.2 %) and in other European countries (plus 6.1 %). This resulted in cumulative like-for-like sales growth of 2.9 % across the Group at the end of the first three quarters. These highly pleasing developments were chiefly due to a significant increase in the demand for construction materials. Earnings rose considerably more strongly than sales in the first nine months of 2006/2007. Operating earnings (EBIT) rose by 39.0 % to € 132.4 million (previous year: € 95.3m). Consolidated earnings before taxes grew by 58.8 % to € 104.8 million (previous year € 66.0m). Earnings per preference share amounted to € 7.04 (previous year: € 4.27).

Key Figures for the Group (in € million, unless otherwise stated)	3rd Quarter 2006/2007	3rd Quarter 2005/2006	Change in %	Nine Months 2006/2007	Nine Months 2005/2006	Change in %
Net sales	643.8	599.9	7.3	2,023.4	1,892.0	6.9
of which in other European countries	214.7	200.2	7.2	682.3	627.9	8.7
Gross margin (as % of net sales)	34.7%	33.8%		35.0%	34.4%	
EBITDA	50.8	33.9	50.0	189.6	152.0	24.7
Earnings before interest and taxes (EBIT)	32.6	13.3	146.0	132.4	95.3	39.0
Consolidated earnings before taxes	23.7	5.0	369.7	104.8	66.0	58.8
Consolidated net income*	16.0	0.5	-	69.8	40.9	70.6
Undiluted earnings per preference share (€)	1.64	0.10	-	7.04	4.27	64.9
No. of employees at the HORNBACH Group				12,168	12,090	0.6
Investments				84.4	170.9	-50.6
Total assets				1,827.9	1,835.6	-0.4
Shareholders' equity				621.9	566.4	9.8
Shareholders' equity as % of total assets				34.0%	30.9%	

Rounding differences may arise in totals and percentages.

* pursuant to IFRS including minority interests.

Sales of the HORNBAACH Group up by 6.9 % in first nine months

The HORNBAACH HOLDING AG Group consists of the HORNBAACH-Baumarkt-AG, HORNBAACH Baustoff Union GmbH and HORNBAACH Immobilien AG subgroups.

The net sales of the HORNBAACH Group rose by 7.3 % to € 643.8 million (previous year: € 599.9m) in the third quarter of 2006/2007 (September 1 to November 30, 2006). On a cumulative basis for the first nine months, consolidated sales rose by 6.9 % to € 2,023.4 million (previous year: € 1,892.0m).

The HORNBAACH-Baumarkt-AG subsidiary continued to operate a total of 121 DIY megastores with garden centers in eight European countries as of November 30, 2006. The total sales areas of all retail outlets amounted to around 1.31 million m² at the reporting date. Sales at the HORNBAACH-Baumarkt-AG subgroup rose by 6.7 % to € 599.3 million in the third quarter (previous year: € 561.6m) and by 6.6 % to € 1,897.1 million on a cumulative basis for the first nine months (previous year: € 1,779.1m).

It is particularly pleasing to note the revival in like-for-like sales in Germany. At 5.2 %, this represents the best third-quarter like-for-like sales performance in the past ten years. Thanks to this substantial increase, the cumulative like-for-like sales of our DIY megastores with garden centers in Germany for the first nine months were 1.2 % higher than in the previous year. The equivalent figure for the end of the first half had still been slightly negative at -0.7 %. In the course of the year, HORNBAACH has succeeded in detaching itself increasingly clearly from the like-for-like performance of the overall DIY sector in Germany, thus acquiring further market share. The 32 stores in other European countries maintained their high level of growth, reporting like-for-like sales growth of 6.1 % both for the quarter under report as well as for the first nine months.

Net sales at the HORNBAACH Baustoff Union GmbH subgroup rose even more substantially during the period under report than those at the DIY megastores with garden centers. Sales at the 18 outlets operated by the subgroup increased by 15.6 % during the third quarter to reach € 44.7 million (previous year: € 38.7m). Sales at the builders' merchant subgroup for the first nine months of 2006/2007 grew by 10.9 % to € 127.5 million (previous year: € 115.0m).

We witnessed increased demand for construction materials during the period under report. Above-average sales were reported for products required for shell construction and for larger-scale renovation and extension projects, such as roof extensions or bathroom renovations. Projects involving heating and climate technology were also in great demand. House owners in particular have invested increasing amounts in recent months in long-term energy saving and modernization measures for their living space. This also reflects the economic upturn, the improved levels of consumer confidence in Germany and the increase in construction activities as a result of mild weather conditions. Our consistent alignment towards the needs of project customers enabled both our DIY and our professional builders' merchant subgroups to benefit disproportionately from the opportunities offered by the overall economy and by our specific sector.

Further improvement in earnings power in third quarter

We further improved the earnings performance of the overall HORNBAACH HOLDING AG Group in the third quarter of 2006/2007 compared with the previous quarter. Earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization (EBITDA) rose by 50.0 % to € 50.8 million (previous year: € 33.9m). Operating earnings (EBIT) increased by 146.0 % in the third quarter to € 32.6 million (previous year: € 13.2m). The extraordinarily strong earnings growth in the third quarter is attributable to the notable revival in like-for-like sales in conjunction with a marked increase in the gross margin, a decline in selling, store, general and administration expenses as a percentage of sales, and a lower level of pre-opening expenses.

The EBITDA generated in the reporting period from March to November 2006 improved by 24.7 % to € 189.6 million (previous year: € 152.0m). Operating earnings (EBIT) rose by 39.0 % to € 132.4 million (previous year: € 95.3m). Consolidated earnings before taxes showed year-on-year growth of 58.8 % to reach € 104.8 million (previous year: € 66.0m). The consolidated net income reported for the first nine months of 2006/2007 grew by 70.6 % to € 69.8 million (€ 40.9m). At € 7.04, the earnings per preference share calculated in accordance with IFRS were considerably higher than the figure of € 4.27 reported for the previous year.

One main reason for the sharp rise in key operating earnings figures in the first nine months is the revival in like-for-like sales, which has gained in momentum from quarter to quarter. Moreover, a slight year-on-year increase in the gross margin, improved cost ratios and a lower level of pre-opening expenses also contributed to the increase in profitability.

The gross profit rose as a percentage of net sales across the Group from 34.4 % to 35.0 %. Selling and store expenses rose by 6.2 %, and thus less sharply than sales, to € 520.1 million (previous year: € 489.9m). The store expenses ratio thus declined slightly from 25.9 % to 25.7 %. Moreover, the earnings performance was also positively affected compared with the previous year by the considerable reduction of € 7.7 million in pre-opening expenses. This reduction is attributable to the pause in the expansion in the current financial year. A slight decline was also seen in general and administration expenses, which reduced as a percentage of net sales from 4.0 % to 3.6 %. Finally, consolidated earnings before taxes were positively affected by an improvement of € 1.7 million in net financial expenses.

The key earnings figures of the overall Group are largely dependent on the earnings performance of HORNBAACH-Baumarkt-AG, the largest operating subgroup. This subgroup's operating earnings (EBIT) improved by 189.5% in the second quarter to € 26.6 million (previous year: € 9.2m) and by 53.2 % on a cumulative basis for the first nine months to € 114.5 million (previous year: € 74.8m).

The lower rate of growth at the overall Group compared with HORNBAACH-Baumarkt-AG is largely due to the lower level of operating earnings reported by HORNBAACH Immobilien AG. In the first nine months of the previous 2005/2006 financial year, this subgroup reported profits of € 6.2 million on the sale of real estate, compared with € 0.4 million in the current financial year.

HORNBAACH Baustoff Union GmbH, by contrast, achieved a significant year-on-year increase in its operating earnings.

12,168 employees at the HORNBAACH Group

At the reporting date on November 30, 2006, there were 12,168 individuals (previous year: 12,090) across Europe in fixed employment at the HORNBAACH HOLDING AG Group.

Lower level of investment

A total of € 84.4 million was invested during the first nine months of the current financial year (previous year: € 170.9m), primarily in land and buildings (63 %) and in plant and office equipment. The sharp decline in investment is principally due to the fact that no new HORNBAACH DIY megastores with garden centers were opened in the first nine months of 2006/2007 (previous year: seven). Information concerning the financing and investment activities of HORNBAACH HOLDING AG can be found in the cash flow statement in the notes to this report.

Outlook

The store network of 121 DIY megastores with garden centers will remain unchanged until the end of the financial year (February 28, 2007). The expansion is to be continued with the opening of the second HORNBAACH location in Munich, which is expected to take place in March 2007. Moreover, construction work was underway in the third quarter on stores in Alblasserdam (Netherlands), Darmstadt and Bucharest (Rumania). The Rumanian market entry is scheduled for June 2007. Overall, up to ten new HORNBAACH DIY megastores with garden centers are expected to be opened in the 2007/2008 financial year, in most cases in other European countries. The targets of expansion outside Germany are the Netherlands, Switzerland, the Czech Republic, Sweden and Rumania.

In spite the lack of any new store openings, the HORNBAACH-Baumarkt-AG subgroup will achieve medium single-digit percentage sales growth in the current financial year. Earnings (EBIT) for the overall financial year are also expected to rise considerably as a proportion of sales.

The HORNBAACH Baustoff Union GmbH subgroup is expected to outperform its sector and to generate medium to high single-digit percentage sales growth. The subgroup is expected to generate positive earnings on a operating level (EBIT). Due to a lower level

of profits on the sale of real estate, operating earnings (EBIT) at the HORNBACH Immobilien AG subgroup will fall slightly short of those reported for the previous year.

In view of the sales tax increase as of January 1, 2007 and possible fluctuations in weather conditions in the fourth quarter (December 1 to February 28), the sales and earnings (EBIT) forecasts for the overall financial year are being maintained in spite of the considerable improvement in operating earnings in the third quarter. Accordingly, the sales of the HORNBACH HOLDING AG Group will increase in the current financial year by a medium single-digit percentage range. Earnings for the overall year are also set to increase as a percentage of sales. As already announced, the net income of the overall Group for 2006/2007 will also be increased by € 19.1 million due to the forthcoming capitalization of tax refund claims as of 12.31.2006 as a result of amended legal requirements (SEStEG).

Neustadt an der Weinstrasse, December 21, 2006

– The Board of Management –

Financial Calendar 2006/2007

December 21, 2006	Interim Report as of November 30, 2006
March 22, 2007	Trading Statement for the 2006/2007 Financial Year
May 24, 2007	Annual Results Press Conference 2006/2007 and Publication of Annual Report
June 28, 2007	Interim Report as of May 31, 2007
July 13, 2007	Annual General Meeting
September 27, 2007	Interim Report as of August 31, 2007
December 20, 2007	Interim Report as of November 30, 2007

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Income Statement

€ million	3rd Quarter 2006/2007	3rd Quarter 2005/2006	Change in %	Nine Months 2006/2007	Nine Months 2005/2006	Change in %
Sales	643.8	599.9	7.3	2,023.4	1,892.0	6.9
Cost of goods sold	420.3	397.1	5.8	1,314.9	1,240.6	6.0
Gross profit	223.5	202.8	10.2	708.5	651.5	8.8
Selling and store expenses	173.5	163.4	6.2	520.1	489.9	6.2
Pre-opening expenses	0.8	3.4	-75.7	2.1	9.8	-78.8
General and administration expenses	24.2	25.6	-5.5	73.7	75.6	-2.6
Other income and expenses	7.7	2.9	161.7	19.8	19.2	3.2
Earnings before interest and taxes (EBIT)	32.6	13.3	146.0	132.4	95.3	39.0
Financial income	2.6	2.0	34.3	7.9	4.0	98.6
Financial expenses	11.6	10.2	13.6	35.5	33.3	6.8
Net financial expenses	-8.9	-8.2	8.6	-27.6	-29.3	-5.8
Consolidated earnings before taxes	23.7	5.0	369.7	104.8	66.0	58.8
Taxes on income	7.7	4.5	70.8	35.0	25.1	39.6
Consolidated net income	16.0	0.5	-	69.8	40.9	70.6
Profit attributable to shareholders	12.9	0.5	-	56.1	33.9	65.4
of which minority interests	3.1	0.0	-	13.7	7.0	95.7
Undiluted earnings per share (in €)	1.58	0.04	-	6.98	4.21	65.8
Undiluted earnings per preference share (in €)	1.64	0.10	-	7.04	4.27	64.9

Rounding differences may arise in totals and percentages.

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Balance Sheet

ASSETS	November 30, 2006		November 30, 2005		February 28, 2006	
	€ million	%	€ million	%	€ million	%
Long-term assets	994.9	54.4	1,110.3	60.5	991.4	55.3
Intangible assets	26.5	1.5	25.9	1.4	25.9	1.4
Property, plant and equipment	886.8	48.5	999.0	54.4	875.0	48.8
Investment property	51.9	2.8	54.0	2.9	55.9	3.1
Financial assets	2.3	0.1	1.9	0.1	2.0	0.1
Other long-term assets	5.2	0.3	3.1	0.2	5.1	0.3
Deferred tax claims	22.2	1.2	26.5	1.4	27.5	1.5
Short-term assets	833.0	45.6	725.3	39.5	802.3	44.7
Inventories	456.0	24.9	473.4	25.8	512.2	28.6
Accounts receivable and other assets	73.7	4.0	71.5	3.9	94.9	5.3
Income tax claims	7.2	0.4	9.0	0.5	16.4	0.9
Cash and cash equivalents	288.2	15.8	171.4	9.3	161.4	9.0
Non-current assets held for sale	8.0	0.4	-	-	17.5	1.0
TOTAL ASSETS	1,827.9	100.0	1,835.6	100.0	1,793.7	100.0

EQUITY AND LIABILITIES	November 30, 2006		November 30, 2005		February 28, 2006	
	€ million	%	€ million	%	€ million	%
Shareholders' equity	621.9	34.0	566.4	30.9	558.6	31.1
Share capital	24.0	1.3	24.0	1.3	24.0	1.3
Capital reserve	130.4	7.1	130.4	7.1	130.4	7.3
Retained earnings	366.0	20.0	324.6	17.7	318.6	17.8
Minority interests	101.5	5.6	87.4	4.8	85.6	4.8
Long-term liabilities	778.8	42.6	732.6	39.9	741.2	41.3
Financial debt	674.1	36.9	638.6	34.8	639.7	35.7
Pensions and similar obligations	3.5	0.2	0.0	0.0	3.5	0.2
Deferred taxes	92.4	5.1	86.7	4.7	90.8	5.1
Other long-term liabilities	8.9	0.5	7.3	0.4	7.2	0.4
Short-term liabilities	427.1	23.4	536.6	29.2	493.9	27.5
Financial debt	130.0	7.1	182.4	9.9	187.6	10.5
Accounts payable and other liabilities	225.3	12.3	283.5	15.4	241.1	13.4
Tax provisions	27.0	1.5	25.6	1.4	18.7	1.0
Other provisions	44.8	2.5	45.1	2.5	46.5	2.6
TOTAL EQUITY AND LIABILITIES	1,827.9	100.0	1,835.6	100.0	1,793.7	100.0

Rounding differences may arise in totals and percentages.

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Cash Flow Statement

€ million	Nine Months 2006/2007	Nine Months 2005/2006
Consolidated net income	69.8	40.9
Depreciation and amortization of long-term assets	57.2	56.7
Change in provisions	0.9	1.8
Profits / losses on the sale of long-term assets	-4.7	-10.0
Change in inventories, accounts receivable and other assets	65.0	-49.7
Change in accounts payable and other liabilities	-9.7	65.1
Other income / expenses with no cash effect	6.8	-0.4
Cash flow from operating activities	185.3	104.4
Proceeds from disposals of long-term assets	53.9	106.0
Payments for investments in property, plant and equipment	-75.9	-166.2
Payments for investments in intangible assets	-4.5	-4.7
Payments for acquisitions of shareholdings and other business units	-3.7	0.0
Payments for investments in other financial assets	-0.4	0.0
Cash flow from investing activities	-30.6	-64.9
Receipts from capital increases	7.1	2.1
Payments to shareholders	-11.6	-11.6
Proceeds from long-term debt	80.6	10.2
Repayment of long-term debt	-110.6	-35.7
Change in short-term debt	6.3	5.0
Cash flow from financing activities	-28.2	-30.0
Change in cash and cash equivalents	126.5	9.5
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents	0.3	0.1
Cash and cash equivalents at March 1	161.4	161.8
Cash and cash equivalents at November 30	288.2	171.4

Rounding differences may arise in totals.

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Statement of Shareholders' Equity

Nine Months 2005/2006 € million	Share Capital	Capital Reserve	Hedging Reserve	Cumulative Currency Conversion	Other Retained Earnings	Equity Attributable to Shareholders	Minority Interests	Total Equity
Balance at March 1, 2005	24.0	130.4	-3.0	2.1	299.5	453.0	82.9	535.9
Dividend distributions					-8.9	-8.9	-2.7	-11.6
Change in reporting entity							-2.1	-2.1
Foreign currency adjustments				1.2		1.2	0.3	1.5
Capital increase from share option plans							2.0	2.0
Valuation of derivative financial instruments, net after taxes			-0.2			-0.2		-0.2
Net income for the year					33.9	33.9	7.0	40.9
Balance at August 31, 2005	24.0	130.4	-3.2	3.3	324.5	479.0	87.4	566.4

Nine Months 2006/2007 € million	Share Capital	Capital Reserve	Hedging Reserve	Cumulative Currency Conversion	Other Retained Earnings	Equity Attributable to Shareholders	Minority Interests	Total Equity
Balance at March 1, 2006	24.0	130.4	-2.8	3.8	317.6	473.0	85.6	558.6
Dividend distributions					-8.9	-8.9	-2.7	-11.6
Change in reporting entity					-0.4	-0.4	-2.1	-2.5
Foreign currency adjustments						0.0	-0.1	-0.1
Capital increase from share option plans						0.0	7.0	7.0
Valuation of derivative financial instruments, net after taxes			0.6			0.6	0.1	0.7
Net income for the year					56.1	56.1	13.7	69.8
Balance at August 31, 2006	24.0	130.4	-2.2	3.8	364.4	520.4	101.5	621.9

Rounding differences may arise in totals.

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Notes to the Group Interim Report as of November 30, 2006

(1) Accounting principles

This non-audited group interim report of HORNBACH HOLDING AG and its subsidiaries for the first nine months as of November 30, 2006 has been compiled in accordance with Section 315a of the German Commercial Code (HGB) based on International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) in the form requiring mandatory application in the European Union.

The accounting principles applied in the compilation of this interim report correspond to those applied in the consolidated financial statements as of February 28, 2006. The Group has made additional application of IAS 34 "Interim Reporting". This interim report is to be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements of HORNBACH HOLDING AG for the 2005/2006 financial year. Reference is made to these financial statements on account of the additional information they contain as to the specific accounting and valuation methods applied. The notes included therein also apply to this interim report unless any amendments are expressly indicated.

(2) Reporting entity

HIAG Eiendom Lier AS, Oslo, was liquidated in the first nine months of 2006/2007 and deconsolidated as of October 31, 2006.

(3) Seasonal influences

Due to weather conditions, the HORNBACH HOLDING AG Group is subject to lower sales in the autumn and winter months than in the spring and summer months. These seasonal variations are reflected in the figures for the first nine months. The results of business operations for the first nine months up to November 30, 2006 do not necessarily provide an accurate indication of the results to be expected for the overall financial year.

(4) Other income and expenses

Other income and expenses are structured as follows:

€ million	3rd Quarter 2006/2007	3rd Quarter 2005/2006	Change in %
Other income	9.9	17.1	-42.4
Other expenses	2.2	14.2	-84.5
Other income and expenses	7.7	2.9	161.8

€ million	Nine Months 2006/2007	Nine Months 2005/2006	Change in %
Other income	32.9	40.4	-18.6
Other expenses	13.1	21.2	-38.4
Other income and expenses	19.8	19.2	3.2

Other operating income primarily relates to income from advertising grants, income from exchange rate and payment differences, income from the release of provisions, and other income customary to retail.

Moreover, the income for the first nine months includes other non-operating income amounting to € 11.3 million (previous year: € 19.2m) mainly resulting from the disposal of two DIY store properties and of other real estate. The DIY store properties were rented back on a long-term basis within the framework of an operating lease. At the end of the non-terminable basic rental period, there is the option of extending the rental period or of repurchasing the property.

Other operating expenses principally consist of expenses incurred on exchange rate and currency differences and losses incurred on the sale of long-term assets. Non-operating expenses amounting to € 5.8 million (previous year: € 10.9m) were reported under this item at the end of the first nine months of 2006/2007. The non-operating expenses reported in the real estate segment mainly relate to extraordinary depreciation of € 4.2 million undertaken on buildings and to € 1.5 million of losses incurred on disadvantageous contracts.

(5) Taxes on income

Taxes on income are structured as follows:

€ million	3rd Quarter 2006/2007	3rd Quarter 2005/2006	Change in %
Current tax expenses	7.8	4.5	73.8
Deferred tax expenses	-0.1	0.0	-
	7.7	4.5	70.8

€ million	Nine Months 2006/2007	Nine Months 2005/2006	Change in %
Current tax expenses	28.0	25.5	9.8
Deferred tax expenses	7.0	-0.4	-
	35.0	25.1	39.6

(6) Earnings per share

Undiluted earnings per share are calculated pursuant to IAS 33 (Earnings per Share) as the quotient of the income allocable to the shareholders of HORNBAACH HOLDING AG for the period under report and the weighted average number of shares in circulation.

Earnings per share

€ million	3rd Quarter 2006/2007	3rd Quarter 2005/2006
Consolidated net income	12.9	0.5
Additional dividend for preference shares	0.2	0.2
Consolidated net income adjusted to account for additional dividend claims	12.7	0.3
Number of ordinary shares issued	4,000,000	4,000,000
Number of preference shares issued	4,000,000	4,000,000
	8,000,000	8,000,000
Earnings per share (in €)	1.58	0.04
Additional dividend claim per preference share (in €)	0.06	0.06
Earnings per preference share (in €)	1.64	0.10

€ million	Nine Months 2006/2007	Nine Months 2005/2006
Consolidated net income	56.1	33.9
Additional dividend for preference shares	0.2	0.2
Consolidated net income adjusted to account for additional dividend claims	55.9	33.7
Number of ordinary shares issued	4,000,000	4,000,000
Number of preference shares issued	4,000,000	4,000,000
	8,000,000	8,000,000
Earnings per share (in €)	6.98	4.21
Additional dividend claim per preference share (in €)	0.06	0.06
Earnings per preference share (in €)	7.04	4.27

(7) Other disclosures

The personnel expenses of the HORNBAACH HOLDING AG Group amounted to € 293.9 million at the end of the first nine months as of November 30, 2006 (previous year: € 286.9m).

Depreciation and amortization totaling € 57.2 million was undertaken on intangible assets and property, plant and equipment at the HORNBAACH HOLDING AG Group in the first nine months of the 2006/2007 financial year (previous year: € 56.7m).

(8) Dividends

In accordance with the proposal made by the Board of Management and Supervisory Board of HORNBAACH HOLDING AG, following the approval by the Annual General Meeting held on July 14, 2006 dividends of € 1.08 per ordinary share and of € 1.14 per preference share were distributed to shareholders for the 2005/2006 financial year.

(9) Financial debt

In the first nine months of the 2006/2007 financial year, HORNBAACH-Baumarkt-AG took up an unsecured borrowers' note loan amounting to € 80 million, mainly for the purpose of redeeming mortgage loans reaching final maturity. The borrowers' note loan has a floating interest rate based on the 6-month EURIBOR rate and is to be repaid at the end of its term of five years. A forward swap with identical terms was already concluded in the 2005/2006 financial year in order to hedge the interest rate. The swap enables the half-yearly interest paid on the basis of the 6-month EURIBOR rate to be secured at a level of 3.128% plus a bank margin. Given that the requirements governing hedge accounting were fulfilled upon the issuing of the borrowers' note loan on June 30, 2006, the changes in the value of the swap have been reported in the hedging reserve from this date onwards.

Furthermore, HORNBAACH-Baumarkt-AG has agreed a syndicated credit line of € 200.0 million, mainly to replace bilateral credit lines. This syndicated credit line is linked to compliance with customary bank covenants, such as the EBITDA/interest ratio. Any failure to comply with the covenant ratios or other obligations, which mainly correspond to the obligations also governing the bond issued in 2004, may result in the immediate termination of the credit line. This credit line had not been drawn down as of November 30, 2006. The HORNBAACH HOLDING AG Group had total credit lines of € 510.1 million at the reporting date, of which € 448.1 million were not utilized.

(10) Share option plans

Within the framework of the 1999 share option plan at HORNBAACH-Baumarkt-AG, a total of 249,575 subscription rights were exercised in accordance with the terms and conditions of the share option plan during the exercise windows from May 20 to May 27, 2006, from July 7 to July 14, 2006 and from September 29 to October 6, 2006. Moreover, a total of 13,044 share options relating to the 2003 phantom stock plan at HORNBAACH-Baumarkt-AG and 10,290 share options relating to the share option plan at HORNBAACH HOLDING AG were exercised in the same period.

Furthermore, within the framework of the 1997 share option plan at HORNBACH-Baumarkt-AG, 15,000 convertible bonds were converted into shares in HORNBACH-Baumarkt-AG within the conversion period from July 18 to August 7, 2006.

(11) Own shares

On September 11, 2006, the Board of Management of HORNBACH-Baumarkt-AG resolved pursuant to Section 71 (1) No. 2 of the German Stock Corporation Act (AktG) to acquire up to 20,000 own shares. The buyback of shares on the basis of this management board resolution is to be undertaken in accordance with the safe harbour regulations set out in Section 20a (3) of the German Securities Trading Act (WpHG) in conjunction with Regulation (EC) No. 2273/2003 of the European Commission dated December 22, 2003. The buyback of shares is restricted to the period from September 11, 2006 to December 31, 2006. The shares are to be purchased to cover the annual issue of employee shares, a process which has now been completed. A total of 11,499 shares had been acquired as of November 30, 2006.

(12) Events subsequent to the balance sheet date

The "Law setting out tax measures accompanying the introduction of the European Company and amending further tax regulations" (SEStEG) came into force on December 12. Among other provisions, this law stipulates that the refunding of corporate income tax credits resulting from the retention of earnings in connection with the previously applicable corporate income tax law should no longer be linked to any distribution of earnings. The corporate income tax credit is to be calculated for the final time as of December 31, 2006 and subsequently to be distributed in 10 equal annual amounts in each case as of September 30 starting in 2008. The HORNBACH HOLDING AG Group is expected to have corporate income tax refund claims of € 24.3 million on the final calculation date pursuant to Section 37 of the German Corporate Income Tax Act (KStG), which will require capitalization as tax claims with a present value of € 19.1 million and will result in a corresponding level of non-period tax income.

(13) Segmental reporting

Nine Months 2006/2007 in € million Nine Months 2005/2006 in € million	Retail	Real Estate	Miscellaneous and Consolidation	HORNBACH HOLDING AG Group
Segment income	2,021.4	114.3	-112.3	2,023.4
	1,889.7	105.3	-103.0	1,892.0
Sales to external third parties	2,021.4	0.0	0.0	2,021.4
	1,889.7	0.0	0.0	1,889.7
Rental income from affiliated companies, internal rental income	0.0	112.3	-112.3	0.0
	0.0	103.0	-103.0	0.0
Rental income from external third parties	0.0	2.0	0.0	2.0
	0.0	2.3	0.0	2.3
Segment earnings (EBIT)	94.4	49.2	-11.2	132.4
	60.0	50.5	-15.2	95.3
Depreciation and amortization	30.6	19.6	7.0	57.2
	31.6	19.0	6.1	56.7
EBITDA	125.0	68.8	-4.2	189.6
	91.6	69.5	-9.1	152.0

Neustadt an der Weinstraße, December 21, 2006

The Board of Management of HORNBACH HOLDING Aktiengesellschaft