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DE'LONGHI SpA: Sales growth of about 7.5% in the first half of 2006

In the first half of 2006 sales reported an increase of about 7.5% compared to the period January-June 2005.

In the second quarter of 2006, consolidated sales for the De' Longhi Group showed a flat trend compared to the same period of 2005.

At a comparable consolidation scope⁽¹⁾, sales of the De' Longhi Group would have grown by about 1.5% in the second quarter of 2006 and by about 8.5% in the first half of 2006.

In the first half of 2006 both the Group's divisions, household and professional reported a growth of sales. In the household division food and beverage processors, electric ovens and oil-filled radiators all contributed significantly to the sales increase in this segment; in the professional division, both water-filled radiators and large thermo-cooling machines recorded increasing revenues.

In terms of geographical area, in the first half sales grew in Europe (mainly in Germany and Eastern Europe). Worthy of note was the increase of revenues in North America and in the countries within the Rest of the World (in particular Russia and Oceania).

Foreseeable business development

The De' Longhi Group confirms its expectations to be able to achieve a sales growth for the FY 2006.

(1)The comparable consolidation perimeter excludes for the month of June 2005 Elba, a company sold by the De' Longhi Group on 14th June 2006 and deconsolidated as from 1st June 2006.



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