

HOCHDORF Group – Advance Press Release: Financial Statement 2007

HOCHDORF Group achieves record turnover and milk volumes and plans to raise capital

Hochdorf, 15 January 2008 – The food group HOCHDORF processed a record volume of milk in the fiscal year 2007, up 12.6 % from the previous year's 262 million kilos to 295 million kilos – an all-time high in the company's 112-year history. Total unconsolidated gross turnover amounted to CHF 323.0 million, up 10.4% from the previous year's CHF 292.7 million. In line with the rise in share value, the company's market capitalisation grew 64.6% during the reporting year from CHF 71.1 to CHF 117.0 million.

CEO Damian Henzi announced that the company was also forecasting record earnings for 2007. The company's equity ratio – currently standing at 53.7% – will be raised still further. The Group employed a workforce of 430 as per year-end, i.e. 25 more employees than in the previous year. Production facilities are operating at full capacity and exports on the rise have prompted the Board to approve a capacity extension programme costing CHF 60 million for the next two years.

Capital increase

To ensure proper financing for the capacity extension and to keep funds back for possible acquisitions, the shareholders meeting of 16 May 2008 will be asked to approve a capital increase with a ratio of 2:1 to raise an immediate CHF 3 million, together with a further tranche of CHF 3 million in approved capital. This represents a doubling of the share capital from a nominal CHF 6 million to CHF 12 million.

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The HOCHDORF Group is headquartered in Hochdorf, Switzerland. It maintains three production facilities and employs a workforce numbering over 430. It is one of Switzerland's leading food companies. Extracted from natural resources such as milk and wheat germ, HOCHDORF products have been contributing to the health and well-being of people of all ages, from babies to senior citizens, ever since 1895. Customers include the food industry, the retail trade, bakeries and the catering industry. HOCHDORF products are available in over 40 countries.

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