# **AS Merko Ehitus**

# Group

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# **Consolidated Annual Report**

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#### MANAGEMENT REPORT

#### General information

Merko Ehitus is a leading construction group which offers complete solutions and whose companies are located in Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania. Merko Ehitus was set up in 1990. The Group consists of 32 subsidiaries and 7 associates and joint ventures, the largest ones of which are SIA Merks (100%), UAB Merko Statyba (100%), Tallinna Teede AS (100%), AS Gustaf (75%), OÜ Gustaf Tallinn (80%), AS Merko Tartu (66%), OÜ Woody (100%) and AS Tartu Maja Betoontooted (25%).

In 2006, the following changes took place in the Group's structure:

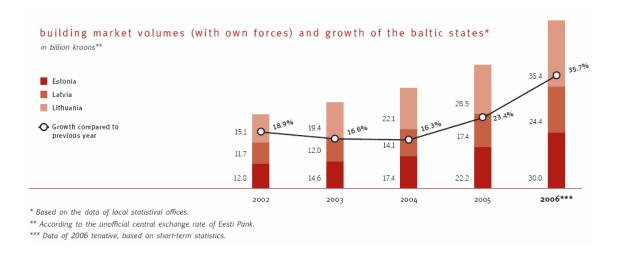
- In February, AS Merko Ehitus sold its 12% holding in the associate AS Telegrupp for 1.85 million kroons and in June, the remaining 19% shares of AS Telegrupp for 3.0 million kroons.
- In June, AS Merko Ehitus sold its 25% holding in the subsidiary AS Gustaf for 5.13 million kroons.
- In December, the Latvian subsidiary of AS Merko Ehitus, SIA Merks sold its 100% holding in the company SIA Arena Riga as a non-core business for 17.61 million euros (275.5 million kroons).
- In December, AS Merko Ehitus sold its 100% holding in OÜ Rannamõisa Kinnisvara for 31.89 million kroons. The sale transaction was recorded as a sale of real estate property in the Group accounting.

#### Overview of the construction market and its developments

The availability of unlimited funds and strong domestic consumption determined the development of the construction market in 2006. The demand was strong in the sector and the Baltic construction market as a whole grew by 35.7% in a year. In 2006, construction works were performed in the Baltic region for 89.8 billion kroons which is 23.6 billion kroons more than in 2005. Continuing appreciation of construction prices contributed significantly to this growth.

The sector's growth was the fastest in Latvia, where the market grew in current prices by 39.7% in a year and reached 24.5 billion kroons. According to the data by the Estonian Statistical Office, the Estonian construction companies performed construction works with their own workforces in Estonia and foreign countries for 31.4 billion kroons, which is 35.2% more than a year ago. In Estonia, construction works were performed for 30.1 billion kroons and in foreign countries, for 1.3 billion kroons. Fast growth also continued in the Lithuanian construction market which increased by 33.1% and 35.7 billion kroons. Despite fast growth in Latvia and Lithuania, the ratios characterising construction production stayed relatively low as compared with Estonia: construction works per capita were performed for 1493 euros in Estonia, 675 euros in Latvia and 668 euros in Lithuania.

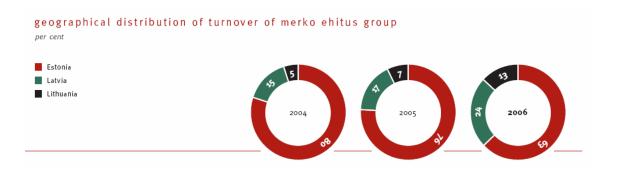
A major part of the growth of the construction market has come from residential construction over the last several years. The year 2006 was characterised by stabilisation of the residential market in Lithuania and Estonia, and as a result, interest towards real estate properties available for development decreased and their prices stabilised. In Latvia, the prices for residential housing continued to climb, appreciating by 30-40% in a year. Other main reason for the price appreciation was inadequate supply due to limited construction capacity and growing demand arising from speculative interest and availability of funds. In 2006, 5068 dwellings were completed in Estonia, 5865 in Latvia and 7292 in Lithuania.



Fast volume growth had an effect on the supply of labour and construction materials and was the driving force behind continuing appreciation of construction prices, which exceeded the growth of the consumer price index several times. The most critical situation occurred in respect of qualified labour, as simultaneously with volume growth, skilled labour left en masse to the EU countries with higher standards of living. The construction services appreciated by 20.9% in Latvia, 10.3% in Estonia and 9.8% in Lithuania, and labour costs appreciated by 44.2% in Latvia, 18.7% in Estonia and 17.5% in Lithuania.

#### Results of operations

The year 2006 was a challenging one for the Group and ended with the highest ever turnover and net profit. In 2006, the sales revenue of Merko Ehitus totalled 4 414 million kroons, increasing by 36.6% in a year. The volume of construction works performed outside of Estonia increased from 24.5% to 36.7% of the total sales revenue of the Group. In 2006, Estonia contributed 63.3%, Latvia 23.9% and Lithuania 12.8% to sales growth. As compared with 2005, sales revenue increased by 14.5% in Estonia, 88.5% in Latvia and 144.4% in Lithuania.

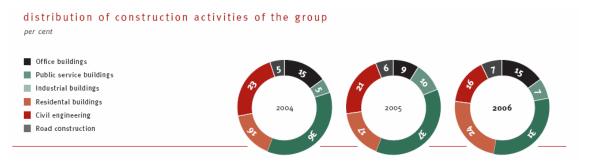


The consolidated sales revenue of the Group's largest companies over the 12 months of 2006 was:

in thousand kroons and euros

|                                    | 2006      |         | 2005      |         |
|------------------------------------|-----------|---------|-----------|---------|
|                                    | EEK       | EUR     | EEK       | EUR     |
| Estonian companies                 |           |         | i         |         |
| Construction:                      |           |         | i         |         |
| AS Merko Ehitus (parent company)   | 1 864 882 | 119 188 | 1 779 827 | 113 752 |
| AS Gustaf (75% ownership)          | 97 049    | 6 203   | 60 922    | 3 894   |
| OÜ Gustaf Tallinn (80% ownership)  | 124 068   | 7 929   | 77 555    | 4 957   |
| AS Merko Tartu (66% ownership)     | 255 769   | 16 347  | 232 972   | 14 890  |
| Tallinna Teede AS (100% ownership) | 317 591   | 20 298  | 204 005   | 13 038  |
| OÜ Woody (100% ownership)          | 306 354   | 19 580  | 106 080   | 6 780   |
| Latvian companies                  |           |         |           |         |
| Construction:                      |           |         |           |         |
| SIA Merks (100% ownership)         | 973 636   | 62 227  | 545 068   | 34 836  |
| Lithuanian companies               |           |         |           |         |
| Construction:                      |           |         |           |         |
| UAB Merko Statyba (100% ownership) | 507 309   | 32 423  | 208 850   | 13 348  |

Engineering construction contributed 16%, residential construction/development 24%, administrative buildings 31%, office buildings 15%, industrial buildings 7% and road construction 7% to the Group's revenue. Of construction activities, 83% was new structure and 17% was renovation and reconstruction works. In 2006, the Group entered into construction contracts with the total volume of 6 754 million kroons and as at 31.12.06, the Group's contract portfolio totalled 5245 million kroons.



The Group's key events in the year 2006 were related to the Latvian subsidiary SIA Merks which turned 10 last year. At the beginning of the year, a multifunctional recreational centre accommodating 12 thousand people was opened in the district of Skanstes Street which was built by SIA Merks in co-operation with Merko Ehitus. During its first eleven months of operation under the management of SIA Merks, 126 events (including 33 ice-hockey world championships games) were arranged there, 520 000 people visited the complex, the revenue from operating the complex totalled LVL 2 533 000 and operating profit amounted to LVL 425 000. Despite initial success, management considered the risks of operating the complex high and irrelevant for the attainment of the Group's strategic goals; therefore the recreational unit was divested. At 11.12.2006, SIA Merks entered into a sales agreement to divest its holding in the company SIA Arena Riga for 17.61 million euros.

An important acknowledgement of the activities of SIA Merks during the year 2006 was the second prize awarded at the Competition of the Best Building of 2006 by the Latvian Construction Companies Association for the building of Riga Arena built by SIA Merks and the title of the best building of the year for the residential complex of Rūpniecības.

#### The largest completed projects of 2006 were:

| Viimsi schoolhouse              | new facility | Randvere tee 8, Viimsi, Harjumaa     | 18 197 m²    | AS Merko Ehitus    |
|---------------------------------|--------------|--------------------------------------|--------------|--------------------|
| Shopping centre                 | new facility | Mustakivi tee 17, Tallinn            | 11 279 m²    | AS Merko Ehitus    |
| Port of Saaremaa                | new facility | Ninase village, Mustjala rural       | 11 200 m²    | AS Merko Ehitus    |
|                                 |              | municipality, Saaremaa               |              |                    |
| Iru social welfare<br>buildings | new facility | Hooldekodu tee 21 and 23, Tallinn    | 10 387 m²    | AS Merko Ehitus    |
| Stage 2 of residential          | new facility | Sarapuu põik, Tabasalu, Harjumaa     | 9080 m²      | AS Merko Ehitus    |
| buildings at Tabasalu           | ,            |                                      |              |                    |
|                                 |              | Mooni 89b, Räägu 10c, Räägu 10b,     |              |                    |
| Apartment buildings and         |              | Tallinn Kännu tn. 32/ Lehe tn. 31,   |              |                    |
| townhouses                      | new facility | Tallinn Räägu tn. 12b/ Kännu tn. 30, | 14 789 m²    | OÜ Woody           |
| townnouses                      |              | Tallinn Räägu tn. 12/ Lehe tn. 29    |              |                    |
|                                 |              | Tallinn Kolde pst. 67, Tallinn       |              |                    |
| Stage 3 of shopping             | new facility | Lielirbes 29a, Riga                  | 27 378 m²    | SIA Merks          |
| centre Spice                    | new racinty  | Lielli Des 23a, Riga                 | 27 370 111-  | SIA MEIKS          |
| Apartment building              | new facility | Rūpniecības 21, Riga                 | 13 962 m²    | SIA Merks          |
| Administrative building         | new facility | Taikos pst. 88A, Vilnius             | 4028 m²      | UAB Merko Statyba  |
| of UAB Univesa                  | new racinty  | raikos pst. ooz., viiilius           | 4020 III     | OAD MEIKO Statyba  |
| Section of Jõhvi-Tartu-         |              | Section of Jõhvi-Tartu-Valga         |              |                    |
| Valga Highway no. 209,          | reconstruc-  | Highway no. 209, section 209.2-      | 100 000 m²   | Tallinna Teede AS  |
| section 209.2-217.4 and         | tion         | 217.4 and Transport Street in        | 100 000 1112 | Tallillia Teede AS |
| Transport Street in Valga       |              | Valga                                |              |                    |
| Road construction of            |              |                                      |              |                    |
| Mustakivi Road                  | reconstruct- | Mustakivi taa Tallina                | 14 935m²     | Tallinna Teede AS  |
| (Tähesaju - Laagna              | tion         | Mustakivi tee, Tallinn               | 14 9351112   | raillina reede AS  |
| Road)                           |              |                                      |              |                    |
| Logistics Centre of A. Le       | now facility | Tähtvere village, Tartumaa           | 15 692 m²    | AS Merko Tartu     |
| Coq Tartu Beer Factory          | new facility | rantvere village, Taltullida         | 13 032 1112  | AS MEIKO TATLU     |
|                                 |              |                                      |              |                    |

Due to the volume growth and appreciation of labour and material costs, the cost of goods sold increased by 36.1% and the distribution and administrative expenses increased by 14.6%, contributing 84.4% and 3.9%, respectively, to sales revenue. Despite fast appreciation of costs related to construction activities and tense situation with regard to labour supply, the Company was able to retain its gross margin at 15.6% and increase its operating margin from 13.5% to 14.3%.

In 2006, the Group's net profit totalled 581.7 million kroons. Extraordinary income from the sale of holdings contributed 125.1 million kroons, development activities 284.7 million kroons, construction activities 164.2 million kroons and financial activities 7.7 million kroons to net profit. The Group's net profit margin before extraordinary income was 10.3% and the profit margin from construction activities was 4.6%.

In a year, the Group's net profit increased by 32.6% and the net profit from other countries increased by 155.4%. For the first time, the net profit earned by the Latvian and Lithuanian business units (252.2 million kroons) exceeded that of the parent company AS Merko Ehitus of 218.1 million kroons.



In 2006, the Group's total cash flows totalled +411.7 million kroons, of which the cash flows from operating activities totalled +155.7 million kroons. The cash flows from operating activities of the reporting period were mostly affected by the operating profit of +632.9 million kroons, a change in inventories -363.6 million kroons, a change in receivables and prepayments related to operating activities -189.2 million kroons, a change in liabilities and prepayments +165.3 million kroons, loss from the sale of non-current assets -122.4 million kroons and prepaid corporate income tax paid 44.0 million kroons. The Group's cash flows from investing activities totalled +234.4 million kroons, of this amount the proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment totalled +290.8 million kroons, loan repayments received totalled +287.0 million kroons, loans granted in the reporting period -275.4 million kroons, investments into property, plant and equipment -76.3 million kroons and other income from investing activities +8.3 million kroons. The Company's cash flows from financing activities totalled +21.6 million kroons, of which the balance of credit liabilities assumed/repaid totalled +113.5 million kroons and dividends paid -91.9 million kroons.

The ratios and methodology of calculating the financial ratios describing the Company's main operations were as follows:

|  | 2004  | 2005  | 2006  |
|--|-------|-------|-------|
| Net profit margin                              | 9.5%  | 13.6% | 13.2% |
| Net profit margin *                            | 8.8%  | 9.0%  | 10.3% |
| Operating profit margin                        | 10.3% | 13.5% | 14.3% |
| Return on equity per annum                     | 49.9% | 48.2% | 43.2% |
| Return on assets per annum                     | 24.1% | 24.9% | 21.4% |
| Equity ratio                                   | 55.3% | 49.6% | 49.6% |
| Current ratio                                  | 2.0   | 2.0   | 2.0   |
| General expense ratio                          | 3.4%  | 4.6%  | 3.9%  |
| Personnel expense ratio                        | 6.3%  | 7.3%  | 8.0%  |
| Debt ratio                                     | 3.7%  | 28.8% | 27.8% |
| Accounts receivable turnover (in days)         | 30    | 33    | 46    |
| Accounts payable turnover (in days)            | 29    | 38    | 45    |
| Sales revenue per employee (in million kroons) | 4.891 | 4.651 | 5.193 |

<sup>\*</sup> excluding extraordinary profit

Net profit margin: Net profit / Sales revenue

Operating profit margin: Operating profit / Sales revenue

Return on equity per annum: Net profit / Average equity of the period\*
Return on assets per annum: Net profit / Average assets of the period

Current ratio: Owners' equity\* / Total assets
Current ratio: Current assets / Current liabilities

General expense ratio: General expenses / Sales revenue

Personnel expense ratio: Personnel expenses / Sales revenue

Debt to equity ratio: Interest-bearing liabilities / Owners' equity\*

Accounts receivable turnover: Trade receivables / Sales revenue x 365

Accounts payable turnover: Payables to supplies / Cost of goods sold x 365

Sales revenue per employee: Sales revenue / Average number of full-time employees

#### **Business risks**

Market risks. One of the peculiarities of construction activities is the fact that the execution of the contracts entered into will take months and it ensures relatively long-term revenue stream for the companies which in turn makes the sector immune to changes in the economic environment. Due to this the changes having both a negative and positive effect on the demand for construction services will reach construction with a lag of approximately 12 months. This time is long enough to take necessary measures and avoid the worst or be prepared for the best.

It is much more difficult to estimate the changes in the demand for housing development. In 2006, the housing development differed among the Baltic countries, the prices stabilised and the sales period of apartments lengthened in Estonia and Lithuania and price appreciation continued in Latvia. How will the market be able to absorb the price appreciation of previous years? What will happen to apartments purchased as investments if housing prices no longer increase? How will the lending market adjust to interest rate hikes? Concurrent interaction between different factors in the dwelling space market is complicated and represents a significant risk for the developer. In order to anticipate potential problems, we closely follow the changes in sales numbers, the process of selling apartments is launched before the construction of the building, a preliminary contract is entered into with the buyer at the first opportunity and a deposit is collected to ensure the execution of the contract. The largest projects are divided into stages so that they can be frozen quickly and with few expenses. Development activities made up 19.2% of the turnover of Merko Ehitus in 2006. As at 31.12.06, 32 completed apartments with the cost price of 18.1 million kroons had not been sold by the Group and 839 apartments with the cost price of 428.1 million kroons were not completed, of which 404 apartments had been sold to buyers under preliminary contracts.

The accession of the Baltic countries to the European Union opened new markets for construction companies, a large gap between the new and old countries led to a massive migration of construction workers into old EU countries. Labour migration and growth of construction market volumes led to shortages of skilled labour in all Baltic countries and fast appreciation of labour costs. Developments in the labour market, convergence of prices of construction services and materials with the prices of the European Union and longer delivery dates of construction materials need to be considered when assessing the risks for long-term projects lasting longer than 12 months. In order to hedge risks we have stepped up international cooperation; in the absence of necessary skills, knowledge or work is purchased from other Baltic countries, Finland and Sweden.

<sup>\*</sup> calculated as attributable to the equity holders of the parent company

Operating risks. The Group concludes complete risk insurance contracts with insurance companies in order to hedge unanticipated loss events occurring in the construction process. The general policy is entered into for one year and it compensates the customer, subcontractors and third parties for any losses caused by Merko Ehitus or its subcontractor for up to 10 million euros. The risks of projects whose cost exceeds 10 million euros or which the annual policy does not cover (water construction, railroad construction, bridges, etc.) are additionally mapped out and an insurance contract is concluded separately for each object taking into consideration its peculiarities. In concluding employment contracts for design work, an insurance contract of professional liability is required from subcontractors covering the losses arising from design, erroneous measuring, advice and instructions. The services of insurance brokers are used in mapping out risks, concluding insurance contracts and handling loss events. In 2006, indemnity applications totalling 2.6 million kroons were submitted to insurance companies and disbursements in the amount of 0.4 million kroons were received from insurance companies and 1.9 million kroons are being processed.

The appropriate fulfilment of contractual obligations arising from employment agreements is guaranteed with bank guarantees payable on first demand. A warranty reserve has been set up at the Company to eliminate the construction errors which became evident during the warranty period. In 2006, warranty provisions were set up in the total amount of 10.7 million kroons and disbursements amounted to 9.5 million kroons. As at the year-end, the Company's warranty reserve amounted to 9.7 million kroons. With regard to work performed by subcontractors, the subcontractor shall eliminate the errors that became evident during the warranty period and the fulfilment of these obligations is guaranteed with bank guarantees.

One important part of managing operating risks is the mapping out of the situation and anticipation of risks. ISO 9001/14001 management systems have been set up at the four largest companies of the Group and the occupational health and safety system OHSAS 18001 has been set up at the parent company. Fifteen full-time quality control specialists work in the Group whose work responsibilities include ensuring the functioning of quality, work safety and management systems.

Credit risk is an inevitable part of the Company's activities. In managing credit risk, close attention is paid to the payment behaviour of partners, their financial position is analysed and if necessary, third parties are involved as guarantors. With regard to prepayments to suppliers, a bank guarantee by suppliers is required. In 2006, the payment discipline of customers somewhat deteriorated, the amount of invoices exceeding 30 and more days increased from 2.4 million kroons to 22.4 million kroons and the amount of doubtful receivables increased from 0.4 million kroons to 1.6 million kroons. Due to participation in several large public procurements, the accounts receivable turnover increased from 33 days to 46 days in a year.

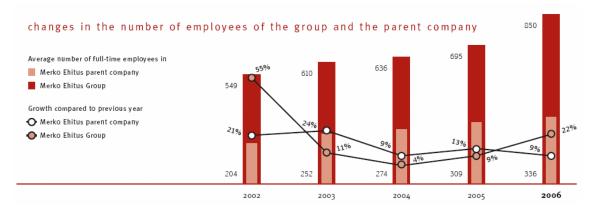
The Company's available funds are held in short-term deposits at the banks with high credit ratings (Moody's rating of A3/P-2 and higher). In order to ensure liquidity, the group companies have concluded overdraft contracts with the total value of 148 million knoons.

Interest rate risks. As at 31.12.06, the Group's interest-bearing liabilities totalled 443.1 million kroons, of which short-term loans and the current portion of long-term debt totalled 283.8 million kroons and long-term loans and finance lease liabilities totalled 159.3 million kroons. The volume of interest-bearing liabilities increased by 125.5 million kroons in a year and as at the year-end, these liabilities made up 13.8% of the Company's balance sheet total. Most of the Group's loans relate to short-term development projects the duration of which exceeds 24 months. Due to the short-term nature of loans, the effect of interest rate increases is immaterial on the final results of projects and therefore, the hedging of interest risks of these obligations is not considered appropriate.

Foreign currency risk. The Group's construction contracts are mostly concluded in a foreign currency of the country of location and open foreign currency positions in daily activities are being avoided. The most significant foreign contracts are concluded in euros. The Latvian lats, the Lithuanian litas and the Estonian kroons have been pegged to the Euro and hence the foreign currency risks of intra-group transactions have been eliminated.

#### The Company and its people

One of the main values of Merko Ehitus is its people. In a year, the number of the Group's employees increased by 155 people and at 31.12.2006, the Group had 850 full-time employees. The gross wages and salaries of the Group's full-time employees totalled 276.5 million kroons, of which the basic wages and salaries made up 68.0% and bonuses made up 32.0%, and that is 59.0% more than in 2005. In 2006, the average number of full-time employees at the parent company AS Merko Ehitus was 336, increasing by 27 employees in a year. Gross wages and salaries paid to full-time employees totalled 125.2 million kroons, the annual growth was 21.2%, incl. the growth of basic wages and salaries of 30.2% and that of bonuses of 8.0%. As compared to 2005, the average number of employees grew by 22.3% at the Group and the average gross wages and salaries grew by 29.8%.



The Management Board of AS Merko Ehitus has 5 members. The members of the Management Board were all full-time employees of AS Merko Ehitus and their gross remuneration totalled 7.1 million kroons in 2006, incl. basic remuneration of 2.8 million kroons and bonuses of 4.3 million kroons. The Supervisory Board of AS Merko Ehitus has three members and their gross remuneration in 2006 totalled 5.5 million kroons, incl. basic remuneration of 1.6 million kroons and bonuses of 3.9 million kroons. All members of the Supervisory and Management Boards work on the basis of service contracts. Upon the premature removal of a member of the Supervisory and Management Boards or non-extension of the service contract, the member is paid severance pay which equals the last 12 months' remuneration.

In 2006, the Group sponsored sports, culture and science with 8.6 million kroons. The Group's largest sponsorship project was the initiative launched in collaboration with Hansabank, Eesti Energia and the Ministry of Culture of the Republic of Estonia as well as the Estonian Ski Association called 'Estonian hiking tracks'. The goal of the project is to help develop the Estonian athletic tracks in order to ensure availability of year-round and free athletic opportunities to all interested people and to promote athletic lifestyles. SA Eesti Terviserajad was set up to implement this project. Over the last two years, the private sector has invested 20 million kroons into the hiking tracks, has cleaned 15 hiking tracks and design works have been launched with regard to 9 centres.

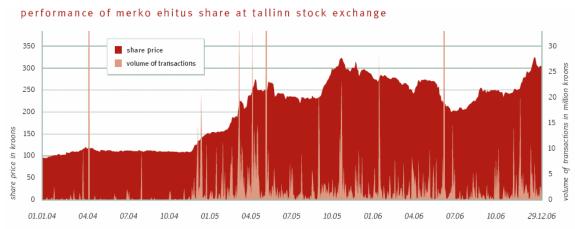
#### **Shares and shareholders**

The shares of Merko Ehitus are listed in the main list of Tallinn Stock Exchange.

|  | 31.12.2004 | 31.12.2005 | 31.12.2006 |
|--|------------|------------|------------|
| Basic earnings per share (EPS), kroons | 16.64      | 24.78      | 32.87      |
| Owners' equity per share, kroons       | 40.56      | 62.23      | 90.05      |
| P/B (price to book ratio)              | 3.75       | 4.34       | 3.41       |
| P/E (price / earnings ratio)           | 9.14       | 10.89      | 9.35       |

In 2006, 3589 transactions with the shares of Merko Ehitus were performed in the course of which 3.4 million shares were traded and the total monetary value of transactions was 832.6 million kroons. The lowest share price was 197.46 kroons and the highest price was 326.23 kroons per share. The closing price of the share as at 29.12.2006 was 307.46 kroons.

The share price of Merko Ehitus and trading volume movements on Tallinn Stock Exchange.



The share prices preceding the equity financing have been corrected to the number of shares which resulted from the equity financing carried out in 2005.

| Trading history of securities                       | 2004      | 2005      | 2006      |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Highest   | 152.16    | 327.01    | 326.23    |
| Lowest  | 93.88     | 150.21    | 197.46    |
| Closing   | 152.09    | 269.90    | 307.46    |
| Change, %   | +61.86    | +77.47    | +13.92    |
| Traded shares                                       | 1 465 632 | 2 847 923 | 3 434 847 |
| Turnover, million kroons                            | 355.98    | 1 052.38  | 832.59    |
| Market value, in million kroons, as at the year-end | 2 691.90  | 4 777.23  | 5 442.04  |

## Structure of shareholders as at 31.12.2006

| Number of shares    | ares Number of |              | Number of  | % of shares |
|---------------------|----------------|--------------|------------|-------------|
|                     | shareholders   | shareholders | shares     |             |
| 1-100               | 398            | 39.80%       | 21 918     | 0.12%       |
| 101-1000            | 451            | 45.10%       | 173 912    | 0.98%       |
| 1001-10 000         | 116            | 11.60%       | 346 672    | 1.96%       |
| 10 001 - 100 000    | 24             | 2.40%        | 889 761    | 5.03%       |
| 100 001 - 1 000 000 | 9              | 0.90%        | 2 310 351  | 13.05%      |
| 1 000 001           | 2              | 0.20%        | 13 957 386 | 78.86%      |
| Total               | 1000           | 100%         | 17 700 000 | 100%        |

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|   | Number of shares | Proportion |
|---|------------------|------------|
| AS Merko Grupp                            | 12 742 686       | 71.99%     |
| ING Luxembourg S.A.                       | 1 214 700        | 6.86%      |
| Skandinaviska Enskilda Banken Ab, clients | 789 365          | 4.46%      |
| Nordea Bank Finland Plc, clients          | 503 172          | 2.84%      |
| OKO Bank Plc, clients                     | 248 594          | 1.40%      |
| J.P. Morgan Bank Luxembourg S.A.          | 189 306          | 1.07%      |

#### Outlook for 2007

The overall condition of the construction sector is primarily affected by the country's economic development, general investment climate and availability of funds. Lately, international rating agencies and independent analysts have drawn attention to the current account deficit in the Baltic countries, extremely fast economic growth and accompanying inflation. Analysts think that the economy is showing signs of overheating and requires state intervention. In February 2007, the Government of Latvia announced its programme of measures to balance the economy. The foundation of the programme is the curbing of domestic consumption through reducing the availability of funds and public procurements as well as fiscal policy restrictions. Most of the planned measures would also have a direct effect on the development of the construction sector.

The tightness of the supply of labour and construction materials and fast price acceleration will remain the largest challenges for the sector's further development. The year 2007 may bring some alleviation to the problems of construction materials and labour. The supply of construction materials should improve when the investments made into production in 2005/2006 are launched. Positive changes may also be seen in the supply of the labour market. Fast salary acceleration in the domestic market over the last several years has made the domestic market attractive for construction workers migrating to foreign countries and brought new employees to the market from other sectors of the economy. The above changes are unlikely to solve these problems; therefore the appreciation of the prices of construction services will continue.

The year 2007 will not bring along any structural changes in the construction sector, the construction of infrastructure and environmental facilities financed in collaboration of the public sector and the Structural Funds of the European Union will continue. The private sector will continue to invest in the renovation and construction of hotels, commercial and office buildings and industrial parks.

Besides general and engineering construction, housing construction has played an important role over the last several years. Due to stricter requirements set for the borrowers by banks and lower demand due to higher inflation, the growth of housing loans will slow and as a result, the housing market will stabilise, the sales periods of residential properties will lengthen and the regional differentiation of real estate prices will take place. The renewal pace of the housing fund of 2.1-3.8 new housing spaces per thousand people attained by today is not expected to change significantly over the next several years. The market needs time to get used to the fast price acceleration of the last several years and the purchasing power of people is expected to catch

We believe that despite the deterioration of the borrowing environment and the measures taken by the central banks and governments of the Baltic countries to balance the economy, the economic growth rate of the region will maintain its 6-7% growth rate which the construction sector will also benefit from. In the short term, the demand for construction services distinctly exceeds the supply and the growth of volumes and prices is expected to continue. In the medium term, the fast acceleration of the construction services and the

forecast deceleration of economic growth will have a negative effect on demand and the growth of the construction sector may slow down.

Although the growth rates of the construction markets of all Baltic countries were similar in 2006, in the future, faster growth is expected to take place in Latvia and Lithuania where the construction volumes do not reflect the size and the number of people in these countries. In 2006, construction works were performed for 1493 euros in Estonia, 675 euros in Latvia and 668 euros in Lithuania. These numbers demonstrate that the growth of construction market is still ahead.

Merko Ehitus continues to expand its operations in Latvia and Lithuania where it aims at becoming one of the leaders of the Latvian and Lithuanian construction markets with the help and the branch offices of Merko Ehitus and subsidiaries SIA Merks and UAB Merko Statyba. We are optimistic regarding the developments in Latvia and Lithuania and believe that over the next 3 years, the share of their operations will grow to 50% of the Group's revenue.

Our experience, knowledge, and people are a value which has brought success for Merko Ehitus over the years. We believe that we will be able to turn the year 2007 into another successful year for the Company's business partners, clients, employees and shareholders.

#### **Corporate Governance Code**

From 2006, the Corporate Governance Code (CGC) which lays down the general principles of managing companies and treating shareholders, applies to the issuers of equity securities which are listed on Tallinn Stock Exchange. The application of the CGC principles is recommended to the listed companies and the companies are free to decide whether to follow the main CGC principles or not. The Corporate Governance Code is based on the principle of *follow or explain* according to which a company shall explain its standpoints and activities with regard to those CGC provisions which it does not follow.

Merko Ehitus places great value on the equal treatment of its shareholders, the transparency of the Company's management processes as well as the reliability of its activities. This report deals with those CGC principles which AS Merko Ehitus does not follow for technical, economic or other reasons.

#### I General Meeting of Shareholders

The Company's highest governing body is the General Meeting of Shareholders, the authorities of which are regulated by legislation and the articles of association of the Company.

The Company shall announce the time, place, and agenda of the General Meeting as well as the recommendations of the Supervisory Board with regard to the items on the agenda in a national daily newspaper, on the Company's website and through the stock exchange system. The General Meeting shall be conducted at the place shown on the notice, on a working day and between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. enabling most of the shareholders to participate in the General Meeting of Shareholders. Any shareholder or his authorised representative may participate in the General Meeting. No picture taking or filming is allowed at the General Meeting, because it may disturb the privacy of shareholders. Participation in the General Meeting cannot be accomplished through the means of communication because there are no reliably way to identify shareholders and to ensure the privacy of participating shareholders.

On behalf of the Company, the Chairman of the Management Board and the Chairman of the Supervisory Board shall participate in the General Meeting of AS Marko Ehitus, and if necessary, other members of the Management and Supervisory Boards shall be involved. The Company does not consider the participation of all members of the Management and Supervisory Boards in the General Meeting relevant.

## **II** Management Board

The Management Board of AS Merko Ehitus represents the Company and manages its daily operations. The Management Board of AS Merko Ehitus has five members and the activities of the members are divided by areas of operation: general management – Tõnu Toomik, construction – Andres Agukas, development – Tõnu Korts, technology – Veljo Viitmann, finance – Alar Lagus. The Chairman of the Management Board, Tõnu Toomik presides over the work of the Management Board.

The members of the Management Board have entered into three-year service contracts with the Company. The Company discloses the total amount of remuneration and bonuses of the members of the Management Board in the annual report, as it believes that the disclosure of personalised remuneration does not create additional value and disturbs the privacy of the members of the Management Board. Upon premature termination or non-extension of the service contract and under the condition that the members of the Management Board shall not compete with the Company, severance pay shall be paid to the members of the Management Board equalling twelve-month basic remuneration of the member of the Management Board.

In paying bonuses to the members of the Management Board, the financial performance of the companies managed by the Group and the Management Board shall be considered. Besides reviewing the quarterly results of operations, the Supervisory Board shall review and approve the bonuses payable to the Management Board. Twenty-five per cent of the bonuses payable on the basis of interim financial statements shall be withheld and paid after the approval of the annual report by the General Meeting of Shareholders. No share options have been used to motivate the members of the Management Board.

#### **III Supervisory Board**

The General Meeting of Shareholders shall elect the Supervisory Board. The Supervisory Board shall determine the Company's operating strategy, endorse the transactions as authorised by the articles of association, elect the members of the Management Board and monitor the performance of the Management Board during the time the General Meetings are not held. The Supervisory Board of AS Merko Ehitus has three members: Teet Roopalu, Jaan Mäe and Chairman of the Supervisory Board, Toomas Annus.

Merko Ehitus does not have any independent members of the Supervisory Board meeting the definition of the CGC, as the members also participate in the work of the companies controlled by the Company and in the Supervisory Boards of the Company's controlling shareholder. The members of the Supervisory Board shall be elected on the basis of their knowledge and experience in the field of construction and real estate development. The peculiarity of the work procedures of the Supervisory Board of Merko Ehitus is the fact that the members work full-time on the basis of service contracts. Such a work procedure adds responsiveness to the activities of the Group, ensures better informativeness of the Supervisory Board and altogether enables more efficient supervision over the activities of business units which are dispersed geographically and have diverse operations.

The General Meeting of Shareholders shall approve the remuneration of the members of the Supervisory Board. The terms and conditions of the service contracts in force, including the procedures for paying remuneration to the members of the Supervisory Board were approved by the General Meeting of Shareholders in May 2006.

The performance-based pay of the members of the Supervisory Board shall be determined on the basis of the financial performance of the Group. The payment of bonuses occurs on a quarterly basis after the publication

of the issuer's interim financial statements. Twenty-five per cent of the bonuses payable on the basis of interim financial statements shall be paid after the approval of the annual report by the General Meeting of Shareholders.

Upon the premature termination or non-extension of the service contract and under the condition that the members of the Supervisory Board shall not compete with the Company, severance pay shall be paid to the members of the Supervisory Board equalling twelve month basic remuneration.

#### IV Collaboration of the Management and Supervisory Boards

To ensure that the Company's interests are met as best as possible, the Management and Supervisory Boards shall collaborate extensively. At least once a month, a meeting between the members of the Supervisory and Management Boards shall take place, at which the Management Board shall inform the Supervisory Board of significant issues regarding the Company's business operations, the fulfilment of the Company's short and long-term goals and the risks affecting them.

#### V Disclosure of information

In disclosing information, AS Merko Ehitus shall follow the rules and regulations of Tallinn Stock Exchange and immediately disclose important information regarding the Company's activities to the shareholders after obtaining reasonable assurance as to its correctness and that the disclosure of such information shall not harm the interests of the Company and its partners. Important information shall be disclosed through the stock exchange system and on the Company's website.

During the year, Merko Ehitus shall not publish the dates for disclosing information, the so-called financial calendar, because the disclosure of reliable dates would incorporate additional time factor into the dates and endanger the timeliness of disclosures. Merko Ehitus publishes important information regarding the Company after the end of the trading day and from 2007, informs shareholders about publishing interim financial statements and the annual report at least two days prior to their disclosure.

If possible, the Company shall participate in the presentation and press conferences arranged by analysts and investors. The information made available at the meetings is public, i.e. available in the reports of the Company, on its website or other public sources. We believe that the publication of the schedule for meetings does not provide any additional information for the shareholders and therefore, such information shall not be published.

#### VI Election of an auditor and auditing the financial statements

The Company's financial statements are prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards as adopted in the European Union.

In electing the auditor, the Company shall consider his/her independence, competence, reliability and the price of the service offered by him/her. The Company shall not publish the fees paid for the provision of auditing and consulting services, because such activities may significantly impair the Company's ability to obtain the service for a competitive price in the future.

When proposing to elect a new auditor, the Supervisory Board shall also present its rationale for the change. In extending the contract with the auditor who audited the Company in the previous financial year, the Supervisory Board acknowledges with its choice that the auditor has fulfilled the expectations laid on him/her and the Supervisory Board is content with the quality of the service provided.

## **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

#### MANAGEMENT DECLARATION

The Management Board confirms the correctness and completeness of AS Merko Ehitus consolidated financial statements as presented on pages 16-64.

The Management Board confirms that to the best of its knowledge:

- the accounting methods used for preparing the financial statements are in compliance with International Financial Reporting Standards as adopted by the European Union;
- the financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position, the results of operations and the cash flows of the Group:
- the parent company and all group companies are going concerns.

| Tõnu Toomik    | Chairman of the<br>Management Board | this      | 29.03.2007 |
|----------------|-------------------------------------|-----------|------------|
| Alar Lagus     | Member of the<br>Management Board   | My        | 29.03.2007 |
| Veljo Viitmann | Member of the<br>Management Board   | Wetween   | 29.03.2007 |
| Andres Agukas  | Member of the<br>Management Board   | Algorita. | 29.03.2007 |
| Tõnu Korts     | Member of the<br>Management Board   | Hunt      | 29.03.2007 |

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## CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT

| in thousands of   |      |                  | EEK              |               | EUR           |
|---|------|------------------|------------------|---------------|---------------|
|   | Note | 2006             | 2005             | 2006          | 2005          |
| Revenue   | 2,3  | 4 414 361        | 3 232 392        | 282 129       | 206 588       |
| Cost of goods sold  | 4    | (3 727 561)      | (2 738 714)      | (238 234)     | (175 036)     |
| Gross profit  |      | 686 800          | 493 678          | 43 895        | 31 552        |
| Marketing expenses  | 5    | (23 390)         | (22 595)         | (1 495)       | (1 444)       |
| Administrative and general expenses   | 6    | (148 792)        | (127 632)        | (9 501)       | (8 157)       |
| Other operating income  | 7    | 148 205          | 185 052          | 9 463         | 11 827        |
| Other operating expenses  | 8    | (29 952)         | (93 452)         | (1 914)       | (5 973)       |
| Operating profit  |      | 632 871          | 435 051          | 40 448        | 27 805        |
| Financial income  | 9    | 8 303            | 6 253            | 530           | 400           |
| Financial expenses  | 10   | (20 353)         | (4 710)          | (1 301)       | (301)         |
| Profit from sale of subsidiaries Profit from associates and joint   | 18   | 2 326            | 7 498            | 149           | 479           |
| ventures  | 19   | 17 461           | 19 632           | 1 116         | 1 255         |
| incl. profit from equity participation  |      | 17 038           | 17 065           | 1 089         | 1 091         |
| Profit before tax   |      | 640 608          | 463 724          | 40 942        | 29 638        |
| Corporate income tax expense  | 11   | (49 917)         | (18 437)         | (3 190)       | (1 178)       |
| Net profit for financial year   |      | 590 691          | 445 287          | 37 752        | 28 460        |
| incl. net profit attributable to<br>equity holders of the parent<br>company<br>minority interest                          |      | 581 738<br>8 953 | 438 638<br>6 649 | 37 180<br>572 | 28 034<br>426 |
| Earnings per share for profit attributable to equity holders of the parent company (basic and diluted, in kroons / euros) | 12   | 32.87            | 24.78            | 2.10          | 1.58          |

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## **CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET**

| in thousands of                              |      | Е          | EK         |            | EUR        |
|--|------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
|  | Note | 31.12.2006 | 31.12.2005 | 31.12.2006 | 31.12.2005 |
| ASSETS                                       |      |            |            |            |            |
| Current assets                               |      |            |            |            |            |
| Cash and cash equivalents                    | 14   | 676 143    | 268 446    | 43 123     | 17 157     |
| Trade and other receivables                  | 15   | 854 103    | 542 110    | 54 587     | 34 648     |
| Prepaid corporate income tax                 |      | 6 428      | 2 471      | 411        | 158        |
| Inventories                                  | 17   | 1 356 734  | 964 088    | 86 712     | 61 617     |
| Assets held for sale                         |      | 733        | -          | 47         |            |
|  |      | 2 894 141  | 1 777 115  | 184 970    | 113 580    |
| Non-current assets                           |      |            |            |            |            |
| Investments in associates and joint ventures | 19   | 200 798    | 179 609    | 12 833     | 11 479     |
| Other long-term loans and receivables        | 20   | 8 476      | 8 524      | 542        | 545        |
| Deferred income tax assets                   | 21   | 6 592      | 8 753      | 421        | 559        |
| Investment property                          | 22   | 3 900      | 42 506     | 249        | 2 716      |
| Property, plant and equipment                | 23   | 90 445     | 199 004    | 5 781      | 12 718     |
| Intangible assets                            | 24   | 10 177     | 4 365      | 650        | 279        |
|  |      | 320 388    | 442 761    | 20 476     | 28 296     |
| TOTAL ASSETS                                 |      | 3 214 529  | 2 219 876  | 205 446    | 141 876    |
|  |      |            |            |            |            |
| LIABILITIES                                  |      |            |            |            |            |
| Current liabilities                          | 26   | 202 702    | 114041     | 10 120     | 7.240      |
| Borrowings                                   | 26   | 283 792    | 114 841    | 18 138     | 7 340      |
| Trade and other payables                     | 27   | 1 081 396  | 711 236    | 69 114     | 45 456     |
| Corporate income tax liability               | 20   | 18 868     | 950        | 1 206      | 1 420      |
| Government grants                            | 28   | 1 498      | 22 225     | 96         | 1 420      |
| Short-term provisions                        | 29   | 33 517     | 21 741     | 2 142      | 1 390      |
|  |      | 1 419 071  | 870 993    | 90 696     | 55 667     |
| Non-current liabilities                      |      |            |            |            |            |
| Long-term borrowings                         | 26   | 159 335    | 202 824    | 10 183     | 12 963     |
| Other long-term trade payables               | 30   | 23 277     | 22 726     | 1 488      | 1 452      |
| Deferred income tax liability                | 21   | _          | 11 385     | _          | 728        |
|  |      | 182 612    | 236 935    | 11 671     | 15 143     |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES                            |      | 1 601 683  | 1 107 928  | 102 367    | 70 810     |
| EQUITY                                       |      |            |            |            |            |
| Minority interest                            |      | 18 904     | 10 552     | 1 208      | 674        |
| Equity attributable to equity holders of the |      |            |            |            |            |
| parent company                               |      |            |            |            |            |
| Share capital                                | 32   | 177 000    | 177 000    | 11 312     | 11 312     |
| Statutory reserve capital                    |      | 17 700     | 8 850      | 1 131      | 566        |
| Currency translation differences             |      | (5 751)    | (5 059)    | (368)      | (323)      |
| Retained earnings                            |      | 1 404 993  | 920 605    | 89 796     | 58 837     |
|  |      | 1 593 942  | 1 101 396  | 101 871    | 70 392     |
| TOTAL EQUITY                                 |      | 1 612 846  | 1 111 948  | 103 079    | 71 066     |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY                 |      | 3 214 529  | 2 219 876  | 205 446    | 141 876    |

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## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

| Equity attributable to equity holders of the parent in thousands of company |          |               |                  |                   |  |              |               |                      |                   |
|---|----------|---------------|------------------|-------------------|--|--------------|---------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| EEK   | Note     | Share capital | Share<br>premium | Statutory reserve | Currency<br>translation<br>differences | earnings     | Total         | Minority<br>interest | Total             |
| Balance as at 31.12.2004  |          | 88 500        | 2 950            | 8 850             | (4 663)                                | 622 333      | 717 970       | 7 200                | 725 170           |
| Derecognition of negative goodwill  | 24       | _             | -                |                   | _                                      | 2 709        | 2 709         | -                    | 2 709             |
| Balance as at 01.01.2005  |          | 88 500        | 2 950            | 8 850             | (4 663)                                | 625 042      | 720 679       | 7 200                | 727 879           |
| Currency<br>translation<br>differences<br>Net profit for                    |          | -             | -                | -                 | (396)                                  | -            | (396)         | -                    | (396)             |
| financial year  |          | -             | -                | -                 | -                                      | 438 638      | 438 638       | 6 649                | 445 287           |
| Total recognised income for 2005  |          | -             | -                | -                 | (396)                                  | 438 638      | 438 242       | 6 649                | 444 891           |
| Liquidation<br>proceeds to<br>minority                                      |          |               |                  |                   |  |              |               |                      |                   |
| shareholders  |          | -             | -                | -                 | -                                      | -            | -             | (697)                | (697)             |
| Fund issue  | 32       | 88 500        | (2 950)          | -                 | -                                      | (85 550)     | -             | -                    | -                 |
| Dividends   | 13       |               | -                |                   | -                                      | (57 525)     | (57 525)      | (2 600)              | (60 125)          |
| Balance as at 31.12.2005  |          | 177 000       | _                | 8 850             | (5 059)                                | 920 605      | 1 101 396     | 10 552               | 1 111<br>948      |
| Currency<br>translation<br>differences<br>Net profit for                    |          | -             | -                | -                 | (692)                                  | -            | (692)         | -                    | (692)             |
| financial year  |          | -             | -                | -                 | _                                      | 581 738      | 581 738       | 8 953                | 590 691           |
| Total recognised income for 2006  |          | -             | -                | _                 | (692)                                  | 581 738      | 581 046       | 8 953                | 589 999           |
| Minority interest   | 10       |               |                  |                   |  |              |               | 2.700                | 2.700             |
| sold<br>Dividends   | 18<br>13 | _             | _                |                   | _                                      | (88 500)     | -<br>(88 500) | 2 799                | 2 799<br>(91 900) |
| Transfers to statutory reserve  | 13       | -             | -                | -                 | -                                      | (88 300)     | (66 500)      | (3 400)              | (31 300)          |
| capital   |          |               | -                | 8 850             | -                                      | (8 850)      | -             |                      | _                 |
| Balance as at 31.12.2006  |          | 177 000       | _                | 17 700            | (5 751)                                | 1 404<br>993 | 1 593 942     | 18 904               | 1 612<br>846      |

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| Share capital premium reserve capital premium reserve capital premium reserve translation earnings differences   Share capital premium reserve translation earnings differences   | Equity attributable to equity holders of the parent in thousands of company |         |          |              |             |          |         |               |         |
|---|---|---------|----------|--------------|-------------|----------|---------|---------------|---------|
| capital differences           Balance as at           31.12.2004         5 656         189         566         (298)         39 774         45 887         460         46 347           Derecognition of negative goodwill         -         -         -         -         173         173         -         173           Balance as at O1.01.2005         5 656         189         566         (298)         39 947         46 060         460         46 520           Currency |   | Share   | Share    |              |             | Retained | Total   | _<br>Minority | Total   |
| Balance as at         31.12.2004       5 656       189       566       (298)       39 774       45 887       460       46 347         Derecognition of negative goodwill       -       -       -       -       173       173       -       173         Balance as at 01.01.2005       5 656       189       566       (298)       39 947       46 060       460       46 520         Currency   |   | capital | premium  | reserve      | translation | earnings |         | interest      |         |
| 31.12.2004     5 656     189     566     (298)     39 774     45 887     460     46 347       Derecognition of negative goodwill     -     -     -     -     173     173     -     173       Balance as at 01.01.2005     5 656     189     566     (298)     39 947     46 060     460     46 520       Currency   |   |         |          | capital      | differences |          |         |               |         |
| Derecognition of negative goodwill 173 173 - 173  Balance as at 01.01.2005 5 656 189 566 (298) 39 947 46 060 460 46 520  Currency   |   |         |          |              |             |          |         |               |         |
| negative goodwill         -         -         -         -         -         173         173         -         173           Balance as at 01.01.2005         5 656         189         566         (298)         39 947         46 060         460         46 520           Currency  |   | 5 656   | 189      | 566          | (298)       | 39 774   | 45 887  | 7 460         | 46 347  |
| Balance as at 01.01.2005 5 656 189 566 (298) 39 947 46 060 460 46 520 Currency  | •   |         |          |              |             | 172      | 173     | <b>,</b>      | 172     |
| 01.01.2005         5 656         189         566         (298)         39 947         46 060         460         46 520           Currency  |   |         |          |              | <b>-</b>    |          | 1/3     | ) -           | 1/3     |
| Currency  |   | 5 656   | 189      | 566          | (298)       | 39 947   | 46 060  | ) 460         | 46 520  |
| ,   |   |         |          |              | (233)       |          |         |               |         |
|   | ,   |         |          |              |             |          |         |               |         |
| differences (25) - (25)   | differences   | -       | -        | -            | (25)        | -        | (25)    | ) -           | (25)    |
| Net profit for  | •   |         |          |              |             |          |         |               |         |
| financial year 28 034 28 034 426 28 460   | •   |         | -        |              |             | 28 034   | 28 034  | 426           | 28 460  |
| Total recognised  | •   |         |          |              | (25)        | 20.024   | 20.000  | 126           | 20.425  |
| income for 2005 (25) 28 034 28 009 426 28 435   | income for 2005   | _       | -        | _            | (23)        | 20 034   | 20 003  | 420           | 20 433  |
| Liquidation   | Liquidation   |         |          |              |             |          |         |               |         |
| proceeds to   | •   |         |          |              |             |          |         |               |         |
| minority  | •   |         |          |              |             |          |         |               |         |
| shareholders (46) (46)  | •   | -       | -        | -            | -           | -        |         | - (46)        | (46)    |
| Fund issue 5 656 (189) (5 467)  | Fund issue  | 5 656   | (189)    | -            | -           | (5 467)  |         |               | -       |
| Dividends (3 677) (3 677) (166) (3 843)   | Dividends   | -       | -        | -            | -           | (3 677)  | (3 677  | (166)         | (3 843) |
| Balance as at   | Balance as at   |         |          |              |             |          |         |               |         |
| <b>31.12.2005</b> 11 312 - 566 (323) 58 837 70 392 674 71 066   | 31.12.2005  | 11 312  |          | 566          | (323)       | 58 837   | 70 392  | 2 674         | 71 066  |
| Currency  | •   |         |          |              |             |          |         |               |         |
| translation (4F)  |   |         |          |              | (45)        |          | (45     |               | (45)    |
| differences (45) - (45) - (45)  Net profit for  |   | -       | -        | -            | (45)        | -        | (45)    | ) -           | (45)    |
| financial year 37 180 37 180 572 37 752   | •   | _       | _        | _            | _           | 37 180   | 37 180  | 572           | 37 752  |
| Total recognised  |   |         |          |              |             |          |         |               |         |
| income for 2006 (45) 37 180 37 135 572 37 707   | _   | -       | -        | -            | (45)        | 37 180   | 37 135  | 5 572         | 37 707  |
|   |   |         |          |              |             |          |         |               |         |
| Minority interest   | Minority interest   |         |          |              |             |          |         |               |         |
| sold 179 179  | sold  | -       | -        | -            | -           | -        |         |               | 179     |
| Dividends (5 656) (5 656) (217) (5 873)   |   | -       | -        | -            | -           | (5 656)  | (5 656) | ) (217)       | (5 873) |
| Transfers to  |   |         |          |              |             |          |         |               |         |
| statutory reserve 565 - (565)   |   |         |          | E <i>C</i> F |             | (565)    |         |               |         |
| capital 565 - (565) Balance as at   | •   |         | <u>-</u> | 505          |             | (303)    |         |               |         |
| <b>31.12.2006</b> 11 312 - 1 131 (368) 89 796 101 871 1 208 103 079   |   | 11 312  | -        | 1 131        | (368)       | 89 796   | 101 871 | 1 208         | 103 079 |

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## CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOW STATEMENT

| in thousands of  |         |           | EEK                |          | EUR       |
|--|---------|-----------|--------------------|----------|-----------|
|  | Note    | 2006      | 2005               | 2006     | 2005      |
| Cash flows from operating activities   |         |           |                    |          |           |
| Operating profit   |         | 632 871   | 435 051            | 40 448   | 27 805    |
| Adjustments:   |         |           |                    |          |           |
| depreciation and impairment charge   | 2,22-24 | 30 747    | 109 637            | 1 965    | 7 007     |
| profit/loss from sale of non-current assets  | 7,23    | (122 403) | (535)              | (7 823)  | (34)      |
| adjustment of revenue from construction contracts  |         | 20.100    | 66.630             | 2.426    | 4 258     |
| under stage of completion method   |         | 38 109    | 66 630<br>(F. FOO) | 2 436    |           |
| interest income from business activities   |         | (2 335)   | (5 590)            | (149)    | (357)     |
| change in government grants and other provisions<br>Change in trade and other receivables related to |         | 5 455     | (22 973)           | 349      | (1 468)   |
| operating activities   |         | (189 193) | (27 321)           | (12 092) | (1 746)   |
| Change in inventories  |         | (363 595) | (464 906)          | (23 238) | (29 713)  |
| Change in trade and other payables related to  |         | (====,    | (,                 | (== ===) | (== : ==) |
| operating activities   |         | 186 197   | 186 556            | 11 900   | 11 923    |
| Interest paid  |         | (16 168)  | (2 811)            | (1 033)  | (180)     |
| Other financial income (expense)   |         | (7)       | 3 857              | (1)      | 247       |
| Corporate income tax paid  |         | (43 991)  | (12 928)           | (2 812)  | (826)     |
|  |         | 155 687   | 264 667            | 9 950    | 16 916    |
| Cash flows from investing activities   |         |           |                    |          |           |
| Investments into subsidiaries  | 18      | (3 029)   | (23 985)           | (195)    | (1 533)   |
| Proceeds from sale of subsidiaries   | 18      | (2)       | 3 376              | 0        | 216       |
| Subsidiary liquidation proceeds to minority sharehold  | ers     | (20)      | (694)              | (1)      | (44)      |
| Investments into associates and joint ventures   | 19      | (7 866)   | (136 228)          | (503)    | (8 707)   |
| Proceeds from sale of associates and joint ventures  |         | 1 847     | 8 306              | 118      | 531       |
| Proceeds from sale of other financial assets   |         | 3 004     | 3                  | 192      | 0         |
| Purchase of investment property  | 22      | -         | (63)               | _        | (4)       |
| Purchase of property, plant and equipment  | 23      | (76 264)  | (226 960)          | (4 874)  | (14 505)  |
| Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment  | 23      | 290 753   | 2 143              | 18 583   | 137       |
| Purchase of intangible assets  |         | (6 739)   | (2 917)            | (431)    | (186)     |
| Sale of a business unit  |         | 9 717     | 2 752              | 621      | 176       |
| Loans granted  | 16      | (275 353) | (190 123)          | (17 598) | (12 151)  |
| Loan repayments received   | 16      | 286 953   | 176 311            | 18 340   | 11 268    |
| Interest received  |         | 8 393     | 6 641              | 536      | 424       |
| Dividends received   |         | 3 000     | 3 323              | 192      | 212       |
|  |         | 234 394   | (378 115)          | 14 980   | (24 166)  |
| Cash flows from financing activities   |         |           |                    |          |           |
| Proceeds from borrowings   | 26      | 268 726   | 293 567            | 17 175   | 18 762    |
| Repayments of borrowings   | 26      | (144 017) | (6 724)            | (9 204)  | (430)     |
| Finance lease principal payments   | 26      | (11 163)  | (5 832)            | (714)    | (373)     |
| Government grants received   | 28      | -         | 22 225             | -        | 1 421     |
| Dividends paid   |         | (91 900)  | (60 128)           | (5 873)  | (3 843)   |
| ·  |         | 21 646    | 243 108            | 1 384    | 15 537    |
|  |         |           |                    |          |           |
| Change in cash and cash equivalents  |         | 411 727   | 129 660            | 26 314   | 8 287     |
| Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the period   | 14      | 268 446   | 141 812            | 17 157   | 9 063     |
| Exchange gains/(losses) on cash and cash   | -       |           |                    |          |           |
| equivalents  |         | (4 030)   | (3 026)            | (258)    | (193)     |
| Cash and cash equivalents at end of the period   | 14      | 676 143   | 268 446            | 43 213   | 17 157    |

The principal non-cash transaction is the exchange of inventories discussed in Note 3.

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#### **NOTES**

#### Note 1 Summary of significant accounting policies

#### 1.1. Basis of preparation

The consolidated financial statements of Merko Ehitus Group have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) as adopted by the European Union.

The consolidated financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Several financial figures are based on management's estimates, including for example, assessment of profitability of construction contracts upon the application of the stage of completion method, assessment of useful lives of items of property, plant and equipment, assessment of impairment losses of receivables and inventories, recognising provisions for warranty obligations. Management's estimates have been made to the best of its knowledge, but they may not be accurate. The effect of changes in accounting estimates is reported in the financial statements of the period in which the change occurred.

Assets and liabilities are classified as current and non-current in the balance sheet. Current assets include assets that are expected to be used within the next financial year. Current liabilities include liabilities the due date of which is within 12 months after the balance sheet date. The remaining assets and liabilities are classified as non-current.

Expenses are classified according to their function in the income statement.

Items included in the financial statements of each of the Group's entities are measured using the currency of the primary economic environment in which the entity operates (the functional currency): Estonian kroons, Latvian lats and Lithuanian litas. The consolidated financial statements of Merko Ehitus Group are presented in Estonian kroons, which is the Group's presentation currency. The primary financial statements and notes are presented in thousands of kroons. Pursuant to the requirements of Tallinn Stock Exchange, the primary financial statements are also presented in thousands of euros. As the Estonian kroon is pegged to the Euro (EUR 1=EEK 15.6466), no exchange rate differences arise in the translation of the financial statements.

# 1.2. New International Financial Reporting Standards, amendments and International Financial Reporting Interpretations Committee (IFRIC) interpretations

#### Standards, amendments and interpretations effective in 2006

From 1 January 2006, several amendments to the text of existing standards as well as new IFRS standards, which became mandatory for the Group for the financial year beginning at 1 January 2006, became effective.

The following standards, amendments and interpretations are mandatory for accounting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2006 but have no material impact on the Group financial statements:

- IAS 19 (Amendment), Employee Benefits;
- IAS 21 (Amendment), Net Investment in a Foreign Operation;
- IAS 39 (Amendment), Cash Flow Hedge Accounting of Forecast Intragroup Transactions;
- IAS 39 (Amendment), The Fair Value Option;
- IAS 39 and IFRS 4 (Amendment), Financial Guarantee Contracts;
- IFRS 6, Exploration for and Evaluation of Mineral Resources;
- IFRS 1 (Amendment), First-time Adoption of International Financial Reporting Standards and IFRS 6 (Amendment), Exploration for and Evaluation of Mineral Resources;
- IFRIC 4, Determining whether an Arrangement contains a Lease;
- IFRIC 5, Rights to Interests arising from Decommissioning, Restoration and Environmental Rehabilitation Funds; and
- IFRIC 6, Liabilities arising from Participating in a Specific Market Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment.

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Amendments in IAS 19, IAS 21, IFRS 1, new standard of IFRS 6 and interpretations in IFRIC 4, IFRIC 5 and IFRIC 6 are not relevant to the Group's operations and therefore have no substantial effect on the Group's accounting policies. Amendments to IAS 39 are relevant to the Group's operating activities, but they did not affect the accounting policies used by the Group that already comply with the requirements established.

New standards, amendments and interpretations to existing standards that are not yet effective and have not been early adopted by the Group

Certain new International Financial Reporting Standards, amendments to existing standards and the interpretations of the standards have been published by the time of compiling these financial statements which became mandatory for the Group's accounting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2007 and have not been early adopted by the Group. The overview of these standards and the Group management estimate of the potential impact of applying the new standards and interpretations is given below:

- IAS 1 (amendment) *Presentation of Financial Statements*: Capital Disclosures. The amendment to IAS 1 is effective for accounting periods beginning at or after 1 January 2007. The standard requires additional disclosures in the financial statements and presents additional requirements for the parent company's capital and capital management.
- IFRS 7 Financial instruments: Disclosures. IFRS 7 is effective for accounting periods beginning at or after 1 January 2007. The standard requires additional disclosures in the financial statements. This standard does not have any impact on the classification and valuation of the Group's financial instruments.
- IFRS 8 Operating Segments is effective from 1 January 2009. The management is considering the impact on Group's financial statements.
- IAS 23 (revised) *Borrowing costs-* is effective from 1 January 2009. Revised standard requires capitalisation of borrowing costs.

The management is of opinion that the following new standards, their amendments and interpretations do not have a significant effect on the financial statements of the Group:

- IFRIC 7 Applying the restatement approach under IAS 29 Financial Reporting in Hyperinflationary Environments (effective 1 March 2006)
- IFRIC 8 Share-based Compensations as defined in IFRS 2 (effective 1 May 2006)
- IFRIC 9 Reassessment of Embedded Derivatives (effective 1 June 2006)
- IFRIC 10 Interim Financial Reporting and Impairment (effective 1 November 2006)
- IFRIC 11 IFRS 2 Group Treasury Share Transactions (effective 1 March 2007)
- IFRIC 12 Service Concession Arrangements (effective 1 January 2008).

Standard IFRS 8, IAS 23 (revised) and interpretations IFRIC 10, IFRIC 11 and IFRIC 12 have not yet been endorsed by European Union.

## 1.3. Management estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with International Financial Reporting Standards requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates. It also requires management to exercise its judgement in the process of applying the Group's accounting policies. Although these estimates are based on management's best knowledge of current event and actions, actual results ultimately may differ from those estimates. The areas involving a higher degree of judgement or complexity, or areas where assumptions and estimates are significant to the consolidated financial statements of AS Merko Ehitus, are disclosed below. The effect of changes in an accounting estimate is recognised prospectively by including it in profit or loss in the period of the change.

The most significant management estimates are as follows:

#### Revenue under the stage of completion method

Revenue from construction in progress is recognised under the stage of completion method (Note 1.22), which also assumes that the stage of completion of construction contracts can be determined reliably. A precise, systematic calculation and estimation of costs, and reporting of income and expenses has been introduced to determine the stage of completion. The estimated final result to be derived from each construction project is being constantly monitored, deviations from the budget are analysed and if necessary, the profit estimate is adjusted. In the financial year, after evaluating the stage of completion of construction

in progress, a provision for onerous construction contracts in the amount of 17 848 thousand kroons (Note 29) was recognised. Risk analysis showed that a change in the stage of completion of construction projects in the range of  $\pm$ 10% will result in a change in the net profit between an increase of 257 594 thousand kroons and a decrease of 291 769 thousand kroons.

#### Determination of the useful lives of items of property, plant and equipment

Management has estimated the useful lives of items of property, plant and equipment, taking into consideration conditions and volumes of business activities, historical experience in this area and future outlook. Management estimates that the useful lives of buildings and facilities are between 10 and 33.3 years depending on their structure and use. The average useful lives of machinery and equipment are on average between 3 and 5 years and those of other fixtures between 2.5 to 5 years depending on the purpose of use of the asset.

#### 1.4. Consolidation

Subsidiaries or entities that are either directly or indirectly through fellow subsidiaries controlled by the parent company AS Merko Ehitus, have been consolidated on a line-by-line basis. Control exists when the parent company owns more than one half of the voting rights of the subsidiary or otherwise has power to govern the operating and financial policies of the other entity. Subsidiaries are reported in the financial statements of the Group from the date of acquiring control until the date at which the control ceases.

The parent company and its subsidiaries are treated as one economic entity in the consolidated financial statements. Upon consolidation, intra-group receivables and liabilities, income and expenses as well as unrealised profits and losses arising from intra-group transactions have been eliminated in full. Minority interest is reported separately.

Group companies use uniform accounting policies for similar transactions occurred under similar circumstances.

#### 1.5. Business combinations

Business combinations between independent parties are accounted for under the purchase method. The excess of the cost of acquisition over the fair value of the Group's share of the identifiable net assets acquired is recorded as goodwill. From the date of acquisition, revenue and expenses of the acquired entity are reported in the income statement of the Group and goodwill is reported in the balance sheet of the Group.

Goodwill is the excess of the cost of acquisition over the fair value of assets acquired, reflecting the portion of the acquisition cost which was paid for such assets of the acquired entity that cannot be separated and recognised separately. Goodwill is recognised at its acquisition cost as an intangible asset at the date of acquisition.

Goodwill is subsequently measured at its acquisition cost less any impairment losses. Goodwill arising in a business combination is not amortised. Instead, an impairment test is carried out once a year. Goodwill is written down to its recoverable amount if the latter is below its carrying amount (Note 1.11).

If the cost of acquisition is less than the fair value of the net assets of the subsidiary acquired, the difference is recognised directly in the income statement

## Transactions with minority interests

The Group applies a policy of treating transactions with minority interests as transactions with parties external to the Group. Disposals to minority interests result in gains and losses for the Group that are recorded in the income statement. Purchases from minority interests result in goodwill, being the difference between any consideration paid and the relevant share acquired of the carrying value of net assets of the subsidiary.

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#### 1.6. Associates

Associates are all entities over which the Group has significant influence but not control, generally accompanying a shareholding of between 20% and 50% of the voting rights. Investments in associates are accounted for using the equity method of accounting and are initially recognised at cost. The Group's investment in associates includes goodwill identified on acquisition, net of any accumulated impairment loss.

The Group's share of its associates' post-acquisition profits or losses is recognised in the income statement, and its share of post-acquisition movements in reserves is recognised in reserves. The cumulative post-acquisition movements are adjusted against the carrying amount of the investment. When the Group's share of losses in an associate equals or exceeds its interest in the associate, including any other unsecured receivables, the Group does not recognise further losses, unless it has incurred obligations or made payments on behalf of the associate.

Unrealised gains on transactions between the Group and its associates are eliminated to the extent of the Group's interest in the associates. Unrealised losses are also eliminated unless the transaction provides evidence of an impairment of the asset transferred. Accounting policies of associates have been changed where necessary to ensure consistency with the policies adopted by the Group.

#### 1.7. Joint ventures

Joint venture is a contractual arrangement whereby two or more parties undertake an economic activity that is subject to joint control. Joint ventures are accounted for under the equity method. A holding in a jointly controlled entity is initially recognised at acquisition cost and subsequently adjusted by the changes that have occurred in the Group's share of the net assets under common control. The income statement of the Group includes the Group's share in the profits or losses of the entity under common control.

#### 1.8. Jointly controlled operations

Under IAS 31 "Interests in Joint Ventures", jointly controlled operations are joint operations with third parties, whereby the assets and other resources of venturers are used without the establishment of a new company or another unit or creation of a separate financial structure. Each venturer uses its own property, plant and equipment and carries its own inventories in the balance sheet. The venturer also incurs its own expenses and liabilities and raises its own funds which represent its own obligations. In respect of its interest in jointly controlled operations, a venturer recognises in its financial statements:

- · the assets that it controls and the liabilities it incurs;
- the expenses that it incurs and its share of revenue that it earns from the sale of goods or services of the joint venture.

#### 1.9. Foreign currency

Foreign currency transactions are recorded based on the foreign currency exchange rates of the Bank of Estonia prevailing at the dates of the transactions. Monetary financial assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies at the balance sheet date are translated into Estonian kroons based on the foreign currency exchange rates of the Bank of Estonia prevailing at the balance sheet date. Exchange rate differences from translation are reported in the income statement of the accounting period.

The functional currency of subsidiaries located abroad is the currency of their business environment; therefore the financial statements of such subsidiaries are translated into Estonian kroons for consolidation purposes. The asset and liability items are translated using the foreign exchange rates of the Bank of Estonia, income and expenses using the weighted average foreign exchange rates for the year and other changes in equity using the foreign exchange rates at the date at which they arose. Exchange rate differences arising from translation are reported in the equity item *Currency translation differences*.

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#### 1.10. Financial assets

The purchases and sales of financial assets are recognised at the trade date.

Depending on the purpose for which financial assets were acquired, financial assets are classified into the following categories at the Group:

- financial assets at fair value through profit or loss;
- loans and receivables not held for trading purposes;
- · held-to-maturity investments;
- available-for-sale financial assets.

Management determines the classification of its financial assets at initial recognition.

<u>Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss</u> include financial assets held for trading purposes (i.e. assets acquired or created principally for the purpose of selling or repurchasing in the short term; a part of a jointly managed portfolio of financial instruments; or a derivative financial instrument which is not a hedging instrument) and other financial assets that have been designated by management at their initial recognition as at fair value through profit or loss. Assets in this category are classified as current assets if they are principally held for trading purposes or are expected to be sold within 12 months after the balance sheet date. After initial recognition, financial assets in this category are carried at fair value.

<u>Loans and receivables</u> are non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments that are not quoted in an active market. Loans and receivables are included within current assets except for maturities greater than 12 months after the balance sheet date. Such assets are classified as non-current assets. Loans and receivables are initially recognised at their fair value less transaction costs. After initial recognition, the Group carries loans and receivables at amortised cost (less any impairment losses), calculating interest income on the receivable in the following periods using the effective interest rate method.

Receivables are assessed based on the collectible amounts. Each receivable is assessed separately considering all known information on the solvency of the party to transaction. Receivables whose collection is improbable are written down during the accounting period.

<u>Available-for-sale financial assets</u> are non-derivatives that are either designated in this category or not classified in any of the other categories. They are included in non-current assets unless management intends to dispose of the investment within 12 months of the balance sheet date. Changes in the fair value of monetary and non-monetary securities classified as available for sale are recognised in equity. When securities classified as available for sale are sold or impaired, the accumulated fair value adjustments recognised in equity are included in the income statement as gains and losses from investment securities. Interest on available-for-sale securities calculated using the effective interest method is recognised in the income statement as part of other income. Dividends on available-for-sale equity instruments are recognised in the income statement as part of other income when the Group's right to receive payments is established.

The Group does not have any held-to-maturity financial assets. The Group does not have any derivatives.

#### 1.11. Impairment of assets

#### Financial assets at amortised cost

The Group assesses at each balance sheet date whether there is any indication that a financial asset or group of financial assets is impaired. A financial asset or group of financial assets is impaired and impairment losses are incurred only if there is objective evidence of impairment as a result of one or more events that occurred after the initial recognition of the asset (a 'loss event') and that loss event (loss events) has an impact on the estimated future cash flows of the financial asset or group of financial assets that can be reliably estimated. Objective evidence that a financial asset or group of assets is impaired includes observable data that is available to the Group regarding the following events:

- significant financial difficulties of the debtor;
- a breach of contract, such as a default or delinquency in payments;
- it is probable that the debtor will enter bankruptcy;
- the disappearance of an active market for that financial asset because of financial difficulties; or
- observable data indicating that there is a measurable decrease in the estimated future cash flows from a financial asset or a group of financial assets, although the decrease cannot yet be measured reliably.

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If there is objective evidence that an impairment loss has incurred for loans and receivables or held-to-maturity investments carried at amortised cost, the amount of the loss is measured as the difference between the asset's carrying amount and the present value of estimated future cash flows (excluding future credit losses that have already been recognised), discounted at the financial asset's original effective interest rate. The carrying amount of the asset is reduced through the use of an allowance account and the amount of the loss is recognised in the income statement.

If in a subsequent period, the amount of the impairment loss decreases and the decrease can be related objectively to an event occurring after the impairment was recognised (such as improved credit rating), the previously recognised impairment loss is reversed by adjusting the allowance account. The amount of the reversal is recognised in the income statement.

#### Non-financial assets

Assets that have indefinite useful lives (including goodwill) are not subject to amortisation but they are tested annually for impairment, by comparing their carrying amounts with their recoverable amounts. Assets that are subject to amortisation are reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that their carrying amounts may not be recoverable. In the event of such circumstances, the recoverable amount of the asset is assessed and is compared with the carrying amount. An impairment loss is recognized for the amount by which the asset's carrying amount exceeds its recoverable amount. The recoverable amount is the higher of an asset's fair value less costs to sell and its value in use. For the purpose of assessing impairment, assets are grouped at the lowest levels for which there are separately identifiable cash flows (cash-generating unit). Non-financial assets other than goodwill that suffered an impairment loss are reviewed for possible reversal of impairment at each reporting date and if necessary, the impairment loss is reversed.

#### 1.12. Inventories

Inventories are recorded in the balance sheet at their acquisition cost, which consists of the purchase costs, production costs, transportation and other costs incurred in bringing the inventories to their present location and condition.

In case of separately identifiable inventory items, their cost is determined based on expenditure incurred specifically for the acquisition of each asset. If inventory items are not clearly distinguishably from each other, then the weighted average cost method is used.

Inventories are recognised in the balance sheet at the lower of acquisition cost and net realisable value. The net realisable value is the sales price less estimated costs to sell.

Expenditure incurred for real estate development is reported in the balance sheet line *Inventories* either as work-in-progress or finished goods, depending on the stage of completion. A completed real estate property is sold either in parts (by houses, apartments, office spaces, etc.) or as a whole. Sales revenue on real estate development is recognised as income from the sale of goods (Note 1.21). Upon the sale of real estate properties, a notary certified agreement is entered into between the Group and the acquirer for transferring the property and the respective entry is made in the land register.

#### 1.13. Investment property

Investment property is real estate property which is primarily held for the purpose of earning rental income or for capital appreciation or for both, but not for the production of goods or services, for administrative purposes or for sale in the ordinary course of business. Investment property is measured under the acquisition cost method, that is at acquisition cost less any accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses.

Buildings included in investment properties are depreciated on a straight-line basis over the period of 12.5 to 33.3 years. Land is not depreciated.

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#### 1.14. Property, plant and equipment

An item of property, plant and equipment is an asset used for production, provision of services or administrative purposes over a period longer than one year. The acquisition cost consists of the purchase price of the asset and other expenditure incurred in bringing the asset to its operating condition and location.

An item of property, plant and equipment is carried in the balance sheet at its acquisition cost less any accumulated depreciation. Subsequent expenditure incurred for items of property, plant and equipment are recognised as non-current assets when it is probable that future economic benefits associated with the asset will flow to the Group and the cost of the asset can be measured reliably. Other repairs and maintenance costs are recognised as expenses at the time they are incurred.

Depreciation is calculated on a straight-line basis over the following useful lives:

- buildings 10-33.3 years;
- machinery and equipment 3-5 years:
- other items of property, plant and equipment 2.5-5 years;
- right of superficies 50 years;
- land is not depreciated.

At each balance sheet date, the validity of applied depreciation rates, the depreciation method and the residual values applicable to assets is assessed.

Non-current assets are written down to their recoverable amount if the latter is below its carrying amount. The recoverable amount is the higher of the asset's net selling price and its value in use.

#### 1.15. Other intangible assets

Other intangible assets (development costs, patents, licenses, trademarks, software) are recognised in the balance sheet when the asset is controlled by the Group, it gives rise to future economic benefits and the cost of the asset can be measured reliably. The acquisition cost of an intangible asset consists of its purchase price and other expenditure directly related to the purchase. Other intangible assets are carried in the balance sheet at acquisition cost less any accumulated amortisation. Amortisation is calculated on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful lives of assets, which is a maximum of 5 years.

## 1.16. Finance and operating leases

Leases of property, plant and equipment which transfer all significant risks and rewards of ownership to the lessee are classified as finance leases. All other leases are recognised as operating leases.

Assets and liabilities leased under the finance lease terms are reported in the balance sheet at the lower of fair value of the leased asset and the present value of minimum rental payments. Items of property, plant and equipment leased under the finance lease terms are depreciated over the shorter of the lease term and the useful life.

Finance lease liabilities are reduced by principal payments; interest expenses on lease payments are included within financial expenses in the income statement.

Operating lease payments are reported in the income statement as expenses on an accrual basis over the lease term.

#### 1.17. Corporate income tax

According to the Income Tax Act of the Republic of Estonia, legal entities are not subject to income tax on profits earned. Corporate income tax is paid on fringe benefits, gifts, donations, reception costs, dividends and payments not related to business operations. Thus there are no differences between the tax bases and the carrying values of assets which would give rise to a deferred income tax asset or liability. Starting from 01.01.2007 the tax rate on dividends payable is 22/78 (in 2006: 23/77; 2005: 24/76) of the amount paid out

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as net dividends. The corporate income tax arising from the payment of dividends is accounted for as an expense in the period when dividends are declared.

Corporate income tax on profits and deferred income tax expense or income of the subsidiaries located in Latvia and Lithuania as well as corporate income tax on dividends of Estonian companies are reported in the consolidated income statement.

Deferred income tax is calculated on all significant temporary differences between the tax bases of assets and liabilities and their carrying values in the balance sheet. Deferred tax assets are recognised in the Group's balance sheet if their future realisation is probable.

Legal entities in Latvia and Lithuania that belong to the Group calculate taxable income and corporate income tax in accordance with the legislation of the Republic of Latvia and the Republic of Lithuania. The profits of entities located in the Republic of Latvia are taxed at the rate of 15%, the profits of entities located in the Republic of Lithuania are taxed at the rate of 15%+4% in 2006 and 15%+3% in 2007.

#### 1.18. Borrowings

Borrowings are initially recognised at fair value, net of transaction costs incurred. Borrowings are subsequently stated at amortised cost, calculating interest income on the borrowing in subsequent periods using the effective interest rate method.

Borrowings are classified as current when the borrower does not have a right to pay off the loan later than 12 months after the balance sheet date.

Borrowing costs are recognised as an expense in the period in which they are incurred.

#### 1.19. Employee benefits

<u>Termination benefits</u> – Termination benefits are payable when employment is terminated by the Group before the normal retirement date, or whenever an employee accepts voluntary redundancy in exchange for these benefits. The Group recognises termination benefits when it is demonstrably committed to either: terminating the employment of current employees according to detailed formal plan without possibility of withdrawal; or providing termination benefits as a result of another offer made to encourage voluntary redundancy. Benefits due more than 12 months after the balance sheet date are discounted to present value.

<u>Profit-sharing and bonus plans</u> – The Group recognises a liability and an expense for bonuses and profit-sharing, based on formula that takes into consideration the profit attributable to the Company's shareholders after certain adjustments. The Group recognises a provision where contractually obliged or when there is past practice that has created a constructive obligation.

## 1.20. Provisions

Provisions are constructive or legal obligations which arise as a result of events occurring before the balance sheet date. Setting up of provisions or increasing existing provisions is recognised as expenses in the income statement of the accounting period.

Provisions are measured at the present value of the expenditures expected to be required to settle the obligation using a pre-tax rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the obligation. The increase in the provision due to passage of time is recognised as interest expense

Pursuant to respective building acts, the construction companies of the Group provide 2-year warranties on their buildings. The calculation of warranty provisions is based on management estimates and previous periods' experience with regard to actual warranty expenses.

The expected loss arising from construction contracts is immediately recognised as an expense. A provision is recognised for onerous construction contracts which have not been completed yet (Note 1.22).

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#### 1.21. Revenue

Revenue is recognised at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable.

Revenue from construction service is recognised as revenue by reference to the stage of completion of the contract (see Note 1.22) in accordance with IAS 11 "Construction Contracts". Revenue from own real estate development projects (developed on immovables belonging to Merko Ehitus group) is recognised as revenue in accordance with IAS 18 "Revenue" when significant risks and rewards of ownership of the goods are transferred to the buyer, the receipt of payment is probable and the costs incurred in respect of the transaction can be measured reliably and it is probable that future economic benefits associated with the transaction will flow to the entity.

When goods are sold or swapped in exchange for dissimilar goods or services, the exchange is regarded as a transaction which generates revenue. The revenue is measured at the fair value of the goods or services received, adjusted by the amount of any cash or cash equivalents transferred. When the fair value of the goods or services received cannot be measured reliably, the revenue is measured at the fair value of the goods or services given up, adjusted by the amount of any cash or cash equivalents transferred.

Revenue from the provision of services is recognised based on the stage of completion of the service at the balance sheet date.

Revenue arising from interest and dividends is recognised when it is probable that future economic benefits associated with the transaction will flow to the entity and the amount of the revenue can be measured reliably.

#### 1.22. Construction contracts in progress

Income and expenses of construction contracts in progress have been matched under the stage of completion method. The stage of completion is determined on the basis of the relationship between the actual costs incurred by the balance sheet date and the estimated costs of the contract. The actual costs of the contract consist of direct and certain overhead costs of the construction contact.

If invoices submitted to the customer by the balance sheet date are either higher or lower than the income calculated under the stage of completion method, then the difference is recognised as a liability or as a receivable in the balance sheet.

When it is probable that total contract costs will exceed total contract revenue, the expected loss is recognised as an expense immediately and in full.

#### 1.23. Government grants

Government grants are recognised as income over the periods necessary to match them with the related costs, which they are intended to compensate. Government grants received to compensate the operating expenses of the previous period or where there are no additional conditions attached to grants to be addressed in the future, are accounted for as income when the grant is received. Government grants are recognised when there is reasonable assurance that the grant will be received and the Group will comply with all attached conditions.

#### 1.24. Cash and cash equivalents

In the balance sheet and the cash flow statement, cash and cash equivalents comprise highly liquid funds with low variation in value, such as cash on hand, cash in bank accounts, highly liquid securities such as money market funds and term deposits with maturities of three months or less.

The indirect method has been used for the preparation of the cash flow statement.

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#### 1.25. Contingent liabilities

Contingent liabilities are those liabilities which realisation is less probable than non-realisation and the amount of which cannot be determined reliably. Contingent liabilities are not recognised in the balance sheet, but they are disclosed in the notes to the financial statements.

#### 1.26. Statutory reserve capital

Reserve capital is formed to comply with the requirements of the Commercial Code. During each financial year, at least one-twentieth of the net profit shall be entered in reserve capital, until reserve capital reaches one-tenth of share capital. Reserve capital may be used to cover a loss, or to increase share capital. Payments shall not be made to shareholders from reserve capital.

#### 1.27. Events after the balance sheet date

The financial statements of the reporting period include material circumstances affecting the assessment of assets and liabilities which became evident between the balance sheet date and the date of preparing the financial statements but that are related to transactions in the accounting period or previous periods. Material events after the balance sheet date not related to transactions in the accounting period or previous periods are not reported in the balance sheet but they are disclosed in the notes to the financial statements.

#### 1.28. Dividend distribution

The distribution of dividends to the Company's shareholders is recognized as a liability in the financial statements in the period in which the dividends are approved by the Company's shareholders.

## 1.29. Segment reporting

A business segment is a part of the Group engaged in making similar products or providing similar services and whose profitability and risks differ from those of other parts of the Group. The business segments at the Group comprise construction, road construction, construction of communication networks and production of concrete elements. Segment expenses are those which are incurred in the segment's main operations and which can be allocated to the segment reliably and objectively. Such expenses, assets and liabilities have not been allocated to segments that cannot be or are not suitable to be associated with a specific segment. In preparing the financial statements, business segments have been considered as primary segments.

A geographical segment is a part of the Group where operating activities occur in an economic environment in which returns and risks differ from those of other parts of the Group. The main geographical segments at the Group are Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania. In preparing the financial statements, geographical segments have been considered as secondary segments.

The main operating environment of the parent company is Estonia. All business segments of the Group are represented in Estonia. Construction is the main business segment in Latvia and Lithuania. Segment revenue is shown according to geographical segments of markets and segment assets, according to geographical locations of assets.

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# Note 2 Business and geographical segments

in thousands of kroons

## **Business segments**

| 2006  | General construction | Road construction | Concrete elements | Group     |
|---|----------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------|
| Consolidated revenue  | 4 097 263            | 317 098           | -                 | 4 414 361 |
| Inter-segmental revenue   | 377 656              | 104 117           | -                 | 481 773   |
| Segment revenue   | 4 474 919            | 421 215           | -                 | 4 896 134 |
| Segment operating profit  | 596 374              | 36 497            | -                 | 632 871   |
| Financial income/expenses                                       |                      |                   |                   | 7 733     |
| incl. profit/loss from associates and joint                     |                      |                   |                   |           |
| ventures (Note 19)  | (416)                | -                 | 17 877            | 17 461    |
| Profit before tax   |                      |                   |                   | 640 604   |
| Corporate income tax  |                      |                   |                   | (49 913)  |
| Net profit of the Group   |                      |                   |                   | 590 691   |
| incl. attributable to equity owners of the                      |                      |                   |                   | 581 738   |
| parent company minority interest                                |                      |                   |                   | 8 953     |
| minority interest   |                      |                   |                   | 0 933     |
| Segment assets  | 2 772 635            | 187 047           | -                 | 2 959 682 |
| Associates and joint ventures                                   | 160 619              | -                 | 40 179            | 200 798   |
| Unallocated liabilities   |                      |                   |                   | 54 049    |
| Total consolidated assets                                       |                      |                   |                   | 3 214 529 |
|   |                      |                   |                   |           |
| Segment liabilities   | 1 033 996            | 63 825            | -                 | 1 097 821 |
| Unallocated liabilities   |                      |                   |                   | 503 862   |
| Total consolidated liabilities                                  |                      |                   |                   | 1 601 683 |
|   |                      |                   |                   |           |
| Purchase of property, plant and equipment and intangible assets | 80 654               | 12 510            | _                 | 93 164    |
| _   | 22 377               | 8 370             | _                 | 30 747    |
| Depreciation and impairment (Notes 22-24)                       | 22 3//               | 0 3/0             | -                 | 30 /4/    |

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| 2005  | General<br>construction | Road<br>construction | Concrete elements | Construction<br>of communi-<br>cation<br>networks | Group     |
|---|-------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|---|-----------|
| Consolidated revenue  | 3 028 386               | 204 006              | -                 | -   | 3 232 392 |
| Inter-segmental revenue   | 4 773                   | 34 338               | -                 | -   | 39 111    |
| Segment revenue   | 3 033 159               | 238 344              | -                 | -   | 3 271 503 |
| Segment operating profit  | 416 770                 | 18 281               | -                 | - ,   | 435 051   |
| Financial income/expenses incl. profit/loss from associates and   |                         |                      |                   |   | 28 673    |
| joint ventures (Note 19)  | 5 839                   | 1 924                | 10 660            | 1 209   | 19 632    |
| Profit before tax   |                         |                      |                   |   | 463 724   |
| Corporate income tax  |                         |                      |                   |   | (18 437)  |
| Net profit of the Group   |                         |                      |                   | -   | 445 287   |
| incl. attributable to equity owners of                            |                         |                      |                   |   | 438 638   |
| the parent company  |                         |                      |                   |   | 6 649     |
| Minority interest   |                         |                      |                   |   | 0 049     |
| Segment assets  | 1 856 012               | 121 555              | -                 | -   | 1 977 567 |
| Associates and joint ventures                                     | 150 773                 | -                    | 25 302            | 3 534   | 179 609   |
| Unallocated assets  |                         |                      |                   |   | 62 700    |
| Total consolidated assets   |                         |                      |                   |   | 2 219 876 |
|   |                         |                      |                   |   |           |
| Segment liabilities   | 715 238                 | 37 671               | -                 | -   | 752 909   |
| Unallocated liabilities   |                         |                      |                   |   | 355 019   |
| Total consolidated liabilities                                    |                         |                      |                   |   | 1 107 928 |
| Purchase of investment property Property, plant and equipment and | 63                      | -                    | -                 | -   | 63        |
| intangible assets   | 227 228                 | 9 015                | -                 | -   | 236 243   |
| Depreciation and impairment (Notes 22-24)                         | 99 525                  | 10 112               | -                 | -   | 109 637   |

Costs, assets and liabilities that cannot be related to a specific asset or it is not practical to do so are considered as unallocated.

## Geographical segments

| Revenue   | venue Group |           |  |
|-----------|-------------|-----------|--|
|           | 2006        | 2005      |  |
| Estonia   | 2 794 317   | 2 441 325 |  |
| Latvia    | 1 055 632   | 560 107   |  |
| Lithuania | 564 412     | 230 960   |  |
|           |             |           |  |
| Total     | 4 414 361   | 3 232 392 |  |

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|           | Total a    | Total assets |      | Purchase of investment property |        | ase of<br>ant and<br>ent |
|-----------|------------|--------------|------|---------------------------------|--------|--------------------------|
|           | 31.12.2006 | 31.12.2005   | 2006 | 2005                            | 2006   | 2005                     |
| Estonia   | 1 700 964  | 1 033 085    | -    | 39                              | 27 018 | 20 440                   |
| Latvia    | 1 244 312  | 991 929      | -    | 24                              | 65 699 | 215 356                  |
| Lithuania | 269 253    | 194 862      | -    | -                               | 447    | 447                      |
| Total     | 3 214 529  | 2 219 876    | -    | 63                              | 93 164 | 236 243                  |

## Note 3 Revenue

| in thousands of kroons                                   | Group     |           |
|--|-----------|-----------|
|  | 2006      | 2005      |
|  |           |           |
| Rendering of services                                    | 3 535 810 | 2 751 778 |
| Sale of real estate and real estate development projects | 831 490   | 475 748   |
| Rental income  | 45 272    | 2 354     |
| Sale of goods  | 1 789     | 2 512     |
|  |           |           |
| Total revenue  | 4 414 361 | 3 232 392 |

In 2005, revenue included 86.3 million kroons generated by non-cash inventory exchange transactions (immovables located on nature preserve areas were exchanged with the Government of the Republic of Estonia for non-restricted immovables owned by the state). In 2006, there were no non-cash transactions with inventories.

## Note 4 Cost of goods sold

| in thousands of kroons                | Group     |           |  |  |
|---------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|--|--|
|                                       | 2006      | 2005      |  |  |
|                                       |           |           |  |  |
| Materials                             | 369 094   | 367 736   |  |  |
| Construction services                 | 2 592 026 | 1 934 926 |  |  |
| Properties purchased for resale       | 215 889   | 78 303    |  |  |
| Staff costs                           | 247 902   | 152 619   |  |  |
| Depreciation and impairment charge    | 25 098    | 15 253    |  |  |
| Design                                | 72 851    | 72 115    |  |  |
| Construction mechanisms and transport | 108 629   | 82 951    |  |  |
| Other expenses                        | 96 072    | 34 811    |  |  |
|                                       |           |           |  |  |
| Total cost of goods sold              | 3 727 561 | 2 738 714 |  |  |

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## Note 5 Marketing costs

| in thousands of kroons             |        | Group  |
|------------------------------------|--------|--------|
|                                    | 2006   | 2005   |
| Staff costs                        | 9 407  | 11 651 |
| Depreciation and impairment charge | 356    | 253    |
| Advertising, sponsorship           | 9 015  | 5 017  |
| Transport                          | 1 268  | 1 256  |
| Construction tenders               | 900    | 918    |
| Other expenses                     | 2 444  | 3 500  |
|                                    |        |        |
| Total marketing costs              | 23 390 | 22 595 |

## Note 6 General and administrative expenses

| Gı      | roup  |
|---------|---|
| 2006    | 2005  |
| 95 827  | 72 967  |
| 5 293   | 4 793   |
| 7 080   | 10 413  |
| 6 820   | 5 677   |
| 16 701  | 14 638  |
| 17 071  | 19 144  |
| 148 792 | 127 632   |
|         | 2006<br>95 827<br>5 293<br>7 080<br>6 820<br>16 701<br>17 071 |

## Note 7 Other operating income

| in thousands of kroons                    | G       | iroup   |
|---|---------|---------|
|   | 2006    | 2005    |
| Profit from sale of non-current assets    | 122 403 | 535     |
| Fines and amounts for delay received      | 1 223   | 971     |
| Foreign exchange gains                    | -       | 16      |
| Interest income from operating activities | 2 335   | 5 590   |
| Revenue from government grants (Note 28)  | 20 727  | 177 333 |
| Other income                              | 1 517   | 607     |
|   |         |         |
| Total other operating income              | 148 205 | 185 052 |

Profit from sale of non-current assets in 2006 include the profit from the sale of multifunctional hall Arena Riga by subsidiary SIA Merks in the amount of 122 053 thousand knoons (Note 23).

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## Note 8 Other operating expenses

| in thousands of kroons                              | Group  |        |
|---|--------|--------|
|   | 2006   | 2005   |
| Fines, penalties                                    | 1 339  | 2 790  |
| Foreign exchange loss                               | 10     | -      |
| Gifts, donations                                    | 4 674  | 904    |
| Impairment charge (Note 23)                         | -      | 89 338 |
| Expenses of arranging ice-hockey world championship | 22 522 | -      |
| Other expenses                                      | 1 407  | 420    |
|   |        |        |
| Total other operating expenses                      | 29 952 | 93 452 |

## Note 9 Financial income

| in thousands of kroons                                      |       | Group |  |
|---|-------|-------|--|
|   | 2006  | 2005  |  |
| Financial income from other long term leans and receivables | 7     | 11    |  |
| Financial income from other long-term loans and receivables | ,     |       |  |
| Interest income   | 6 462 | 1 470 |  |
| Gains from available-for-sale financial assets              | 618   | 3     |  |
| Other financial income                                      | 1 216 | 4 769 |  |
|   |       |       |  |
| Total financial income                                      | 8 303 | 6 253 |  |

## Note 10 Financial expenses

| in thousands of kroons   | Group  |       |
|--------------------------|--------|-------|
|                          | 2006   | 2005  |
| Interest expenses        | 14 288 | 2 418 |
| Foreign exchange loss    | 6 064  | 2 277 |
| Other financial expenses | 1      | 15    |
| Total financial expenses | 20 353 | 4 710 |

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#### Note 11 Corporate income tax

in thousands of kroons

The tax on the Group's profit before tax differs from the theoretical amount that would arise using the tax rate applicable to profits of the consolidated entities as follows:

| 2006   | 2006       |           |         |          |  |
|--|------------|-----------|---------|----------|--|
|  | Latvia     | Lithuania | Estonia | Total    |  |
| Profit before tax  | 271 450    | 25 031    | 344 127 | 640 608  |  |
| Tax rate applicable to profits   | 15%        | 19%       | 0%      |          |  |
| Tax calculated at domestic tax rates applicable to                                     |            |           |         |          |  |
| profits in the respective countries  | (40 717)   | (4 756)   | -       | (45 473) |  |
| Tax calculated on expenses not deductible for tax                                      |            |           |         |          |  |
| purposes   | (49)       | (91)      | -       | (140)    |  |
| Tax calculated on income not subject to tax  | 1 295      | 17        | -       | 1 312    |  |
| Corporate income tax on dividends  | -          | -         | (5 616) | (5 616)  |  |
| Tax charge   | (39 471)   | (4 830)   | (5 616) | (49 917) |  |
| Incl current tax   | (18 925)   | -         | (5 616) | (24 541) |  |
| deferred tax charged/(credited) to the   |            |           |         |          |  |
| income statement (Note 21)   | (20 546)   | (4 830)   | -       | (25 376) |  |
| 2005   |            |           |         |          |  |
|  | Latvia     | Lithuania | Estonia | Total    |  |
| Profit before tax  | 91 113     | 17 252    | 355 359 | 463 724  |  |
| Tax rate applicable to profits   | 15%        | 19%       | 0%      |          |  |
| Tax calculated at domestic tax rates applicable to                                     | (12 / / 7) | (2 500)   |         | (1/ 255) |  |
| profits in the respective countries  Tax calculated on expenses not deductible for tax | (13 667)   | (2 588)   | -       | (16 255) |  |
| purposes   | (570)      | (477)     |         | (1 047)  |  |
| Tax calculated on income not subject to tax  | (370)      | 1 243     | _       | 1 243    |  |
| Tax losses for which no deferred income tax asset                                      | -          | 1 243     | -       | 1 243    |  |
| was recognised   | _          | 6 452     | _       | 6 452    |  |
| Corporate income tax on dividends  | -          | -         | (8 830) | (8 830)  |  |
| _  |            |           |         |          |  |
| Tax charge   | (14 237)   | 4 630     | (8 830) | (18 437) |  |
| Incl current tax   | (2 852)    | -         | (8 830) | (11 682) |  |
| deferred tax charged/(credited) to the   | (44.005)   | 4 (22     |         | // 755\  |  |
| income statement   | (11 385)   | 4 630     | -       | (6 755)  |  |

As at 31.12.2006, it is possible to pay out dividends to shareholders from retained earnings in the amount of 1 091 409 thousand kroons and the corresponding income tax would amount to 307 833 thousand kroons. As at 31 December 2005 (taking into account the statutory requirement to increase the statutory reserve capital), it would have been possible to pay out 698 156 thousand kroons as dividends, and the corresponding income tax would have amounted to 208 540 thousand kroons.

#### Note 12 Earnings per share

Basic earnings per share for profit attributable to equity holders of the parent company has been derived by dividing the net profit attributable to shareholders by the weighted average number of shares.

|  | 2006    | 2005    |
|--|---------|---------|
| Net profit attributable to shareholders (in thousands of kroons) | 581 738 | 438 638 |
| Weighted average number of ordinary shares (thousand pcs)        | 17 700  | 17 700  |
| Earnings per share (in kroons)                                   | 32,87   | 24,78   |

In 2005 and 2006, the Group did not have any potential ordinary shares to be issued; therefore the diluted earnings per share equal the basic earnings per share.

### Note 13 Dividends per share

Dividends payable are recognised after the approval of profit allocation at the General Meeting of Shareholders. According to the profit allocation proposal 123 900 thousand kroons will be distributed as dividends in 2007, i.e. 7.00 kroons per share and the accompanying maximum income tax expense will amount to 22/78 of the amount payable, i.e. 34 946 thousand kroons.

In 2006, 88 500 thousand kroons, i.e. 5.0 kroons per share were paid, on which AS Merko Ehitus did not need to pay corporate income tax due to the taxable dividends received from subsidiaries. In 2005, dividends paid amounted to 57 525 thousand kroons, i.e. 6.50 kroons per share, on which income tax amounted to 4 446 thousand kroons.

### Note 14 Cash and cash equivalents

| in thousands of kroons               | Group      |            |
|--------------------------------------|------------|------------|
|                                      | 31.12.2006 | 31.12.2005 |
| Cash on hand                         | 155        | 97         |
| Bank accounts                        | 437 456    | 135 577    |
| Short-term deposits                  | 238 532    | 121 258    |
| Units of Estonian money market funds | -          | 11 514     |
| Total cash and bank                  | 676 143    | 268 446    |

As at 31.12.2006, the interest on short-term overnight bank deposits was 3.37% (31.12.2005: 2.15) and the weighted average interest on term deposits was 3.85% (2005: 2.5%). As at 31.12.2006, the average maturity of bank deposits was 25.6 days (31.12.2005: 7.6 days).

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### Note 15 Trade and other receivables

| in thousands of kroons                       | Group      |                    |
|--|------------|--------------------|
|  | 31.12.2006 | 31.12.2005         |
| Trade receivables                            |            |                    |
| accounts receivable                          | 552 732    | 296 626            |
| allowance for doubtful receivables           | (1 370)    | (345)              |
| anowance for doubtful receivables            | 551 362    | 296 281            |
| Corporate income tax paid                    |            | 230 201            |
| value added tax                              | 32 183     | 34 193             |
| social security tax                          | 171        | 5 <del>+</del> 155 |
| other taxes                                  | 199        | -                  |
| Other taxes                                  | 32 553     | 34 199             |
|  | 32 333     | 34 199             |
| Amounts due from customers for contract work |            |                    |
| (Note 33)                                    | 135 408    | 82 224             |
| Other short-term receivables                 |            |                    |
| short-term loans (Note 16)                   | 34 883     | 49 481             |
| interest receivables                         | 2 913      | 1 846              |
| other short-term receivables                 | 1 549      | 6 026              |
|  | 39 345     | 57 353             |
| Prepayments for services                     |            |                    |
| prepayments for construction services        | 86 326     | 68 357             |
| prepaid insurance                            | 2 245      | 1 062              |
| other prepaid expenses                       | 6 864      | 2 634              |
|  | 95 435     | 72 053             |
|  |            |                    |
| Total trade and other receivables            | 854 103    | 542 110            |

# Note 16 Loans granted

| in thousands of kroons                             | Group     |          |
|--|-----------|----------|
|  | 2006      | 2005     |
| Loans granted to associates                        |           |          |
| Loan balance at beginning of the year              | 21 325    | 49 155   |
| Granted  | 10 950    | 28 005   |
| Collected  | (7 525)   | (37 440) |
| Reclassification to loan granted to subsidiary     | -         | (18 395) |
| Loan balance at end of the year                    | 24 750    | 21 325   |
| incl. current portion                              | 24 750    | 21 325   |
| Average effective interest rate 6.5% (2005: 6.2%)  |           |          |
| Loans granted to entities controlled by the parent |           |          |
| company  | 6 565     | 5 991    |
| Loan balance at beginning of the year              | 264 286   |          |
| Granted  |           | 83 243   |
| Reclassification of loan granted to subsidiary     | 2 046     | 31 183   |
| Reclassification of loan granted to related party  | 1 473     | -        |
| Collected  | (261 670) | (66 183) |
| Loan balance at beginning of the year              | -         | (47 669) |

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| Loan balance at end of the year incl. current portion non-current portion 25 years | 12 700<br>8 896<br>3 804 | 6 565<br>6 565 |
|--|--------------------------|----------------|
| Average effective interest rate 4.5% (2005: 4.0%)                                  |                          |                |
| Loans granted to other related parties   |                          |                |
| Loan balance at beginning of the year  | 1 973                    | 380            |
| Granted  | - (500)                  | 1 593          |
| Collected  Reclassification to loan granted to entities controlled by              | (500)                    | -              |
| the parent company   | (1 473)                  | -              |
| Loan balance at end of the year  | _                        | 1 973          |
| incl. current portion  | -                        | 500            |
| non-current portion 25 years   | -                        | 1 473          |
| Average effective interest rate 4.5% (2005: 1.0%)                                  |                          |                |
| Loans granted to non-related legal entities  |                          |                |
| Loan balance at beginning of the year  | 20 930                   | 17 754         |
| Granted  | 117                      | 76 860         |
| Reclassification from other receivables  | 1 009                    | - (72 670)     |
| Collected  | (16 906)                 | (72 678)       |
| Reclassification to other receivables  | (3 973)                  | (1 006)        |
| Loan balance at end of the year  | 1 177                    | 20 930         |
| incl. current portion  | 1 177                    | 20 679         |
| non-current portion 25 years   | -                        | 251            |
| Average effective interest rate 4.0% (2005: 3.5%)                                  |                          |                |
| Loans to other non-related private individual                                      |                          |                |
| Loan balance at beginning of the year  | 412                      | -              |
| Granted  | -                        | 422            |
| Collected  | (352)                    | (10)           |
| Loan balance at end of the year  | 60                       | 412            |
| incl. current portion  | 60                       | 412            |
| Average effective interest rate 3.7% (2005: 3.7%)                                  |                          |                |
| Total loans granted  |                          |                |
| Loan balance at beginning of the year  | 51 205                   | 73 280         |
| Granted  | 275 353                  | 190 123        |
| Reclassification of loan granted to subsidiary                                     | 2 046                    | 31 183         |
| Reclassification from other receivables  | 1 009                    | -              |
| Collected  | (286 953)                | (176 311)      |
| Reclassification to loan granted to subsidiary                                     | -                        | (66 064)       |
| Reclassification to other receivables  | (3 973)                  | (1 006)        |
| Loan balance at end of the year  | 38 687                   | 51 205         |
| incl. current portion (Note 15)  | 34 883                   | 49 481         |
| non-current portion 25 years (Note 20)   | 3 804                    | 1 724          |

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#### Note 17 Inventories

| in thousands of kroons                      | Group      |            |
|---|------------|------------|
|   | 31.12.2006 | 31.12.2005 |
|   |            |            |
| Materials                                   | 4 579      | 1 845      |
| Work-in-progress                            | 567 868    | 200 482    |
| Finished goods                              | 18 121     | 4 461      |
| Goods for resale                            |            |            |
| land purchased for resale                   | 723 334    | 752 789    |
| incl. immovables located on nature preserve |            |            |
| areas*                                      | 61 098     | 53 625     |
| other goods purchased for resale            | 107        | 11         |
|   | 723 441    | 752 800    |
| Prepayments for inventories                 |            |            |
| prepayments for real estate properties      | 34 767     | 4 500      |
| prepayments for other inventories           | 7 958      | _          |
|   | 42 725     | 4 500      |
| Total inventories                           | 1 356 734  | 964 088    |

<sup>\*</sup> There are strict building restrictions on immovables located on nature preserve areas. These immovables can be used for real estate development only by exchanging these with the Government of the Republic of Estonia. According to Nature Conservation Act an immovable which is located within the territory of a protected area, special conservation area or species protection site and whose use for its intended purposes is significantly hindered by the protection procedure may be exchanged for an immovable owned by the state based on an agreement between the state and the owner of the immovable, or may be acquired (based on a decision of the Government of the Republic of Estonia) by the state for a charge equivalent to the usual value of the immovable if the owner of the immovable agrees (§ 19 and 20 of Nature Conservation Act).

The management of the Group is on the opinion that Estonian legislation at the date of signing this annual report allows to exchange those immovables for other, unrestricted immovables (with at least similar value) with Estonian state, and consequently the Group has not assumed any significant risks which would trigger the need for impairment of the immovables referred to above.

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Note 18 Shares in subsidiaries

in thousands of kroons

|                                   | Participation a<br>rights of<br>31.12.2006 37 | %   | Location   | Area of operation |
|-----------------------------------|---|-----|--|-------------------|
| Subsidiaries of AS Merko Ehitus   |   |     |  |                   |
| AS Gustaf                         | 75  | 100 | Pärnu  | construction      |
| AS Merko Tartu                    | 66  | 66  | Tartu  | construction      |
| AS Merko Insenerehitus            | 100   | 100 | Tallinn  | construction      |
| OÜ Merko Ehitustööd               | 100   | 100 | Tallinn  | construction      |
| Eesti Ehitusekspordi OÜ           | 100   | 100 | Tallinn  | construction road |
| Tallinna Teede AS                 | 100   | 100 | Tallinn  | construction      |
| SIA Merks                         | 100   | 100 | Republic of Latvia, Riga<br>Republic of Lithuania, | construction      |
| UAB Merko Statyba                 | 100   | 100 | Vilnius  | construction      |
| OÜ Merko Elamu                    | 100   | 100 | Tallinn  | real estate       |
| OÜ Merko Maja                     | 100   | 100 | Tallinn  | real estate       |
| OÜ Merko Kinnisvara               | -   | 100 | Saue   | real estate       |
| OÜ Woody                          | 100   | 100 | Tallinn  | real estate       |
| OÜ Gustaf Tallinn                 | 80  | 80  | Tallinn  | construction      |
| OÜ Rannamõisa Kinnisvara          | -   | 100 | Tallinn  | real estate       |
| OÜ Maavõlur                       | 100   | 100 | Tallinn  | real estate       |
| OÜ Rae Tehnopark                  | 100   | 100 | Tallinn  | real estate       |
| OÜ Maryplus                       | 100   | 100 | Tallinn  | real estate       |
| OÜ Metsailu                       | 100   | 100 | Tallinn  | real estate       |
| OÜ Pire Projekt                   | 100   | 100 | Tallinn  | real estate       |
| OÜ Constancia                     | 100   | 100 | Tallinn  | real estate       |
| OÜ Käibevara                      | 100   | 100 | Tallinn  | real estate       |
|                                   |   |     | Tallinn  | electricity       |
| OÜ Baltic Electricity Engineering | 100   | 100 |  | systems           |

In May 2006, AS Merko Ehitus sold its subsidiary OÜ Merko Kinnisvara which had not started its operating activities yet. In July 2006, AS Merko Ehitus sold 25% of the shares of its subsidiary AS Gustaf.

In December 2006, AS Merko Ehitus sold its subsidiary OÜ Rannamõisa Kinnisvara to a related party (see note 34). In accordance with the substance and economic reality (subsidiary was a one-asset-company; assets comprised of land purchased for resale), the sales transaction was recognised as a sale of land included within inventories at the Group.

In 2006, Merko Ehitus group companies paid 3029 thousand kroons for shares in subsidiaries acquired during previous years.

# Proceeds from sales of subsidiaries

|   | OÜ Merko Kinnisvara | AS Gustaf | Total |
|---|---------------------|-----------|-------|
| Participations sold                               | 100%                | 25%       |       |
| Carrying amount of participations sold            | 42                  | 2 801     | 2 843 |
| Sales price                                       | 40                  | 5 125     | 5 165 |
| Profit from sale                                  | 2                   | 2 324     | 2 326 |
| Cash received                                     | 40                  | -         | 40    |
| Cash and cash equivalents of subsidiary from sale | (42)                | -         | (42)  |
| Cash flows from sale at the Group                 | (2)                 | -         | (2)   |
| Sales consideration receivable (Note 20)          | -                   | 4 624     | 4 624 |

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# Note 19 Investments into associates and joint ventures

|                                   | Participation and voting rights % Location |    |                     | Area of operation  |
|-----------------------------------|--|----|---------------------|--------------------|
|                                   | 31.12.2006 3                               |    | 5                   |                    |
|                                   |  |    |                     |                    |
| Associates of AS Merko Ehitus     |  |    |                     |                    |
| AS Tartu Maja Betoontooted        | 25   | 25 | Tartu               | concrete elements  |
| AS Telegrupp                      | -  | 31 | Tallinn             | telecommunications |
| Joint ventures of AS Merko Ehitus |  |    |                     |                    |
|                                   |  |    | <b>-</b>            |                    |
| Normanni Linnagrupi AS            | 50   | 50 | Tallinn             | construction       |
| OÜ Unigate                        | 50   | 50 | Tallinn             | real estate        |
| OÜ Tornimäe Apartments            | 50   | 50 | Tallinn             | real estate        |
| Joint ventures of SIA Merks       |  |    |                     |                    |
| John Vernares of Civi Merks       |  |    | Republic of Latvia  |                    |
| PS Merks Terbe Lat                | 50   | 50 | Riga                | construction       |
| To Herito Terbe Lac               |  |    | Republic of Latvia, |                    |
| SIA Zakusala Estates              | 50   | 50 | Riga                | real estate        |
| Associate of AS Merko Tartu       |  |    |                     |                    |
|                                   | F0   | F0 | <b>-</b> .          |                    |
| OÜ Kortermaja                     | 50   | 50 | Tartu               | real estate        |

In February 2006, AS Merko Ehitus sold a 12% holding in its associate AS Telegrupp. The remaining 19% holding was recognised as available-for-sale financial assets and the total holding was sold in July of the same year.

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#### in thousands of kroons

| in thousands of kroons             |                              | Chan                    | ges occurr                | 6          |                         |                         |                    |
|------------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|
|                                    | Investment<br>at<br>31.12.05 |                         | Profit/<br>(loss)<br>from |            | cur-<br>rency<br>trans- | Investment<br>31.12. 06 | Partici-           |
|                                    | 31.12.03                     | acquisition,            |                           | •          | lation                  |                         | pation in          |
|                                    |                              | sale and<br>liquidation | and joint                 | dividends  | adjust-                 |                         | equity of investee |
|                                    |                              | nquidation              | ventures                  | arviacrias | mem                     |                         | mvestee            |
| Associates of AS Merko             |                              |                         |                           |            |                         |                         |                    |
| Ehitus                             |                              |                         |                           |            |                         |                         |                    |
| AS Tartu Maja                      |                              |                         |                           |            |                         |                         |                    |
| Betoontooted                       | 25 302                       | -                       | 17 877                    | (3 000)    | -                       | 40 179                  | 40 179             |
| AS Telegrupp                       | 3 534                        | (4 233)                 | 699                       | -          | -                       | -                       | -                  |
|                                    |                              |                         |                           |            |                         |                         |                    |
| Total associates                   | 28 836                       | (4 233)                 | 18 576                    | (3 000)    |                         | 40 179                  | 40 179             |
|                                    |                              |                         |                           |            |                         |                         |                    |
| Joint ventures AS Merko            |                              |                         |                           |            |                         |                         |                    |
| Ehitus                             | 422                          |                         | (0)                       |            |                         | 44.0                    | 442                |
| Normanni Linnagrupi AS             | 422                          |                         | (9)                       |            | -                       | 413                     |                    |
| OÜ Unigate<br>                     | 92                           |                         | (70)                      |            | -                       | 22                      |                    |
| OÜ Tornimäe Apartments             | 24                           | -                       | 98                        | -          | -                       | 122                     | 122                |
| Joint ventures of SIA              |                              |                         |                           |            |                         |                         |                    |
| Merks                              |                              |                         |                           |            |                         |                         |                    |
| PS Merks Terbe Lat                 | 12                           | _                       | 396                       | -          | (2)                     | 406                     | 406                |
| SIA Zakusala Estates               | 148 319                      | 11 238                  | (1 939)                   | -          | (275)                   | 157 343                 | 10 191             |
|                                    |                              |                         |                           |            |                         |                         |                    |
| Joint venture of AS<br>Merko Tartu |                              |                         |                           |            |                         |                         |                    |
| OÜ Kortermaja                      | 1 904                        | -                       | 409                       | -          | -                       | 2 313                   | 4 160              |
| Total joint ventures               | 150 773                      | 11 238                  | (1 115)                   |            | (277)                   | 160 619                 | 15 314             |
| rotar joint ventures               | 130 //3                      | 11 230                  | (1 113)                   |            | (2//)                   | 100 019                 | 13 314             |
| Total associates and               |                              |                         |                           |            |                         |                         |                    |
| joint ventures                     | 179 609                      | 7 005                   | 17 461                    | (3 000)    | (277)                   | 200 798                 | 55 493             |

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| in thousands of kroons              |                         | Changes in 2005          |                     |         |  |                               |  |  |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|---------|--|-------------------------------|--|--|
|                                     | Investment<br>31.12. 04 | acquisition,<br>sale and | profit/loss<br>from |         | Cur-<br>rency<br>trans-<br>lation<br>adjust-<br>ment | Investment<br>at<br>31.12. 05 | Partici-<br>pation in<br>equity of<br>investee |  |
| Associates of AS Merko<br>Ehitus    |                         |                          |                     |         |  |                               |  |  |
| AS Tartu Maja                       |                         |                          |                     |         |  |                               |  |  |
| Betoontooted                        | 16 142                  | -                        | 10 660              | (1 500) | -  | 25 302                        | 25 302   |  |
| AS Telegrupp                        | 6 292                   | (2 257)                  | 1 209               | (1 710) | -  | 3 534                         | 3 534  |  |
| Associate of OÜ Talbit              |                         |                          |                     |         |  |                               |  |  |
| AS Bituumen                         | 3 627                   | (5 550)                  | 1 923               | -       | -  | -                             | -  |  |
| Total associates                    | 26 061                  | (7 807)                  | 13 792              | (3 210) | -  | 28 836                        | 28 836   |  |
| Joint venture of AS<br>Merko Ehitus |                         |                          |                     |         |  |                               |  |  |
| Normanni Linnagrupi AS              | 389                     | -                        | 33                  | -       | -  | 422                           | 422  |  |
| AS Insenervõrgud                    | 623                     | (499)                    | (124)               | -       | -  | -                             | -  |  |
| OÜ Pire Projekt                     | 849                     | (5 800)                  | 4 951               | -       | -  | -                             | -  |  |
| OÜ Constancia                       | 760                     | (1 384)                  | 624                 | -       | -  | -                             | -  |  |
| OÜ Unigate                          | 412                     | -                        | (320)               | -       | -  | 92                            | 92   |  |
| OÜ Tornimäe Apartments              | 19                      | -                        | 5                   | -       | -  | 24                            | 24   |  |
| Joint ventures of SIA<br>Merks      |                         |                          |                     |         |  |                               |  |  |
| PS Merks Terbe Lat                  | 5 100                   | -                        | -                   | (5 099) | 11   | 12                            | (4)  |  |
| SIA Zakusala Estates                | -                       | 148 319                  | -                   | -       | -  | 148 319                       | 910  |  |
| Joint venture of AS<br>Merko Tartu  |                         |                          |                     |         |  |                               |  |  |
| OÜ Kortermaja                       | 1 233                   | -                        | 671                 | -       | -  | 1 904                         | 2 012  |  |
| Total joint ventures                | 9 385                   | 140 636                  | 5 840               | (5 099) | 11   | 150 773                       | 3 456  |  |
| Total associates and                |                         |                          |                     |         |  |                               |  |  |
| joint ventures                      | 35 446                  | 132 829                  | 19 632              | (8 309) | 11   | 179 609                       | 32 292   |  |

As at 31.12.2006, the difference between the carrying amount of the investment of OÜ Kortermaja and the equity of the investee totalling 1847 thousand kroons (2005: 108 thousand kroons) is due to the effect from the unrealised gains of mutual transactions.

As at 31.12.2006, the investment into the joint venture SIA Zakusala Estates includes intangible assets in the amount of 147 152 thousand kroons (2005: 147 409 thousand kroons). The assets and liabilities of the joint venture are immaterial, but it has a signed a lease agreement with the City of Riga expiring at 2 June 2051 which gives it a right to use the 126 thousand  $m^2$  registered immovable on Zakusala island in the centre of Riga. This intangible asset represents a payment for future economic benefits that arise from the aforementioned right to use the property.

| Associates<br>in thousands of kroons  |   |                                | Assets<br>31.12.   | Lia   | abilities<br>31.12.                                 | R  | evenue  | Net profit   |
|---|---|--------------------------------|--|---|---|--|---|--|
| 2006<br>AS Tartu Maja Betoontoote   | ed  |                                | 272 892  |   | 112 176   |  | 442 962   | 71 508   |
| 2005<br>AS Tartu Maja Betoontoote<br>AS Telegrupp   | ed  |                                | 244 556<br>25 139  |   | 143 348<br>13 700                                   |  | 249 750<br>76 923   | 42 629<br>1 257  |
| Joint ventures<br>in thousands of kroons  | Ass<br>31.<br>Current<br>assets                                     |                                | Liabi<br>31.   |   | Equity<br>31.12.                                    | Income   | Expenses  | Net<br>profit/loss   |
| 2006<br>Normanni Linnagrupi AS<br>OÜ Unigate<br>OÜ Tornimäe Apartments<br>PS Merks Terbe Lat<br>SIA Zakusala Estates<br>OÜ Kortermaja                                       | 826<br>25 488<br>204 795<br>811<br>11 810<br>54 084                 | -<br>-<br>-<br>-<br>8 870      | 13 260<br>204 568<br>8<br>299<br>14 124                  | -<br>12 184<br>-<br>-<br>-<br>31 638            | 826<br>44<br>227<br>802<br>20 381<br>8 322          | 56<br>-<br>195<br>884<br>187<br>27 772                             | 73<br>139<br>17<br>73<br>4 063<br>23 474                                | (17)<br>(139)<br>178<br>811<br>3 876<br>4 298                            |
| 2005  Normanni Linnagrupi AS  AS Insenervõrgud  OÜ Pire Projekt  OÜ Constancia  OÜ Unigate  OÜ Tornimäe Apartments  PS Merks Terbe Lat  SIA Zakusala Estates  OÜ Kortermaja | 1 399<br>-<br>-<br>-<br>18 940<br>158 184<br>921<br>1 524<br>16 635 | -<br>-<br>-<br>-<br>-<br>1 122 | -<br>-<br>-<br>15 055<br>105 617<br>928<br>825<br>12 611 | 555<br>-<br>-<br>-<br>3 701<br>52 518<br>-<br>- | 844<br>-<br>-<br>184<br>49<br>(7)<br>1 821<br>4 024 | 11 084<br>6<br>25 367<br>14 502<br>6<br>21<br>5<br>3 151<br>17 804 | 11 018<br>252<br>15 465<br>13 254<br>647<br>11<br>34<br>5 159<br>16 543 | 66<br>(246)<br>9 902<br>1 248<br>(641)<br>10<br>(29)<br>(2 008)<br>1 261 |

### Note 20 Other long-term loans and receivables

in thousands of kroons

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|---|------------|------------|
|   | 31.12.2006 | 31.12.2005 |
| Long-term loans (Note 16)   | 3 804      | 1 724      |
| Long-term receivable from buyer of business unit*  Long-term receivable from the acquirer of a subsidiary | -          | 6 800      |
| (Note 18)** Long-term receivables from customers of construction  | 4 624      | -          |
| services  | 48         | -          |
| Total other long-term loans and receivables   | 8 476      | 8 524      |

<sup>\*</sup> In 2004, Tallinna Teede AS sold a project management and supervision unit of related road maintenance works. As at 31.12.2006, the payable had been paid by the buyers.

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\*\* In 2006, AS Merko Ehitus sold 25% of the shares of the subsidiary AS Gustaf. The receivable is discounted at a 5% interest rate.

#### Note 21 Deferred income tax assets and liabilities

in thousands of kroons

effect of other provisions

Net deferred income tax assets /(liabilities)

Income tax assets and liabilities arisen at the subsidiaries SIA Merks and UAB Merko Statyba:

| 31.12.2006   |             |           |          |
|--|-------------|-----------|----------|
| D. 6   | Latvia      | Lithuania | Total    |
| Deferred income tax liability                              | -           | -         | -        |
| Deferred income tax assets                                 | 2 / / 0     | 2.022     | 6 592    |
| incl tax loss carryforwards                                | 2 669       | 3 923     |          |
| effect of carrying amount of property, plant and           | -           | 3 062     | 3 062    |
| equipment  | 2 / / 0     |           | 2 / / 0  |
| ·  | 2 669       | -         | 2 669    |
| effect of stage of completion method other                 | -           | 443       | 443      |
| -  | <del></del> | 418       | 418      |
| Net deferred income tax assets /(liabilities)              | 2 669       | 3 923     | 6 592    |
|  |             |           |          |
| Deferred income tax charge of the financial year (Note 11) | 20 546      | 4 830     | 25 376   |
| Reclassification*  | (34 600)    |           | (34 600) |
| Net change in deferred tax balance                         | (14 054)    | 4 830     | (9 224)  |
|  |             |           |          |
| 31.12.2005   |             |           |          |
|  | Latvia      | Lithuania | Total    |
| Deferred income tax liability*                             | 34 600      | -         | 34 600   |
| incl effect of difference between fair value and carrying  |             |           |          |
| amount of real estate inventories                          | 34 600      | -         | 34 600   |
|  |             |           |          |
| Deferred income tax assets                                 | 23 215      | 8 753     | 31 968   |
| incl tax loss carryforwards                                | -           | 8 351     | 8 351    |
| effect of carrying amount of property, plant and           |             |           |          |
| equipment  | 20 608      | -         | 20 608   |

In Lithuania tax losses can be carried forward for 5 years and the management considers it likely that respective tax losses will be utilized against future profits.

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<sup>\*</sup> The effect of difference between fair value and carrying amount of real estate inventories (in 2005 in Latvia in the amount of 34 600 thousand kroons) was reclassified from deferred tax liability to actual tax liability in 2006 due to changes in management estimates, and the amount was paid to State Revenue Service in Latvia in 2006.

#### Note 22 Investment property

in thousands of kroons

|  | Land     | Buildings          | Prepayments | Total               |
|--|----------|--------------------|-------------|---------------------|
| Cost at 31.12.2004                     | 56 919   | 4 172              | 1 427       | 62 518              |
| Accumulated depreciation at 31.12.2004 | -        | (1 129)            | -           | (1 129)             |
| Carrying amount at 31.12.2004          | 56 919   | 3 043              | 1 427       | 61 389              |
| Acquisitions                           | 63       | _                  | -           | 63                  |
| Reclassification                       | (21 348) | 4 254              | (1 427)     | (18 521)            |
| Depreciation charge                    | -        | (425)              | -           | (425)               |
| Carrying amount at 31.12.2005          | 35 634   | 6 872              | <u>-</u>    | 42 506              |
| Cost at 31.12.2005                     | 35 634   | 8 959              | _           | 44 593              |
| Accumulated depreciation at 31.12.2005 | -        | (2 087)            | _           | (2 087)             |
| Carrying amount at 31.12.2005          | 35 634   | 6 872              |             | 42 506              |
| Write-offs                             |          | (2.221)            |             | (2.221)             |
| Reclassification                       | (33 500) | (2 331)<br>(2 432) | -           | (2 331)<br>(35 932) |
| Depreciation charge                    | (33 300) | (343)              | _           | (33 932)            |
| Carrying amount at 31.12.2006          | 2 134    | 1 766              |             | 3 900               |
|  |          |                    |             |                     |
| Cost at 31.12.2006                     | 2 134    | 2 589              | -           | 4 723               |
| Accumulated depreciation at 31.12.2006 | -        | (823)              | -           | (823)               |
| Carrying amount at 31.12.2006          | 2 134    | 1 766              |             | 3 900               |

At 31.12.2006, the carrying amount of the investment property does not significantly differ from their fair values (31.12.2005: the fair value was 110 442 thousand kroons).

In 2006, the Group reclassified land in the amount of 33 500 thousand kroons from investment property into inventories, and reclassified buildings to property, plant and equipment in the amount of 2432 thousand kroons. Write-offs in the amount of 2331 thousand kroons relate to the pulling down of useless buildings.

In 2005 the Group reclassified a land in the amount of 21 348 thousand kroons and a prepayment in the amount of 1427 thousand kroons into inventory. Also a part of a building being leased out was reclassified from property, plant and equipment (PPE) to Investment Property, the reclassification amounted to 4254 thousand kroons.

Investment property has not been acquired for the purpose of earning rental income but for capital appreciation or development in the future. Buildings located on the plot of land have been temporarily leased out under the operating lease terms. Rental income receivable, maintenance costs incurred and improvement expenses are immaterial.

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Note 23 Property, plant and equipment

in thousands of kroons

|  | Land | Buildings  | of   | Machinery<br>and<br>equipment | Other    | Constructio<br>n in<br>progress | Prepaym<br>ents | Total            |
|--|------|------------|------|-------------------------------|----------|---------------------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Cost at 31.12.2004<br>Accumulated<br>depreciation at | 145  | 7 020      | 458  | 81 389                        | 35 090   | 65 027                          | 872             | 190 001          |
| 31.12.2004 Carrying amount                           | -    | (2 549)    | (67) | (33 503)                      | (19 501) | (54 993)                        | (872)           | (111 485)        |
| at 31.12.2004  | 145  | 4 471      | 391  | 47 886                        | 15 589   | 10 034                          | <u>-</u> .      | 78 516           |
| Foreign exchange                                     |      |            |      |                               |          |                                 |                 |                  |
| rate changes   | _    | -          | -    | _                             | (2)      | (8)                             | -               | (10)             |
| Acquisitions   | -    | -          | -    | 10 968                        | 10 504   | 209 350                         | 1 394           | 232 216          |
| Sales  | -    | -          | -    | (1 102)                       | (506)    | -                               | -               | (1 608)          |
| Reclassification Write-offs Depreciation             | -    | 8 384<br>- | -    | (76)                          | (201)    | (12 639)<br>-                   | (124)<br>-      | (4 379)<br>(277) |
| charge<br>Impairment charge                          | -    | (447)      | (9)  | (8 794)                       | (6 866)  | (90.229)                        | -               | (16 116)         |
| Carrying amount                                      |      |            |      |                               |          | (89 338)                        |                 | (89 338)         |
| at 31.12.2005  | 145  | 12 408     | 382  | 48 882                        | 18 518   | 117 399                         | 1 270           | 199 004          |
| Cost at 31.12.2005<br>Accumulated<br>depreciation at | 145  | 14 872     | 458  | 88 070                        | 42 794   | 260 100                         | 1 270           | 407 709          |
| 31.12.2005 Carrying amount                           | -    | (2 464)    | (76) | (39 188)                      | (24 276) | (142 701)                       | -               | (208 705)        |
| at 31.12.2005  | 145  | 12 408     | 382  | 48 882                        | 18 518   | 117 399                         | 1 270           | 199 004          |
|  |      |            |      |                               |          |                                 | •               |                  |
| Foreign exchange rate changes                        |      |            |      |                               | 20       | 4                               |                 | 24               |
| Acquisitions   | _    | 8 042      | _    | 12 893                        | 34 151   | 29 841                          | 1 510           | 86 437           |
| Sales  | _    | (142 592)  | -    | (586)                         | (25 137) | -                               | -               | (168 315)        |
| Reclassification incl. to non-                       | -    | 143 670    | -    | (440)                         | 6 740    | (146 691)                       | (2 780)         | 499              |
| current assets available for                         |      |            |      |                               |          |                                 |                 |                  |
| sale   | -    | -          | -    | (733)                         | -        | -                               | -               | (733)            |
| Write-offs<br>Depreciation                           | -    | -          | -    | (3)                           | (165)    | -                               | -               | (168)            |
| charge<br>Carrying amount                            | -    | (6 282)    | (10) | (9 476)                       | (11 268) | -                               | -               | (27 036)         |
| at 31.12.2006  | 145  | 15 246     | 372  | 51 270                        | 22 859   | 553                             | <u>-</u> ,      | 90 445           |
| Cost at 31.12.2006<br>Accumulated<br>depreciation at | 145  | 18 682     | 458  | 92 430                        | 51 257   | 553                             | -               | 163 525          |
| 31.12.2006 Carrying amount                           | -    | (3 436)    | (86) | (41 160)                      | (28 398) | -                               | -               | (73 080)         |
| at 31.12.2006  | 145  | 15 246     | 372  | 51 270                        | 22 859   | 553                             | -               | 90 445           |

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Impairment charge during 2005 in the amount of 89 338 thousand kroons related to multifunctional hall Arena Riga. Considering the experience in neighbouring countries, where the recoverable amount of multifunctional halls established has been lower than the constructions cost, the management carried out the impairment test of the Arena Riga in order to assess the recoverable amount of the hall as at 31.12.2005. Taking into account the specifics of the hall, lack of active market and absence of a sales offer, determining the fair value of the hall through comparative sales arrangements was not feasible. Therefore the recoverable value was determined via value in use. In order to determine the value in use, the management analysed the indices of similar multifunctional halls in Estonia and Lithuania (number of events per year, average number of visitors per event day, average revenue/expense per event and visitor, expenses per halls usable area and visitor, etc.) and composed a business plan of the hall based on these indices. The cash-flows for the following 10 years and the present value of these cash-flows were generated based on the model. As a result of the impairment test and the recoverable amount determined, the hall was written down by 89 338 thousand kroons. As the Group had no experience in this field, it was not feasible to compare the cash-flow prognosis and assumptions with historical data.

In 2006, the Arena Riga was sold by subsidiary SIA Merks and reported as the sale of buildings in the table above. The profit from the sale amounted to 122 053 thousand kroons.

Information on leased assets is provided in Note 25 and on lease payments in Note 26.

Note 24 Intangible assets in thousands of kroons

|  | Goodwill | Negative<br>goodwill | Other Pre | payments | Total   |
|--|----------|----------------------|-----------|----------|---------|
| Cost at 31.12.2004                     | 3 163    | (6 773)              | 1 098     | 1 224    | (1 288) |
| Accumulated amortisation at 31.12.2004 | (1 160)  | 4 064                | (506)     | -        | 2 398   |
| Carrying amount at 31.12.2004          | 2 003    | (2 709)              | 592       | 1 224    | 1 110   |
| Derecognition of negative goodwill     |          |                      |           |          |         |
| according to IFRS 3 as at 01.01.2005   | -        | 2 709                | -         | -        | 2 709   |
| Acquisitions                           | 1 110    | -                    | 1 294     | 1 623    | 4 027   |
| Write-offs                             | (3 113)  | -                    | (21)      | -        | (3 134) |
| Amortisation charge                    | -        |                      | (347)     | -        | (347)   |
| Carrying amount at 31.12.2005          | -        | -                    | 1 518     | 2 847    | 4 365   |
| Cost at 31.12.2005                     | _        | -                    | 2 371     | 2 847    | 5 218   |
| Accumulated amortisation at 31.12.2005 | -        |                      | (853)     | -        | (853)   |
| Carrying amount at 31.12.2005          | -        | -                    | 1 518     | 2 847    | 4 365   |
|  |          | -                    |           |          | _       |
| Acquisitions                           | -        | -                    | 2 059     | 4 668    | 6 727   |
| Sales                                  | -        | -                    | (46)      | -        | (46)    |
| Amortisation charge                    | -        |                      | (869)     | -        | (869)   |
| Carrying amount at 31.12.2006          | -        | -                    | 2 662     | 7 515    | 10 177  |
|  |          | -                    |           |          |         |
| Cost at 31.12.2006                     | -        | -                    | 4 368     | 7 515    | 11 883  |
| Accumulated amortisation at 31.12.2006 | _        |                      | (1 706)   |          | (1 706) |
| Carrying amount at 31.12.2006          | -        | -                    | 2 662     | 7 515    | 10 177  |

Prepayments for intangible assets relate to prospective replacement of Group's accounting software. As at 01.01.2005 the carrying amount of negative goodwill was charged to retained earnings.

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|-------------------|-----|
| Note 25 Leased as |     |

| in thousands of kroons                      | Group    |         |
|---|----------|---------|
|   | 2006     | 2005    |
| Assets acquired under finance lease terms   |          |         |
| Machinery and equipment                     |          |         |
| Cost  | 49 324   | 38 144  |
| Accumulated depreciation                    | (12 076) | (7 470) |
| incl. depreciation charge                   | (4 606)  | (3 077) |
| Carrying amount                             | 37 248   | 30 674  |
| Assets acquired under operating lease terms |          |         |
| Right of superficies                        |          |         |
| Payments made in financial year             | 93       | 93      |
| Future lease payments                       | 93       | 238     |
| incl. payments in next financial year       | 372      | 1 188   |
| payments in 25 years payments after year 5  | 3 806    | 9 720   |
| payments after year 5                       | 3 600    | 9 /20   |

On the basis of cancellable lease agreements, operating lease payments totalling to 8028 thousand kroons (2005: 5489 thousand kroons) were paid for passenger cars in 2006.

# Note 26 Borrowings

| in thousands of kroons                              | Group    |         |  |  |
|---|----------|---------|--|--|
|   | 2006     | 2005    |  |  |
| Finance lease payables                              |          |         |  |  |
| Present value of lease payments at beginning of the |          |         |  |  |
| year  | 25 098   | 16 959  |  |  |
| Received  | 11 916   | 13 971  |  |  |
| Paid  | (11 163) | (5 832) |  |  |
|   |          |         |  |  |
| Present value of lease payments at end of the year  | 25 851   | 25 098  |  |  |
| incl. current portion                               | 8 367    | 9 697   |  |  |
| non-current portion 24 years                        | 17 484   | 15 401  |  |  |
|   |          |         |  |  |
| Interest expense of financial year                  | 1 316    | 955     |  |  |
| Minimum future lease payments:                      | 26 000   | 30 118  |  |  |
| Average effective interest rate 5.0% (2005: 5.0%)   |          |         |  |  |
| Base currencies EEK, EUR and LVL                    |          |         |  |  |
|   |          |         |  |  |

#### Loans

| Bank loans Loan balance at beginning of the year Received Paid                     | 292 567<br>268 726<br>(144 017) | 5 202<br>293 567<br>(6 202)   |
|--|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Loan balance at end of the year incl. current portion non-current portion 25 years | 417 276<br>275 425<br>141 851   | 292 567<br>105 144<br>187 423 |
| Interest expense of financial year   | 12 474                          | 3 356                         |

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Average effective interest rate 4.5% (2005: 4.0%) Base currency EUR  $\,$ 

| Loans from associates and joint ventures             |           |           |
|--|-----------|-----------|
| Loan balance at beginning of the year                | -         | 3 941     |
| Paid   | -         | (3 941)*  |
| Loan balance at end of the year                      | -         | -         |
| Loans from entities controlled by the parent company |           |           |
| Loan balance at beginning of the year                | -         | 522       |
| Paid   | -         | (522)     |
| Loan balance at end of the year                      | <u>-</u>  |           |
| Total loans  |           |           |
| Loan balance at beginning of the year                | 292 567   | 9 665     |
| Received   | 268 726   | 293 567   |
| Paid   | (144 017) | (10 665)* |
| Loan balance at end of year                          | 417 276   | 292 567   |
| incl. current portion                                | 275 425   | 105 144   |
| non-current portion 25 years                         | 141 851   | 187 423   |
| Total borrowings                                     | 443 127   | 317 665   |
| incl. current portion                                | 283 792   | 114 841   |
| Non-current portion 25 years                         | 159 335   | 202 824   |

 $<sup>^{*}</sup>$  includes a non-monetary transaction, a net settlement against dividends receivable in amount of 3941 thousand kroons.

Long-term bank loans have floating rates related to EURIBOR or RIGIBOR (Riga Interbank Offered Rate - the index of Latvian interbank credit interest rates). The exposure of the Group's bank borrowings to interest rate changes and the contractual repricing dates at the balance sheet dates are as follows:

|                  | 2006    | 2005    |
|------------------|---------|---------|
| 6 months or less | 271 458 | 275 712 |
| 6-12 months      | 145 818 | 16 855  |
| Total bank loans | 417 276 | 292 567 |

The fair value of borrowings equals their carrying amount.

Loan collaterals and pledged assets are presented in Note 31.

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#### Note 27 Trade and other payables

| in thousands of kroons                           | Group      |            |
|--|------------|------------|
|  | 31.12.2006 | 31.12.2005 |
|  |            |            |
| Payables to suppliers                            | 464 199    | 282 087    |
| Payables to employees                            | 64 218     | 37 688     |
| Tax liabilities, except for corporate income tax |            |            |
| value added tax                                  | 19 998     | 11 919     |
| personal income tax                              | 5 884      | 3 032      |
| social security tax                              | 13 654     | 9 269      |
| land tax   | 130        | 166        |
| unemployment insurance tax                       | 206        | 201        |
| contributions to mandatory funded pension        | 307        | 173        |
| other taxes                                      | 1 687      | 260        |
|  | 41 866     | 25 020     |
|  |            |            |
| Amounts due to customers for contract work       | 276 040    | 105.640    |
| (Note 33)  | 276 940    | 185 648    |
| Other payables                                   |            | 65         |
| interest liabilities                             | -          | 14 735     |
| payables for shares of subsidiaries              | 27 200     |            |
| other payables                                   | 27 290     | 4 837      |
| advance payments received                        | 206 883    | 161 156    |
|  | 234 173    | 180 793    |
| Tatal tanda and other namebles                   | 1 001 206  | 711 226    |
| Total trade and other payables                   | 1 081 396  | 711 236    |

### Note 28 Government grants

in thousands of kroons

The Company's Latvian subsidiary SIA Merks was engaged (in 2004) in a project according to which Merko took the responsibility to build a multifunctional hall (known as Arena Riga) at its own expense in the city of Riga, Latvia. It also took the responsibility to complete the hall by 1 February 2006 so that it would be possible to host 2006 World Championship in ice-hockey in Riga. As the due completion of the building involved major risks (see note 35) and the aggregate expected construction costs of (to build) the hall (Arena) were considerably higher than the recoverable amount of the Arena when completed, the project was not feasible on commercial ground. Therefore, to encourage the possible developer (before Merks two developers had rejected the project) the Riga Municipality provided a government grant to the project by selling some land plots (in Riga) at a price below their fair value to Merko in 2004 and 2005. The difference between the purchase price actually paid and the fair value of the land plots on the date of acquisition was accounted for as a government grant. This government grant was accounted as a revenue in the same periods as the impairment losses on unfinished construction of the Arena were recognised. The excess amount of government grant, i.e. the amount by which the government grant finally appeared to be higher than impairment loss (see Note 8 and 23 for impairment losses recognised) on the Arena, was also recognised as a revenue in 2005, as it was reasonably certain that the Group was able to comply with the conditions attaching to the conditions of the grant.

In 2006, the world championships in ice-hockey took place in the multifunctional hall Arena Riga. The City of Riga supported the raising of funds for the arrangement of the world championship and the carrying out of competitions with 22 225 thousand kroons in 2005. The grant was used to arrange the world championships in ice-hockey in 2006. The cost of the ice-cleaning machine included within inventories to be given over to the City of Riga equals to the remaining balance of government grant in the amount of 1498 thousand kroons as at 31.12.2006.

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|   | Group      |            |
|---|------------|------------|
|   | 31.12.2006 | 31.12.2005 |
| Carrying amount at beginning of the year                      | 22 225     | 44 818     |
| Received during the year                                      | -          | 154 740    |
| Recognised in income during the year                          | (20 727)   | (177 333)  |
| Balance at end of the year                                    | 1 498      | 22 225     |
| Note 29 Short-term provisions in thousands of kroons          |            | Group      |
| in thousands of kroons  | 2006       | 2005       |
| Provision for warranty obligation for construction:           |            |            |
| Carrying amount at beginning of the year                      | 8 463      | 5 784      |
| Accrued during the year                                       | 10 692     | 5 567      |
| Utilized during the year                                      | (9 493)    | (2 888)    |
| Balance at end of the year                                    | 9 662      | 8 463      |
| Provision for covering unprofitable construction contracts:   |            |            |
| Residual value at beginning of the year                       | -          | -          |
| Accrued during the year                                       | 17 848     | -          |
| Utilized during the year                                      | -          | -          |
| Balance at end of the year                                    | 17 848     |            |
| Provision for potential cancellation of construction project: |            |            |
| Residual value at beginning of the year                       | 6 664      | -          |
| Accrued during the year                                       | -          | 6 664      |
| Utilized during the year                                      | (6 664)    | -          |
| Balance at end of the year                                    | -          | 6 664      |
| Provision for covering court fees and claims:                 |            |            |
| Residual value at beginning of the year                       | 6 090      | -          |
| Accrued during the year                                       | 1 000      | 6 090      |
| Utilized during the year                                      | (3 036)    | -          |
| Balance at end of the year                                    | 4 054      | 6 090      |
| Other provisions  |            |            |
| Residual value at beginning of the year                       | 524        | -          |
| Accrued during the year                                       | 1 953      | 524        |
| Utilized during the year                                      | (524)      | -          |
| Balance at end of the year                                    | 1 953      | 524        |
| Total short-term provisions                                   | 33 517     | 21 741     |

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#### Note 30 Other long-term trade payables

| Group      |                                |
|------------|--------------------------------|
| 31.12.2006 | 31.12.2005                     |
|            |                                |
| 10 352     | 9 884                          |
| 12 925     | 12 842                         |
|            |                                |
| 23 277     | 22 726                         |
|            | 31.12.2006<br>10 352<br>12 925 |

In 2005, the subsidiary SIA Merks received advance payments in the amount of 12 842 thousand knoons for renting the space of Arena Riga from 2007 (lease agreements were entered into for 5-7 years). In 2006, Arena Riga was sold.

In 2006, SIA Merks received initial payment and advance payments for apartments in Skanste Street, Riga in the amount of 12 925 thousand kroons. The apartments will be completed in 2009.

#### Note 31 Loan collaterals and pledged assets

The following agreements have been entered into for quaranteeing loans and other obligations:

#### Between AS Merko Ehitus and Hansabank:

A commercial pledge agreement on movable property in the amount of 140 million kroons (registered under the first, second and fifth orders in the registry of commercial pledges). The obligations arising from quarantee contracts and overdraft contracts are quaranteed by the pledge.

#### Between AS Merko Ehitus and SEB Eesti Ühispank:

A commercial pledge agreement on movable property in the amount of 60 million kroons (registered under the third, fourth and sixth orders in the registry of commercial pledges). The obligations arising from quarantee contract are quaranteed by the pledge.

#### Between Tallinna Teede AS, Hansabank and SEB Eesti Ühispank:

A commercial pledge agreement on movable property in the amount of 25 million kroons (registered under the first order in the registry of commercial pledges), whereby the 14/25 legal share of the commercial pledge belongs to Hansabank and 11/25 to SEB Eesti Ühispank.

#### Between Tallinna Teede AS and Hansabank:

A commercial pledge agreement on movable property in the amount of 2 million kroons (registered under the second order in the registry of commercial pledges). All claims of the banks arising from contracts under the law of obligations have been guaranteed by the pledges.

#### Between AS Gustaf and Hansabank:

A commercial pledge agreement on movable property in the amount of 6 million kroons for guaranteeing quarantee contracts.

#### Between OÜ Gustaf Tallinn and Hansabank:

A commercial pledge agreement on movable property in the amount of 3.9 million kroons for guaranteeing quarantee contracts.

# Between AS Merko Tartu and SEB Eesti Ühispank:

A commercial pledge agreement on movable property in the amount of 12.0 million kroons. Guarantee contracts entered into are guaranteed by the pledge.

#### Between SIA Merks and Hansabanka:

A commercial pledge agreement on assets in the amount of 3.0 million Latvian lats (67,3 million kroons). Obligations arising from the guarantee contracts and the loan agreements are guaranteed by the pledge. Mortgages in the amount of 17.36 million Latvian lats (389,4 million kroons) for 7 registered immovables in Riga have been set as collateral for a loan contract totalling 17.5 million euros (268,3 million kroons).

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#### Between SIA Merks and SEB Unibanka:

A commercial pledge agreement on assets in the amount of 1.9 million Latvian lats (42,6 million kroons). Obligations arising from the loan agreement have been guaranteed by the pledge.

#### Between SIA Merks and Nordea Banka:

Mortgages in the amount of 11.07 million (248,3 million kroons) Latvian lats for registered immovables in Riga have been set as collateral for a loan contract totalling 17.5 million euros (273,8 million kroons).

#### Between UAB Statyba and Hansabankas:

A commercial pledge agreement on movable property in the amount of 6.0 million Lithuanian litas (27.2 million kroons). The obligations arising from guarantee contracts and overdraft contracts are guaranteed by the pledge.

#### Note 32 Share capital

In accordance with the resolution of the General Meeting of Shareholders from 28.04.2005, the share capital was increased in May of the same year by transferring the share premium paid during previous share issues (2 950 thousand kroons) and retained earnings (85 550 thousand kroons) by the amount of 88 500 thousand kroons by means of equity capitalisation, by issuing 8850 thousand new ordinary shares with the nominal value of 10 kroons each. As at 31.12.2005, the share capital in the amount of 177 000 thousand kroons consisted of 17 700 thousand registered shares with the nominal value of 10 kroons each.

In 2006, no changes occurred in share capital.

According to the articles of association, the maximum number of ordinary is 18 000 thousand shares. All issued shares have been paid for.

# Note 33 Construction contracts in progress

| in thousands of kroons                                | Group       |             |
|---|-------------|-------------|
|   | 2006        | 2005        |
| Costs incurred for construction contracts in progress |             |             |
| and corresponding profit                              | 4 016 033   | 2 312 322   |
| Progress billings submitted                           | (4 157 565) | (2 415 746) |
|   |             |             |
|   | 31.12.2006  | 31.12.2005  |
|   |             |             |
| Amounts due from customers for contract work          |             |             |
| (Note 15)   | 135 408     | 82 224      |
| Amounts due to customers for contract work            |             |             |
| (Note 27)   | (276 940)   | (185 648)   |
| Advance payments received for contract work           | 86 326      | 68 357      |

Amounts due from customers for contract work are included in the balance sheet line *Trade and other receivables*. Amounts due to customers for contract work are included in the balance sheet line *Trade and other payables*.

# Note 34 Related party transactions

in thousands of kroons

In compiling the Annual Report, the following entities have been considered as related parties:

- parent company AS Merko Grupp;
- shareholders of AS Merko Grupp with significant influence through AS Merko Grupp;

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- · other shareholders with significant influence;
- · other subsidiaries of AS Merko Grupp, so-called 'entities controlled by the parent company';
- subsidiaries;
- · other controllable entities;
- associates;
- close relatives of persons with significant influence;
- key managers and their close relatives;
- · entities under control of persons mentioned above;
- entities sharing key management with AS Merko Ehitus.

Significant influence is presumed to exist when the person has more than 20% of the voting power.

As at 31.12.2006 and 21.12.2005, AS Merko Grupp owned 72% of the shares of AS Merko Ehitus. The ultimate controlling party of the Group is Mr Toomas Annus.

### Goods and services

|   | Group     |         |
|---|-----------|---------|
|   | 2006      | 2005    |
| Purchased construction services                     |           |         |
| Associates and joint ventures                       | 91 732    | 45 202  |
| Entities controlled by the parent company           | 7 858     | 5 444   |
| Total purchased construction services               | 99 590    | 50 646  |
| Construction services rendered                      |           |         |
| Associates and joint ventures                       | 118 667   | 136 160 |
| Entities controlled by the parent company           | 986 301   | 425 568 |
| Management members                                  | 5 970     | 1 526   |
| Total construction services provided                | 1 110 938 | 563 254 |
| Construction materials purchased                    |           |         |
| Other related parties                               | 208       | 2 008   |
| Real estate sold                                    |           |         |
| Entities controlled by the parent company (Note 18) | 31 890    |         |
|   |           |         |

**Loans granted** to related parties are disclosed in Note 15 *Loans granted* and **loans received** from related parties are disclosed in note 26 *Borrowings*.

# Balances with the related parties:

|   | Group      |            |
|---|------------|------------|
|   | 31.12.2006 | 31.12.2005 |
| Trade receivables                         |            |            |
| Trade receivables                         |            |            |
| Associates and joint ventures             | 13 678     | 39 044     |
| Entities controlled by the parent company | 141 050    | 56 946     |
| Other related parties                     | 18         | -          |
| Short-term loans                          |            |            |
| Associates and joint ventures             | 24 750     | 21 325     |
| Entities controlled by the parent company | 8 896      | 6 565      |
| Other related parties                     | -          | 500        |

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| Interest receivables Associates and joint ventures Entities controlled by the parent company Other related parties  | 2 656<br>32<br>-  | 1 541<br>-<br>8      |
|---|-------------------|----------------------|
| Other short-term receivables Entities controlled by the parent company Other related parties                        | 6 890<br>-        | -<br>2 917           |
| Prepayments for services Associates and joint ventures Entities controlled by the parent company                    | 1 068             | 7 698<br>562         |
| Other short and long-term investments   |                   |                      |
| Long-term loans Entities controlled by the parent company   | 3 804             | 1 473                |
| Other long-term receivables<br>Other related parties  | -                 | 6 800                |
| Trade payables  |                   |                      |
| Payables to suppliers Associates and joint ventures Entities controlled by the parent company Other related parties | 9 414<br>272<br>7 | 19 179<br>223<br>116 |
| Prepayments received Entities controlled by the parent company  | 16 551            | 16 847               |
| Interest liabilities Entities controlled by the parent company Management members                                   | -<br>-            | 21<br>18             |
| Other payables  Management members  Associates and joint ventures  Entities controlled by the parent company        | -<br>3 365<br>-   | 307<br>-<br>2 419    |

# Remuneration of the members of the Supervisory and Management Boards and senior executives

In 2006, the members of the Supervisory and Management Boards as well as senior executives of AS Merko Ehitus were paid remuneration totalling 15 171 thousand kroons (2005: 15 743 thousand kroons).

# Termination benefits of members of the Supervisory and Management Boards

Upon premature removal or termination of authority of the members of the Supervisory and Management Boards, the Group has the obligation to pay compensation totalling to 4392 thousand kroons (2005: 3108 thousand kroons).

# **Contracts of surety**

AS Merko Ehitus provides surety for:

 obligations arising from lease agreements of subsidiaries and consolidation group companies to Balti Autoliisingu AS in the amount of 9883 thousand kroons (31.12.2005: 0 kroons),

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- obligations arising from loan agreements of the joint venture OÜ Tornimäe Apartments to SEB Eesti Ühispank in the amount of 7500 thousand kroons (31.12.2005: amount was 5000 thousand kroons);
- obligations arising from loan agreements of the joint venture OÜ Unigate to Hansabank in the amount of 1000 thousand kroons (31.12.2005: same amount).

The fair value of Group's surety contracts is immaterial, therefore no liability has been recorded in the balance sheet as at 31.12.2006 as well as at 31.12.2005.

#### Note 35 Contingent liabilities

The Group has issued guarantees to cover Group's obligations to third parties:

| in thousands of kroons                        | Group      |            |
|---|------------|------------|
|   | 31.12.2006 | 31.12.2005 |
| Doubours and all a ways at the austonia       | 100 617    | 100 440    |
| Performance period's warranty to the customer | 180 617    | 108 448    |
| Tender warranty                               | 72 352     | 15 355     |
| Guarantee for warranty period                 | 73 295     | 107 042    |
| Prepayment guarantee                          | 105 478    | 87 215     |
| Sureties (Note 34)*                           | 26 483     | 13 000     |
| Investment obligation**                       | -          | 67 409     |
| Payment guarantee                             | 3 743      | -          |
|   |            |            |
| Total contingent liabilities                  | 461 968    | 398 469    |

<sup>\*</sup> In addition to sureties disclosed in Note 34, the Group has issued in the extent of 8100 thousand knoons sureties covering obligations of third parties (31.12.2005: amount was 7000 thousand knoons).

- \*\* At 25 May, the Riga City Council and SIA Merks concluded the investment agreement whereby SIA Merks assumed the responsibility to build the multifunctional hall Arena Riga. The contract included the following terms and conditions:
  - SIA Merks shall pay penalty fees totalling 67.4 million kroons to Riga City Council if hall fails to obtain a
    permit for use by February 1, 2006;
  - Riga City Council has the right to demand a refund for the grant if the hall fails to obtain a permit for use by 31 December 2006.

At 31 January 2006, the hall obtained the permit for and consequently SIA Merks was released of the contingent investment liability.

Performance period's warranty to the customer – warranty provider grants to customer that contractor's obligations arising from construction contract will be adequately completed.

Tender warranty – warranty provider grants to customer arranging the tender process that tenderer will sign a contract as per tender conditions.

Guarantee for warranty period - warranty provider grants to customer that construction defects discovered during the warranty period will be repaired.

Prepayment guarantee - warranty provider grants to customer that advances will be reimbursed, if contractor fails to deliver goods or services agreed.

 $\label{payment} \mbox{Payment guarantee - warranty provider grants to customer payment for goods or services.}$ 

Tax authorities have the right to review the Group's tax records within 6 years after submitting the tax declaration and upon detecting errors, impose additional taxes, interest and fines. The Group's management estimates that there are not any circumstances which might lead the tax authorities to impose additional significant taxes on the Group.

#### Note 36 Risks

#### Credit risk

Credit risk relates to potential damage which would occur if the parties to the contract are unable to fulfil their contractual obligations. In order to lower credit risks, the payment discipline of customers is constantly being monitored; construction activities are partly funded by customer prepayments. Available funds are mostly held at Hansabank and SEB Eesti Ühispank. The management estimates that the Group does not have any major credit risks.

#### Interest risk

Interest risk arises from floating rate borrowings. Interest on bank loans is related to EURIBOR. Changes in EURIBOR and changes in average market interest rates affect the Group's interest expenses. The Group's management estimates that the Group does not have any major interest risks.

#### Foreign exchange risk

The Group's transactions are carried out in Estonian kroons, Latvian lats and Lithuanian litas. The Estonian kroons as well as the Lithuanian litas are pegged to the Euro. Risks to the Group's income and expenses arise from the exchange rate changes of the Latvian lats.

In order to hedge foreign exchange risk, key foreign contracts are concluded in euros. All long-term loan agreements of the Group have been concluded in euros.

#### Fair value

The carrying amounts of the Group's financial assets and financial liabilities do not significantly differ from their fair values.

# Note 37 Number of shares belonging to the members of the Supervisory and Management Board and their close relatives

|                                | Shares | Ownership % |
|--------------------------------|--------|-------------|
| Member of the Management Board |        |             |
| Tõnu Toomik                    | 18 000 | 0,10        |

# Note 38 Shareholders with more than 5% ownership

|                     | Shares     | Ownership % |
|---------------------|------------|-------------|
| AS Merko Grupp      | 12 742 686 | 71.99       |
| ING Luxembourg S.A. | 1 214 700  | 6.86        |

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### Note 39 Supplementary disclosures on the parent company

The financial information of the parent company comprises separate primary statements of the Parent Company (income statement, balance sheet, cash flow statement and statement of changes in equity), the disclosure of which is required by the Estonian Accounting Act. The primary financial statements of the parent company have been prepared using the same accounting methods and measurement bases as for the preparation of the consolidated financial statements, except for subsidiaries, associates and joint ventures which are reported at cost in the separate primary financial statements of the parent company.

#### Income statement

in thousands of kroons

|  | Parent company |             |
|--|----------------|-------------|
|  | 2006           | 2005        |
| Revenue  | 2 111 887      | 1 860 068   |
| Cost of goods sold   | (1 834 444)    | (1 575 816) |
| Gross profit   | 277 443        | 284 252     |
| Marketing expenses   | (12 591)       | (15 743)    |
| Administrative and general expenses                        | (63 775)       | (55 278)    |
| Other operating income                                     | 19 323         | 9 399       |
| Other operating expenses                                   | (4 782)        | (3 608)     |
| Operating profit   | 215 618        | 219 022     |
| Financial income   | 2 226          | 3 876       |
| Financial income from investments into subsidiaries        | 113 488        | 43 157      |
| Financial income/expenses from investments into associates |                |             |
| and joint ventures   | 2 499          | (3 166)     |
| Profit before tax  | 333 831        | 262 889     |
| Corporate income tax                                       | -              | (4 446)     |
| Net profit for the financial year                          | 333 831        | 258 443     |

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# **Balance sheet**

in thousands of kroons

|  | Parent company |            |
|--|----------------|------------|
|  | 31.12.2006     | 31.12.2005 |
| ASSETS                                       |                |            |
| Current assets                               |                |            |
| Cash and cash equivalents                    | 311 059        | 124 033    |
| Trade receivables                            | 948 507        | 850 188    |
| Prepaid corporate income tax                 | 1 451          | 272        |
| Inventories                                  | 154 132        | 79 299     |
|  | 1 415 149      | 1 053 792  |
| Non-current assets                           |                |            |
| Investments in subsidiaries                  | 229 604        | 171 333    |
| Investments in associates and joint ventures | 3 540          | 9 824      |
| Long-term financial assets                   | 129 326        | 82 145     |
| Investment property                          | -              | 16 460     |
| Property, plant and equipment                | 12 653         | 10 193     |
| Intangible assets                            | 6 197          | 1 743      |
|  | 381 320        | 291 698    |
| TOTAL ASSETS                                 | 1 796 469      | 1 345 490  |
| LIABILITIES                                  |                |            |
| Current liabilities                          |                |            |
| Borrowings                                   | 32 463         | 29 431     |
| Trade payables                               | 617 514        | 421 136    |
| Short-term provisions                        | 18 727         | 11 856     |
|  | 668 704        | 462 423    |
| Non-current liabilities                      |                |            |
| Other long-term payables                     | 5 250          | 5 883      |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES                            | 673 954        | 468 306    |
| EQUITY                                       |                |            |
| Share capital                                | 177 000        | 177 000    |
| Statutory reserve capital                    | 17 700         | 8 850      |
| Retained earnings                            | 927 815        | 691 334    |
| TOTAL EQUITY                                 | 1 122 515      | 877 184    |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY                 | 1 796 469      | 1 345 490  |

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# Statement of changes in equity

in thousands of kroons

| Parent company  | Share<br>capital | Share<br>premium | Statutory<br>reserve<br>capital | Retained earnings | Total                |
|---|------------------|------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| Balance as at 31.12.2004  | 88 500           | 2 950            | 8 850                           | 575 966           | 676 266              |
| Net profit for the financial year   | -                | -                | -                               | 258 443           | 258 443              |
| Fund issue  | 88 500           | (2 950)          | -                               | (85 550)          | -                    |
| Dividends   | -                | -                | -                               | (57 525)          | (57 525)             |
| Balance as at 31.12.2005  | 177 000          | -                | 8 850                           | 691 334           | 877 184              |
| Carrying amount of holdings under dominant or significant influence Carrying amount of holdings under dominant or   |                  |                  |                                 |                   | (181 157)            |
| significant influence under the equity method   |                  |                  |                                 |                   | 405 369              |
| Adjusted unconsolidated equity at   |                  |                  |                                 |                   |                      |
| 31.12.2005  |                  |                  |                                 |                   | 1 101 396            |
| Net profit for the financial year   | -                | -                | -                               | 333 831           | 333 831              |
| Transfers to statutory reserve capital  | -                | -                | 8 850                           | (8 850)           | -                    |
| Dividends   | -                | -                | -                               | (88 500)          | (88 500)             |
| Balance as at 31.12.2006  | 177 000          | -                | 17 700                          | 927 815           | 1 122 515            |
| Carrying amount of holdings under dominant or significant influence Carrying amount of holdings under dominant or significant influence under the equity method |                  |                  |                                 |                   | (233 144)<br>704 571 |
| Adjusted unconsolidated equity at   |                  |                  |                                 |                   |                      |
| 31.12.2006  |                  |                  |                                 |                   | 1 593 942            |

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# **Cash flow statement**

in thousands of kroons

|   | Parent company |           |
|---|----------------|-----------|
|   | 2006           | 2005      |
| Cash flows from operating activities                          |                |           |
| Operating profit  | 215 618        | 219 022   |
| Adjustments:  |                |           |
| depreciation and impairment                                   | 7 648          | 4 517     |
| gain/loss from sale of non-current assets                     | (107)          | (139)     |
| adjustment of revenue from construction contracts under stage |                |           |
| of completion method  | (102 843)      | 38 601    |
| interest income from operating activities                     | (17 913)       | (9 017)   |
| change in provisions  | 9 697          | 10 940    |
| Change in trade receivables related to operating activities   | (214 673)      | (38 516)  |
| Change in inventories   | (60 913)       | 8 773     |
| Change in trade payables related to operating activities      | 147 513        | 51 307    |
| Interest paid   | (931)          | (632)     |
| Other financial income received                               | 0              | 3 857     |
| Corporate income tax paid                                     |                | (4 446)   |
|   | (16 904)       | 284 267   |
| Cash flows from investing activities                          |                |           |
| Investments into subsidiaries                                 | (69 834)       | (43 095)  |
| Proceeds from sale of subsidiaries                            | 25 039         | 4 600     |
| Proceeds from sale of associates                              | 1 847          | 2 756     |
| Proceeds from sale of other financial assets                  | 3 004          | 2 7 3 0   |
| Purchase of property, plant and equipment                     | (7 501)        | (7 275)   |
| Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment           | 155            | 610       |
| Purchase of intangible assets                                 | (4 570)        | (1 279)   |
| Loans granted   | (303 095)      | (411 744) |
| Loan repayments received                                      | 510 324        | 170 640   |
| Interest received   | 20 379         | 8 971     |
| Dividends received  | 88 579         | 43 446    |
| - Dividends received  | 264 327        | (232 370) |
|   | 204 327        | (232 370) |
| Cash flows from financing activities                          |                |           |
| Borrowings  | 33 242         | 28 529    |
| Repayments of borrowings                                      | (5 165)        | -         |
| Dividends paid  | (88 500)       | (57 525)  |
|   | (60 423)       | (28 996)  |
|   |                |           |
| Change in cash and cash equivalents                           | 187 000        | 22 901    |
| Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the period          | 124 033        | 101 143   |
| Currency translation adjustment                               | 26             | (11)      |
| Cash and cash equivalents at end of the period                | 311 059        | 124 033   |
|   |                |           |

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# **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

(Translation of the Estonian original)

To the Shareholders of AS Merko Ehitus

We have audited the accompanying consolidated financial statements of AS Merko Ehitus and its subsidiaries (the Group) which comprise the consolidated balance sheet as of 31 December 2006 and the consolidated income statement, consolidated statement of changes in equity and consolidated cash flow statement for the year then ended and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes.

# Management Board's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management Board is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these consolidated financial statements in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards as adopted by the European Union. This responsibility includes: designing, implementing and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies; and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

# Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these consolidated financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing. Those Standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

# Opinion

In our opinion, the accompanying consolidated financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Group as of 31 December 2006, and of its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards as adopted by the European Union.

Urmas Kaarlep

AS PricewaterhouseCoopers

Tiit Raimla

**Authorised Auditor** 

# PROFIT ALLOCATION PROPOSAL

in kroons

| Retained earnings   | 823 254 549 |
|---------------------|-------------|
| Net profit for 2006 | 581 738 087 |

Total retained earnings as at 31.12.2006 1 404 992 636

The Management Board proposes to allocate the net profit as follows:

As dividends (7.00 kroons per share) 123 900 000

Retained earnings after the allocation of net profit 1 281 092 636

| Tõnu Toomik    | Chairman of the<br>Management Board | this      | 29.03.2007 |
|----------------|-------------------------------------|-----------|------------|
| Alar Lagus     | Member of the<br>Management Board   | May       | 29.03.2007 |
| Veljo Viitmann | Member of the<br>Management Board   | Wetween   | 29.03.2007 |
| Andres Agukas  | Member of the<br>Management Board   | Algarta". | 29.03.2007 |
| Tõnu Korts     | Member of the<br>Management Board   | Hunt      | 29.03.2007 |

# SIGNATURES OF THE MANAGEMENT BOARD AND SUPERVISORY BOARD TO THE 2006 ANNUAL REPORT

The Management Board of AS Merko Ehitus has prepared the management report, consolidated financial statements and the profit allocation proposal for 2006.

| Tõnu Toomik    | Chairman of the<br>Management Board | ffin     | 29.03.2007 |
|----------------|-------------------------------------|----------|------------|
| Alar Lagus     | Member of the<br>Management Board   | May      | 29.03.2007 |
| Veljo Viitmann | Member of the<br>Management Board   | Metanen  | 29.03.2007 |
| Andres Agukas  | Member of the<br>Management Board   | Algartia | 29.03.2007 |
| Tõnu Korts     | Member of the<br>Management Board   | Hurt     | 29.03.2007 |

The Supervisory Board has reviewed the Annual Report which consists of the management report and the financial statements prepared by the Management Board and which also includes the auditor's report and the profit allocation proposal, and approved it for presentation at the General Meeting of Shareholders.

| Toomas Annus | Chairman of the<br>Supervisory Board | theres | 12.04.2007 |
|--------------|--------------------------------------|--------|------------|
| Teet Roopalu | Member of the<br>Supervisory Board   | All    | 12.04.2007 |
| Jaan Mäe     | Member of the<br>Supervisory Board   |        | 12.04.2007 |

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