

Investor Relations Release

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DaimlerChrysler achieves €5.7 billion operating profit in 2003

- **Operating profit from ongoing business of more than €5 billion**
- **Net income of €0.4 billion**
- **Group revenues of €136.4 billion**
- **Board of Management proposes a dividend of €1.50 per share for 2003**

Stuttgart/Auburn Hills – DaimlerChrysler (stock-exchange abbreviation DCX) has announced preliminary figures for the Group's performance in the 2003 financial year. An operating profit of €5.7 billion was achieved (2002: €6.9 billion). This figure included restructuring expenses of €469 million in line with Chrysler Group's turnaround plan that was decided on in 2001, relating to for example the sale or closure of component factories and additional job reductions. On the other hand, operating profit also includes a capital gain of €1.0 billion from the sale of the MTU Aero Engines business unit. Thus, operating profit excluding these two items amounted to €5.1 billion. DaimlerChrysler therefore achieved its own goal for its ongoing business in last year's very difficult market environment.

Net income amounted to €0.4 billion (2002: €4.7 billion), and earnings per share were €0.44 (2002: €4.68). The main reasons for the reduction in net income were the lower operating profit than in the prior year, and the impairment of €2.0 billion on DaimlerChrysler's investment in EADS. This impairment had to be recognized at the end of the third quarter due to United States Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (US GAAP) and the regulations of the United States Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC). However, on December 31, 2003, as a result of the higher EADS share price, the market value of DaimlerChrysler's EADS holding again exceeded the reduced carrying value by around €1.4 billion.

DaimlerChrysler's total revenues in 2003 decreased by 7% to €136.4 billion. Adjusted for currency translation effects, revenues increased by 3%.

The Board of Management proposes to the Supervisory Board that a dividend of €1.50 per share should be distributed for the 2003 financial year (2002: €1.50). The total dividend distribution would then amount to €1.519 billion (2002: €1.519 billion). The final decision on the level of the dividend will be taken at the Annual Meeting, which is to be held in Berlin on April 7, 2004.

DaimlerChrysler will present details of the 2003 consolidated financial statements at the Annual Press Conference on February 19, 2004.

DaimlerChrysler – key figures for 2003

DaimlerChrysler Group	2003		2002
	US \$	€ (Euro)	€ (Euro)
Revenues, in millions ¹⁾	171,870	136,437	147,368
Operating profit, in millions	7,163	5,686	6,854 ²⁾
Net income, in millions	564	448	4,718 ²⁾
Earnings per share	0.55	0.44	4.68 ²⁾
Proposed dividend		1.50	1.50

1) Adjusted for currency translation effects increase by 3%

2) In 2002, one-time effects had a net positive impact on operating profit, net income and eps (e.g. sale of T-Systems).

Currency translation: €1 = US \$1.2597 (noon buying rate on December 31, 2003)

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