

## **Annual Shareholders' Meeting of SIDMA S.A.**

During his speech, at the Annual Shareholders' Meeting, that took place on Thursday 8 June 2006, the General Manager of SIDMA S.A., emphasized that "2005 was a very significant year for the SIDMA Group, as it signaled the commencement of activity of our subsidiaries in Bulgaria and Romania. Regarding the steel market, the past year was characterized by an escalated decrease in prices that appeared with particular intensity in March 2005 and led to turbulence in the domestic steel market as it affected the results of all the companies in the sector".

Mr. Benardout thoroughly talked about the results of the past year. More specifically and according to the results presented, the consolidated turnover of SIDMA S.A. for 2005, according to the IFRS, resulted in €124,2 million compared to €133,5 million of the equivalent period of 2004, recording a slight decrease of 7%, whereas, taking into consideration the consignment sales, the Group's turnover amounted to €179,5 million. The Group's gross profit resulted in €15,1 million compared to €25 million in 2004, following the fall of the gross profit margin, which was mainly due to the significant decrease of steel prices internationally during 2005.

Commenting on the results, the General Manager of SIDMA, pointed that: "we operate in the steel sector and inevitably, we confront cyclicity. As a consequence, our results are directly intertwined with the fluctuations of the world steel prices, a fact that is recorded in the company's historical figures."

While talking about the prospects of the sector for 2006, Mr. Benardout pointed out that the prospects for the steel sector, for, at least the first six months of 2006, are positive. The international sector, after the fall of 2005, shows instants of recovery. Specifically, the demand in steel, both internationally and domestically, began to rise towards the end of the first quarter of 2006, following several months of recession. An upward trend is also recorded in the demand for the sector's products in the neighbor Balkan countries, which, during the past few years, have displayed a significant growth rate.

At the Annual Shareholders' Meeting, the following subjects, amongst others, were approved:

1. Approval of the Board of Directors' Management Report and Chartered Auditors' Report for 2005.
2. Approval of the Annual Financial Statements for 2005.
3. Approval of €0,12 per share dividend distribution.
4. Election of Chartered Auditors and approval of their fees.
5. Approval of the alteration of utilization of the remaining funds.
6. Election of new member of the Board of Directors.
7. Approval of an Ordinary Bond Loan ranging from €50.000,00 to €60.000,00