

# Press Release

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## Klöckner & Co confirms positive forecast for 2006

**Duisburg, January 22, 2007** - According to provisional figures for the financial year 2006, the sales of the Klöckner & Co-Group are slightly higher than forecast, at some € 5.5 billion, with an EBITDA of some € 395 million. Moreover, the net cash indebtedness of about € 375 million is below the anticipated value.

The positive overall development was underpinned by the continued systematic implementation of the STAR performance program, consistent demand and additional growth from acquisitions. Going forward the company expects that the positive sales and earnings development, also driven by acquisitions, will continue in the first quarter and for the whole of 2007.

Klöckner & Co is publishing more detailed information and the final figures for 2006 on March 29, 2007. The data will be available on the internet at [www.kloeckner.de](http://www.kloeckner.de) from 08:00 CEST.

### About Klöckner & Co:

Klöckner & Co is the largest producer-independent steel and metal distributor in the European and North American markets combined. The core business of the Klöckner & Co-Group is the storage and distribution of steel and non-ferrous metals. About 200,000 active customers are supplied through approximately 240 distribution locations in 14 countries in Europe and North America.

Klöckner & Co was founded more than 100 years ago by Peter Klöckner. During the financial year 2005, the company achieved sales of approximately €5 billion with around 10,000 employees.

The shares of Klöckner & Co Aktiengesellschaft are admitted to trading on the official market segment (*Amtlicher Markt*) of the Frankfurt Stock Exchange (*Frankfurter*



Wertpapierbörse) with simultaneous admission to the sub-segment (Prime Standard) to the official market with further post-admission obligations. ISIN: DE000KC01000; WKN: KC0100; Common Code: 025808576.

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