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## **Daimler AG: Daimler AG Board of Management recommends Supervisory Board to cancel 2009 dividend**

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Stuttgart - Daimler AG (stock exchange symbol DAI) today presented the preliminary and unaudited results of the Group and its divisions for the year 2009.

The Group's net loss was significant at EUR2,644 million (2008: plus EUR1,414 million). Earnings per share amounted to minus EUR2.63 (2008: plus EUR1.41).

Due to the net loss, the Board of Management recommends to the Supervisory Board that no dividend should be distributed for the year 2009 (2008: 0.60 EUR). This decision is solely a reflection of the course of business in 2009 and is not related to the Group's expected business development this year.

In a very challenging economic environment in 2010, Daimler expects to post Group EBIT of more than EUR2.3 billion from its ongoing business. This will be the result of the market success of new products, a moderate upward development of the most important markets, and intensified efforts to increase efficiency.

The figures in this document are preliminary and have not yet been approved by the Supervisory Board nor audited by the external auditors.

Further information on Daimler is available on the internet at: <http://media.daimler.com>

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activities in the NAFTA region and in Asia; the business outlook of companies in which we hold an equity interest, most notably EADS; changes in laws, regulations and government policies, particularly those relating to vehicle emissions, fuel economy and safety, the resolution of pending governmental investigations and the outcome of pending or threatened future legal proceedings; and other risks and uncertainties, some of which we describe under the heading 'Risk Report' in Daimler's most recent Annual Report and under the headings 'Risk Factors' and 'Legal Proceedings' in Daimler's most recent Annual Report on Form 20-F filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission. If any of these risks and uncertainties materialize, or if the assumptions underlying any of our forward-looking statements prove incorrect, then our actual results may be materially different from those we express or imply by such statements. We do not intend or assume any obligation to update these forward-looking statements. Any forward-looking statement speaks only as of the date on which it is made.

#### About Daimler

Daimler AG is one of the world's most successful automotive companies. With its divisions Mercedes-Benz Cars, Daimler Trucks, Mercedes-Benz Vans, Daimler Buses and Daimler Financial Services, the Daimler Group is one of the biggest producers of premium cars and the world's biggest manufacturer of commercial vehicles with a global reach. Daimler Financial Services provides its customers with a full range of automotive financial services including financing, leasing, insurance and fleet management.

The company's founders, Gottlieb Daimler and Carl Benz, made history with the invention of the automobile in the year 1886. As an automotive pioneer, Daimler continues to shape the future of mobility. The Group applies innovative and green technologies to produce safe and superior vehicles which fascinate and delight its customers. With the development of alternative drive systems, Daimler is the only vehicle producer investing in hybrid drive, electric motors and fuel-cell systems, with the goal of achieving emission-free mobility in the long term. This is just one example of how Daimler willingly accepts the challenge of meeting its responsibility towards society and the environment.

Daimler sells its vehicles and services in nearly all the countries of the world and has production facilities on five continents. Its current brand portfolio includes, in addition to the world's most valuable automotive brand, Mercedes-Benz, the brands smart, Maybach, Freightliner, Western Star, Fuso, Setra, Orion and Thomas Built Buses. The company is listed on the stock exchanges of Frankfurt, New York and Stuttgart (stock exchange symbol DAI). In 2009, the Group sold 1.6 million vehicles and employed a workforce of more than 256,000 people; revenue totaled EUR78.9 billion and EBIT amounted minus EUR1.5 billion.

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