



PRESS RELEASE

ACERINOX GROUP ACHIEVE THE BEST NET RESULT IN ITS HISTORY: 503 MILLION EUROS, 3.3 TIMES HIGHER THAN 2005 RESULT

IT CONFIRMS ITS LEADERSHIP AS THE SECOND STAINLESS STEEL WORLD PRODUCER

ACERINOX has been able to take advantage of the good evolution of the stainless steel market in 2006, which has been featured by the excellent demand, catalysed by the strong increases of nickel quotation and the abnormally low stock levels at the beginning of the year in all markets. It has also been enhanced by the good growth of the world economy.

PRODUCTION OF ACERINOX GROUP. YEAR 2006

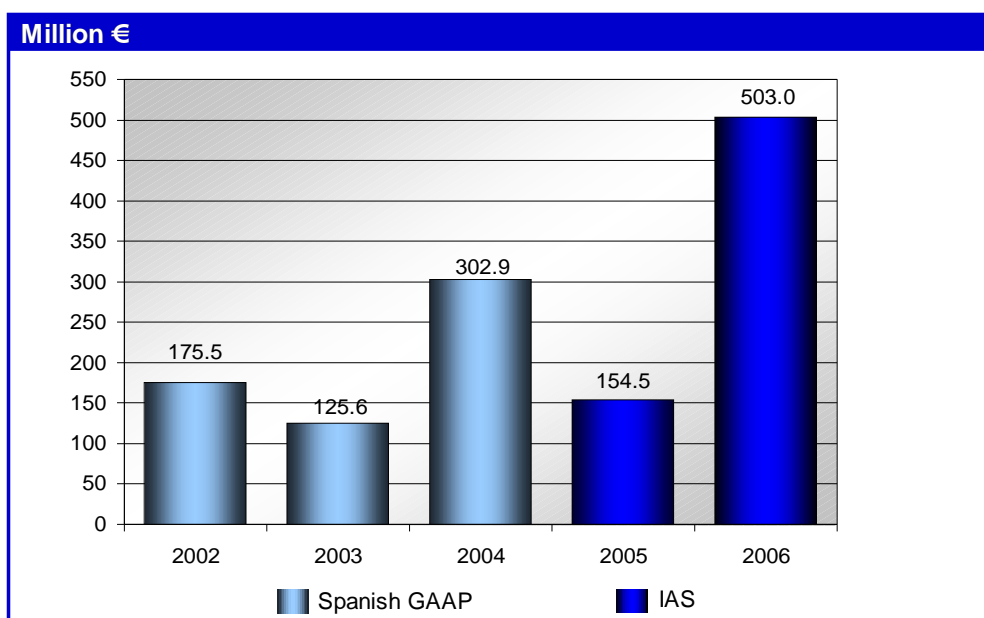
Metric Tonnes					
FLAT PRODUCTS	ACERINOX	NAS	COLUMBUS	TOTAL	Variation over 2005
MELTING SHOP	1,011,642	849,504	727,132	2,588,278	+15.5%
HOT ROLLING SHOP	844,134	722,701	682,006	2,248,841	+11.7%
COLD ROLLING SHOP	626,453	583,663	384,938	1,595,054	+8.5%
LONG PRODUCTS	ROLDAN	NAS		TOTAL	Variation over 2005
HOT ROLLING SHOP	151,589	100,337		251,926	+28.0%

In this framework, the companies of our Group have achieved record productions. The melting shop totalled 2.6 million Mt (+15.5%), which confirms our leadership as the second stainless steel producer worldwide. Flat products hot rolling production amounted to 2.2 million Mt, which is 11.7% higher and cold rolling production, 1.6 million Mt, increases by 8.5%. Long products output, 252,000 Mt, also increased by 28%.

The strategy of geographical diversification of the Group factories and the successful investments carried out in the last years, have allowed us to take full advantage of the good market situation in order to obtain record results.

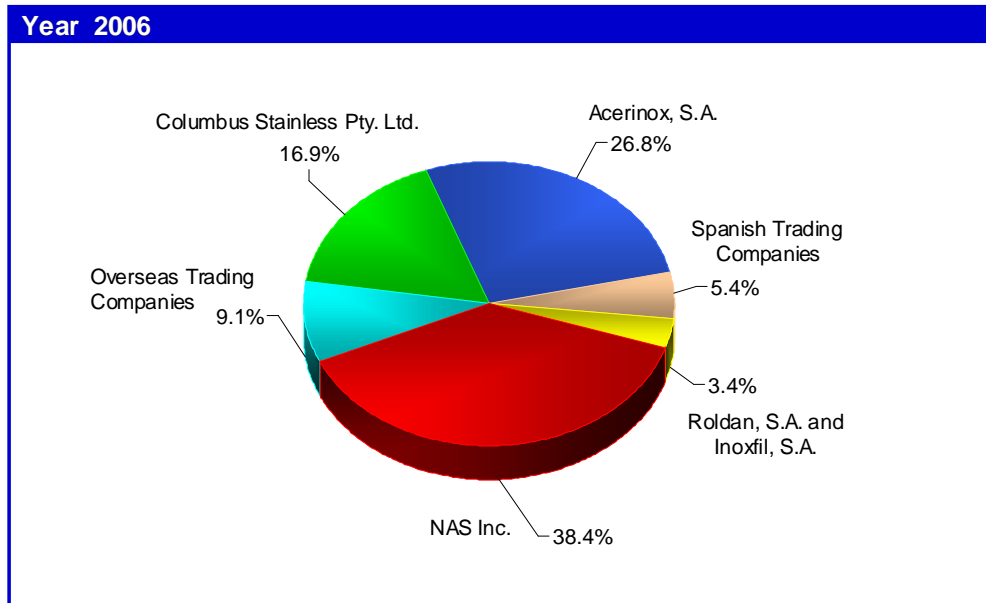
(Thousand €)	2006	2005	Variation
Net Sales	5,637,227	4,213,559	33.8%
EBITDA	957,776	415,418	130.6%
EBIT	858,412	257,928	232.8%
Profit before taxes and minorities	800,482	228,214	250.8%
Depreciation	131,776	111,774	17.9%
Gross Cash Flow	932,258	339,989	174.2%
Profit after taxes and minorities	502,991	154,468	225.6%
Net Cash Flow	634,767	266,242	138.4%

EVOLUTION OF THE RESULT AFTER TAXES AND MINORITIES ACERINOX GROUP



The main contribution to these results has been that of NORTH AMERICAN STAINLESS with 38.4%, followed by ACERINOX, S.A. with 26.8% and COLUMBUS STAINLESS with 16.9%.

CONTRIBUTION TO THE RESULT AFTER TAXES AND MINORITIES CONSOLIDATED GROUP



ACERINOX, S.A. has increased its melting production by 11.3% up to 1.01 million Mt. With Net Sales amounting to 2,279 million euros, 42% higher, Net Results, 140.3 million euros, have also been 96.2% higher.

NORTH AMERICAN STAINLESS (NAS) has increased its melting shop production to 849,504 Mt, which means 10.7% increase. Net Sales, 2,505 million USD, is 26.4% higher and Net Profit, 240.4 million USD, also increases by 80%.

Our South African Subsidiary, COLUMBUS STAINLESS, has increased its melting shop production by 28.7% up to 727,132 Mt. Net Sales, 1,459 million euros, is 74% higher and its Net Profit has totalled 111.2 million euros.

Our long products factory, ROLDAN, S.A., has also achieved record results, 151,589 Mt, 17% higher than the outputs obtained in 2005. Net Sales, 412 million euros, improves by 28% productions of the year before and Net Profit, 16.5 million euros, is 2.4 times the figure of 2005.

In year 2006 two new service centres have been brought into operation in North America: Guelph (Canada) and Atlanta (USA), apart from two new warehouses in China (Shangai y Foshan).

ACERINOX Group has undertaken an ambitious investment program for 2007 and 2008 for an amount of 437 million euros, which will rise the melting shop capacity to 3.5 million Mt, the hot rolling capacity to 3.1 million Mt, out of which 2 million Mt correspond to cold rolling capacity. Long Product capacity will increase up to 400,000 Mt.

ACERINOX, S.A. Board of Directors in its meeting held on the 27th February has approved a second Interim dividend on account on Year 2006, for 0.10 euros per share, which will be effective on the 4th April.

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