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Sika's growth continue

During the first 9 months of the fiscal year 2003 the Sika Group recorded net sales of CHF 1 701 m (previous year CHF 1 613 m). The growth in Swiss francs was 5.5%, of which CHF 33 m was attributable to acquisitions.

In local currencies net sales of the Sika Group increased by 10.7%, whereas the construction division grew 11.2% and the industry division 9.4%.

Consolidated net profit developed favorably and exceeded results in the prior year by 13.8% to CHF 83.5 m.

Sika expects from the fourth quarter of the current year that the stable growth will continue.

Company Profile Sika AG

Sika AG, based in Baar, Switzerland, is a leading global supplier of specialty chemicals. Sika offers process materials for sealing, bonding, damping, reinforcing and protecting of load-bearing structures in construction (buildings and infrastructure) and in industry (transportation, automotive, marine and appliances & equipment).

Sika's product line includes concrete admixtures, speciality mortars, sealants, adhesives, speciality acoustic and reinforcing materials, structural strengthening systems, industrial flooring and membranes.

Locally based operations in 64 countries with over 8'500 employees connect customers directly with Sika and guarantee for the success of all our partners. With this concept Sika achieves annual sales of approximately CHF 2.1 billion.

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