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EMS Group: Annual results 2007

- **Very satisfactory operational growth**
- **Net financial income again high**
- **Special dividend to be distributed**
- **Share repurchase by way of tradable put options**

With its companies combined in EMS-CHEMIE HOLDING AG and with global activities in the business areas **Performance Polymers** and **Fine Chemicals / Engineering**, the EMS Group reports net sales increased by 11.2% and net operating income up by 9.5% for 2007. This result is in the higher range of the Group's own expectations.

Consolidated **net sales** increased by 11.2% to CHF 1,552 million (1,396), the corresponding increase in local currencies is 9.2%. The main area Performance Polymers was expanded further. The very satisfactory course of business was supported by the positive economic situation in the main sales markets Europe and Asia.

Net operating income (**EBIT**) was increased by 9.5% over the previous year to CHF 270 million (247), **EBITDA** by 8.6% to CHF 324 million (298). Despite higher raw material costs, an increase of 13.7% was achieved in net operating income for the main area **Performance Polymers** .

Net financial income amounted again to an exceptionally high CHF 64 million (118). (The high net financial income for the previous year was the result of a one-off sale of shares from the LONZA investment).

Net income after taxes amounted to CHF 294 million (308). Earnings per share are CHF 12.14 (12.99).

For the 2007 business year, EMS plans to distribute a **dividend** of CHF 7.25 per share (8.00) comprising an ordinary gross dividend of CHF 6.00 (5.50) as well as a special gross dividend of CHF 1.25 (2.50). In addition, a **share repurchase** by way of tradable put options amounting to CHF 300 million is planned.

EMS will continue with the current **strategy** of consistent concentration on operational growth through speciality products, with specific focus on the main area Performance Polymers.

Despite a more difficult market environment and with the same basis for consolidation, EMS expects net sales and net operating income (EBIT) for 2008 to be slightly above the previous year.

The following events will take place on Friday, February 15, 2008
at the Swissôtel in Zurich-Oerlikon:

at 10.00 a.m. the financial media conference
and
at 02.00 p.m. the financial analysts conference

You will be furnished with the detailed media information
after the media conference at approx. 12.00 a.m.

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