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## HALF-YEAR STATEMENT 2004

## To Our Shareholders

### SIG focused on beverages sector, core business maintained position in a challenging market environment

In the course of the first semester 2004, SIG completed all previously announced divestments to further focus on the beverages market. The net profit of the Group improved by EUR 74 million to reach EUR 25 million. The core business comprising the activities beverage cartons (SIG Combibloc) and beverage filling lines (SIG Beverages) maintained its position in a challenging market environment. In the second semester, SIG should benefit from the reviving market.

## Key figures in millions of EUR

		1 <sup>st</sup> half of 2004	1 <sup>st</sup> half of 2003	Change
Order intake	continuing <sup>1)</sup>	780	746	2%
	SIG Group	890	940	- 5%
Net sales	continuing	777	753	3%
	SIG Group	898	927	- 3%
Operating profit before depreciation and amortization (EBITDA)	continuing	109	106	3%
	SIG Group	112	70	60%
Operating profit before amortization of goodwill (EBITA)	continuing	61	56	9%
	SIG Group	61	- 5	n.a.
Operating profit (EBIT)	continuing	51	46	11%
	SIG Group	50	- 26	n.a.
Net profit	continuing	24	26	- 8%
	SIG Group	25	- 49	n.a.
Free cash flow <sup>2)</sup>	continuing	29	- 16	n.a.
	SIG Group	- 1	- 38	n.a.
Number of employees at end of period	continuing	6 832	6 588	4%
	SIG Group	6 832	9 102	- 26%

1) Continuing SIG Group without discontinued operations SIG Pack and Others

2) Free cash flow = cash from operating activities + cash from investing activities

**Strategy: focus on the beverages sector**

In the course of the first semester 2004, SIG completed all divestments that had been announced within the strategic focus on the beverages market. Henceforth, the group core business comprises the two activities beverage cartons (SIG Combibloc) and beverage filling lines (SIG Beverage).  
 In February, the Group sold SIG Electric 80 (laser guided vehicles) to the previous owners; in March SIG Hamba Filltec (filling machines for yoghurt) was divested to Bavaria Industriekapital AG; in April ownership of SIG Kautex (extrusion blow molding machines for the automotive industry) and SIG Blowtec (extrusion machines for plastic containers) transferred to Adouram Beteiligungs AG, while in June, the SIG Pack Division was sold to the Bosch Group.

In the business year 2003, the divested units generated net sales of EUR 363 million and an operating profit (EBIT) of EUR -65 million.  
 The SIG Group will position itself as a reliable and profitable enterprise in the sector of packaging liquids. This will be achieved by increased market orientation and a consistent concentration on core business. Strengthened innovation activities will support the efforts of our customers to differentiate their products from competing brands by using SIG packages.

**Core business: continued growth, investments in the future**

Compared to the previous year, net sales and order intake for the first half year grew by 3% to EUR 777 million and 2% to EUR 760 million respectively. Operating profit (EBIT) increased by 11% to a total of EUR 51 million.

In the core business, the number of employees rose by 4% to 6,832; this increase being attributed exclusively to the SIG Combibloc division. Significant contributors were the new packaging materials plant in China, the implementation of the 21-shift working model in Germany, plus the growth-driven expansion of the services organization.

In the first half of 2004, **SIG Combibloc** continued on its growth course.

Net sales increased by 3% to EUR 522 million, whereas order intake dropped off by 3% to reach EUR 545 million. However, adjusted for the negative effects of currency exchange rates and divesting non-core activities (gable top cartons, co-packing US and PKL Flexible Verpackungen), net sales and order intake grew by 12% and 5% respectively.

Developments in the course of business varied throughout the different regions.

Growth in Germany, the biggest market, slowed down as a result of general consumer reluctance, the summer weather that did not arrive until August and uncertainty about a pending decision on the mandatory deposit. Nevertheless, SIG Combibloc continues to exhibit above-average growth in Germany too and was again able to win market shares. Developments in other European markets such as France, Spain, the United Kingdom, Russia and Switzerland were positive.

The region Asia grew as planned thanks to increased sales in the markets of Taiwan, Korea and Vietnam. In China, by contrast, growth for the first semester lagged behind expectations. A primary reason for this is the rapidly advancing consolidation within the dairy sector. On the other hand, setting up the organization and production facilities in Suzhou, in the vicinity of Shanghai, is on track. The new plant came on stream on July 1 and is producing packaging materials for the China market. Hence, the prerequisites for greater customer proximity and further growth are in place.

In local currencies, the EBIT of SIG Combibloc stood 7% higher than the figure of the previous year. Due to negative currency effects (caused in particular by the weak US dollar), however, it fell off by 6% to EUR 62 million.

Net sales of the **SIG Beverages** division grew in the first semester by 2% to EUR 257 million. Despite an investment climate in the beverages sector that continues to be hesitant and the weakness of the US dollar, the division achieved an order intake 15% higher than in the equivalent period of the previous year. This strong increase was registered even though the division has adopted a selective posture in accepting orders. Notwithstanding the ongoing tough competitive environment, SIG Beverages succeeded in partially avoiding pressure on prices, thereby maintaining its margins. SIG Corpoplast, active in the stretch blow molding equipment sector, was very successful in Japan, a market that imposes severe demands on machine quality. SIG Simonazzi successfully commissioned the large-scale project obtained last year from a brewery in the Western European market on schedule. Worldwide, SIG Simonazzi continues to be a leading equipment supplier to the mineral water, beer and carbonated drinks producers, as well as in the sector of aseptic bottle filling. In Eastern Europe, the SIG Beverages division succeeded in consolidating its market share, whereas the US market continued to be challenging.

Despite negative currency exchange rate effects, SIG Beverages achieved an EBITA of EUR 3 million and an EBIT of EUR -6 million, both results being at the level of the previous year.

In the sector **Corporate/Services**, first cost savings plus a one-time gain from the sale of a fixed asset resulted in an EBIT of -3 million, representing an improvement of EUR 10 million over the previous year.

As a consequence of the completed divestments, net sales and order intake of the **SIG Group** for the first half were lower than the figures of the previous year. In the first semester, the divested business units contributed EUR 121 million in net sales and EUR 130 million to order intake. As planned, the operating result of all divested activities and the corresponding divestment result had a neutral effect on net profit. Whereas the financial profit was in the same order of magnitude as the previous year, taxes were EUR 12 million higher, primarily because of new taxation laws in Germany, plus the absence of the tax refund of the year before. Overall, the net profit of the SIG Group improved from EUR -49 million to EUR 25 million.

Compared to the equivalent period of the previous year, the free cash flow increased by EUR 37 million to a figure of EUR -1 million. Substantial market investments and slightly higher net current assets neutralized the inflow of capital from the sale of SIG Pack. Net financial liabilities decreased further to EUR 224 million (end 2003: EUR 232 million). Furthermore, the equity ratio rose from 33% (end 2003) to 37%.

#### **Innovations: differentiation for our customers**

In the first half of 2004, SIG continued to generate or refine innovations that provide our customers with differentiation potential through SIG packages.

The unique aseptic packaging system combishape allows our customers to produce beverage cartons with widely differing base formats and shapes. The pilot line installed with a Spanish customer came on stream successfully. In the meantime, that customer has expanded production to three-shift operation. This August, a customer

in France filled its first fruit juices in combishape. Customer interest in differentiating themselves from their competitors through this new concept is growing steadily. Also in the first semester, SIG allCap completed the development of the convenient combiCut screw cap. These innovative opening devices can be found already on the shelves of one of our Swiss customers. Consumer response to the pouring characteristics of these new caps has been overwhelmingly positive. The commissioning of Plasmax is also highly promising. Plasmax is our process for coating PET bottles that was developed jointly with our German technology partner Schott. The thin layer of glass applied to the inner surface of the bottle increases its barrier factor and extends the shelf life of sensitive products such as fruit juices. At the same time, the process provides unimpaired transparency and recycling potential of bottles. A number of companies in the beverages market are showing considerable interest and are evaluating the application potentials of the Plasmax technology for juices, carbonated soft drinks or beer.

#### **Management: branch know-how strengthened, structures simplified**

Effective March 30, 2004, Lambert Leisewitz, hitherto member of the SIG Board of Directors, succeeded Dr. Willy Kissling as Chairman of the Board. As a former CEO, in the beverages industry, Mr. Leisewitz has accumulated many years experience in this sector. The position of Vice Chairman of the Board was recently assumed by Martin Huber.

At the last General Meeting, the shareholders newly elected Thomas Hühner, CEO of Metro Cash & Carry International GmbH, D-Düsseldorf, to the Board of Directors. Mr. Hühner brings with him in-depth expertise in those sales segments of beverages and food products retailing that are of importance to the Group, particularly in the Asian market.

Rolf-Dieter Rademacher took over operational management as CEO of the SIG Group on June 1, 2004. Over the past four years he has led SIG Combibloc with considerable success and significantly increased both net sales and operating profit. At the end of May 2004, Dr. Roman Boutellier stepped down as CEO of the Group when he was elected ordinary Professor for Innovation and Technology Management at the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology (ETH). He remains a member of the SIG Board of Directors.

As SIG will consist of only two divisions in the future, the Group structure will be streamlined. The Group Executive Committee includes, in addition to the CEO, the CFO Marco Haussener and the COO André Rosenstock. In the coming years, the leaner structure will allow further cost savings.

#### **Share performance: strong development**

The value of the SIG share developed strongly and, at the end of the first half year, it stood no less than +32.7% higher than at the close of 2003. Over the same period, the SPI comparative index only rose by +5.2%. There was strong demand for the SIG share in the first half and, as a result, the average traded volume more than doubled.

**Outlook: improved profits and net sales**

In the second half, SIG will further improve its competitive position. By penetrating new markets and introducing innovative products, SIG Combibloc is rigorously pursuing its growth course. In future, an important strategic direction for SIG Beverages will be the segment of high-quality beverages.

In the second semester, SIG Combibloc is expected to achieve stronger net sales and higher operating profit. Hence, for the year overall, an EBIT margin of 12% should be achieved.

Based on the current order backlog, SIG Beverages, which is active in the machinery and systems business, should report net sales and operating profits slightly higher than the level of the previous year. Within the division, the focus continues to be on improving operational performance. In the second half, a number of large-scale projects, which are of significance to SIG Beverages, are due for awarding. They form the basis for the business of the coming year.

Owing to the deconsolidation of the divested companies, net sales and order intake for the SIG Group will be lower than last year's figures. Thanks to the absence of losses from the divested companies, operating and net profit will improve over the previous year. The cost cutting program introduced in 2003 and the leaner Group structure will lead to further savings.

Sincerely yours  
SIG Holding Ltd.



L. Leisewitz  
Chairman of the Board of Directors



R.-D. Rademacher  
CEO

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Publication of Annual Results 2004:  
Tuesday, March 8, 2005

Next Ordinary General Meeting:  
Tuesday, April 5, 2005

## Half-year statement

### Consolidated income statement in millions of EUR

	Continuing			
	SIG Combibloc		SIG Beverages	
	1 <sup>st</sup> half of 2004	1 <sup>st</sup> half of 2003	1 <sup>st</sup> half of 2004	1 <sup>st</sup> half of 2003
Net sales third	522	505	255	251
Net sales between segments <sup>3)</sup>	0	0	2	2
Net sales	522	505	257	253
Own work capitalized	32	34	0	0
Income from associated companies	0	0	0	0
Other operating income	7	17	5	7
Operating Income	561	556	262	260
Changes in inventories of finished goods & WIP	-10	14	0	5
Raw materials, supplies and services	-263	-254	-146	-142
Personnel costs	-100	-97	-72	-72
Other operating expenses	-106	-109	-48	-43
Operational financial income from third parties	1	1	1	1
Operating profit before depreciation & amortization (EBITDA)	103	111	8	9
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	-31	-35	-4	-5
Amortization of intangible fixed assets (without Goodwill)	-9	-9	-1	-1
Operating profit before goodwill amortization (EBIT <sup>4</sup> )	63	67	3	3
Amortization of goodwill	-1	-1	-9	-9
Operating profit (EBIT)	62	66	-6	-6
Financial income				
Financial expense				
Debit waivers				
Financial profit				
Profit on divestments				
Profit before tax (EBT)				
Income tax expenses				
Net profit including minority interests				
Minority interests				
Net profit				
Outstanding shares (average of the year)				
Earnings per share (nom. CHF 10 each) in EUR				
<b>Additional information</b>				
Order intake	545	560	218	189
Number of employees	4 075	3 810	2 494	2 600
Number of employees in %	60%	42%	36%	28%

1) SIG Combibloc, SIG Beverages, Corporate Services and Subsidiaries

2) Diversified operations SIG Pack and Others

3) Internal transfer prices are at market values

4) Increase in headcount is due to the reassignment of SIG information from SIG Combibloc to Corporate Services from 2004

										Continuing					
Corporate/Services <sup>4)</sup>		Eliminations		Total Continuing <sup>1)</sup>		Discontinuing <sup>2)</sup>		SIG Group							
1 <sup>st</sup> half of 2004	1 <sup>st</sup> half of 2003	1 <sup>st</sup> half of 2004	1 <sup>st</sup> half of 2003	1 <sup>st</sup> half of 2004	1 <sup>st</sup> half of 2003	1 <sup>st</sup> half of 2004	1 <sup>st</sup> half of 2003	1 <sup>st</sup> half of 2004	1 <sup>st</sup> half of 2003	1 <sup>st</sup> half of 2004	1 <sup>st</sup> half of 2003				
0	0	0	0	777	758	121	171	898	927						
0	0	-2	-5	0	-3	0	3	0	0						
0	0	-2	-5	777	753	121	174	898	927						
0	0	0	0	32	34	0	0	32	34						
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0						
28	13	-25	-28	15	9	5	13	20	22						
28	13	-27	-33	824	796	126	187	950	983						
0	0	0	0	19	19	11	10	30	29						
0	0	2	6	-407	-390	-50	-83	-457	-473						
-10	-5	0	0	-182	-174	-55	-80	-237	-264						
-18	-21	25	28	-145	-145	-29	-80	-174	-205						
0	0	-2	-2	0	0	0	0	0	0						
0	-13	-2	-1	109	108	3	-36	112	70						
-2	0	0	0	-37	-40	-3	-24	-40	-64						
-1	0	0	0	-11	-10	0	-1	-11	-11						
-3	-13	-2	-1	61	56	0	-81	61	-5						
0	0	0	0	-10	-10	-1	-11	-11	-21						
-3	-13	-2	-1	51	46	-1	-72	50	-26						
				0	3	2	0	2	3						
				-12	-10	0	-2	-12	-12						
				0	0	0	0	0	0						
				-12	-7	2	-2	-10	-9						
				0	-11	0	0	0	-11						
				39	28	1	-74	40	-46						
				-15	-2	0	-1	-15	-3						
				24	26	1	-75	25	-49						
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				24	26	1	-75	25	-49						
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								3.9	-7.6						
0	0	-3	-3	760	746	130	194	890	940						
273	178	0	0	6 832	6 588	0	2 514	6 832	9 102						
4%	2%	0%	0%	100%	72%	0%	28%	100%	100%						

## Half-year statement

### Consolidated balance sheet in millions of EUR

	Continuing <sup>1)</sup>		Discontinuing <sup>2)</sup>		SIG Group	
	6/30/04	12/31/03	6/30/04	12/31/03	6/30/04	12/31/03
<b>Assets</b>						
<b>Fixed assets</b>						
Tangible fixed assets	435	420	0	25	435	445
Intangible fixed assets	286	291	0	8	286	299
Financial assets	58	54	0	2	58	56
Deferred tax assets	40	31	0	12	40	43
<b>Total</b>	<b>817</b>	<b>796</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>817</b>	<b>843</b>
<b>Current assets</b>						
Inventories	279	236	0	70	279	306
Trade receivables	215	203	0	71	215	274
Other receivables	70	53	0	36	70	69
Securities	8	9	0	0	8	9
Cash and cash equivalents	120	117	0	15	120	132
<b>Total</b>	<b>692</b>	<b>616</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>192</b>	<b>692</b>	<b>610</b>
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>1 509</b>	<b>1 414</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>239</b>	<b>1 509</b>	<b>1 653</b>
<b>Equity and liabilities</b>						
<b>Shareholders' equity</b>						
Share capital	40	40	0	0	40	40
Additional paid in capital	159	60	0	99	159	159
Retained earnings	392	456	0	-80	392	376
Currency differences	- 28	- 28	0	- 1	- 28	- 29
<b>Total</b>	<b>563</b>	<b>528</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>563</b>	<b>546</b>
Minority interest	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Liabilities</b>						
Deferred tax liabilities	31	31	0	3	31	34
Long-term provisions	122	116	0	18	122	134
Long-term financial liabilities	282	270	0	6	282	276
<b>Total long-term liabilities</b>	<b>435</b>	<b>417</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>435</b>	<b>444</b>
Short-term financial liabilities	70	61	0	36	70	97
Advance payments by customer	46	43	0	39	46	82
Trade payables	132	126	0	32	132	158
Short-term provisions	73	43	0	36	73	79
Accruals for contractual obligations to complete	114	114	0	28	114	142
Other short-term liabilities	78	82	0	23	78	105
<b>Total short-term liabilities</b>	<b>511</b>	<b>469</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>511</b>	<b>663</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>946</b>	<b>886</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>221</b>	<b>946</b>	<b>1 107</b>
<b>Total equity and liabilities</b>	<b>1 509</b>	<b>1 414</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>239</b>	<b>1 509</b>	<b>1 653</b>

1) SIG Combibloc, SIG Beverages, Corporate/Services and Clinical use

2) Discontinued operations SIG Foods and Others

## Half-year statement

## Consolidated cash flow statement in millions of EUR

	Continuing <sup>1)</sup>		Discontinuing <sup>2)</sup>		SIG Group	
	1 <sup>st</sup> half of 2004	1 <sup>st</sup> half of 2003	1 <sup>st</sup> half of 2004	1 <sup>st</sup> half of 2003	1 <sup>st</sup> half of 2004	1 <sup>st</sup> half of 2003
<b>Cash flow from operating activities</b>						
Net profit	24	26	1	-75	25	-49
Adjustments for						
Depreciation and amortization of fixed assets (+)	56	61	4	35	62	96
Profit from sale of securities and financial assets (-)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Profit from sale of tangible fixed assets (-)	-4	-3	0	0	-4	-3
Profit from sale of consolidated companies (-)	0	11	0	0	0	11
Result from associated companies (+/-)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Exchange rate profit (-) / loss (+) on financial assets and securities	0	-1	0	0	0	-1
Write down of financial assets and securities (+)	2	0	0	0	2	0
Other non-liquidity-related positions (+/-)	6	0	-6	0	0	0
Increase (-) / decrease (+) in net current assets (excluding securities, cash and cash equivalents)	-36	-58	-7	10	-45	-48
Increase (+) / decrease (-) of net deferred taxes	-3	-4	0	1	-3	-3
Increase (+) / decrease (-) of provisions	7	-1	0	12	7	11
<b>Total</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>-8</b>	<b>-17</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>Cash flow from investing activities</b>						
Purchase of tangible fixed assets (-)	-66	-54	-1	-2	-67	-56
Sale of tangible fixed assets (+)	19	15	11	1	30	16
Purchase (-) / sale (+) of intangible fixed assets	-14	-18	0	0	-14	-18
Acquisition of consolidated companies (net of cash) (-)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Disposal of consolidated companies (net of cash) (+) <sup>3)</sup>	42	6	-34	-3	8	3
Acquisition (-) / disposal (+) of non-consolidated companies	-4	0	0	0	-4	0
Dividends paid by associated companies (+)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Increase (-) / decrease (+) in loans	0	-1	2	0	2	-1
Purchase (-) / sale (+) of securities	0	5	0	-1	0	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>-23</b>	<b>-47</b>	<b>-22</b>	<b>-5</b>	<b>-45</b>	<b>-52</b>
<b>Free cash flow</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>-16</b>	<b>-30</b>	<b>-22</b>	<b>-1</b>	<b>-38</b>
<b>Cash flow from financing activities</b>						
Dividends paid (-)	-4	-3	0	-1	-4	-4
Purchase (-) / sale (+) of own shares	-6	-1	0	0	-5	-1
Capital increases (+/-)	-7	-18	7	18	0	0
Increase (+) / decrease (-) in borrowings	-11	16	8	-2	-3	14
<b>Total</b>	<b>-27</b>	<b>-6</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>-12</b>	<b>9</b>
Currency translation differences on cash and cash equivalents	1	-6	0	-1	1	-7
<b>Changes in cash and cash equivalents</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>-28</b>	<b>-15</b>	<b>-8</b>	<b>-12</b>	<b>-36</b>
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	117	119	15	21	132	140
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	120	91	0	13	120	104
<b>Additional information</b>						
Interest paid	9	12	0	0	9	12
Interest received	3	1	0	0	3	1
Income tax paid	18	22	1	0	17	22
Dividends received	0	0	0	0	0	0

1) SIG Comibank, SIG Beverages, Corporate/Service and ERM nations

2) Divested operations SIG Pack and Office

3) Discontinuing shows the sold cash and cash equivalents from divestitures

## Half-year statement

### Changes in equity in millions of EUR

#### Changes in equity

	Share capital	Additional paid in capital	Retained earnings	Currency differences	Total
As at 1/1/2003	40	159	399	- 12	586
Net profit			- 49		- 49
Dividend payments			- 4		- 4
Purchase / sale of own shares	0	0	1		1
Currency translation differences				- 7	- 7
As at 6/30/2003	40	159	347	- 19	527
As at 1/1/2004	40	159	376	- 29	546
Net profit			25		25
Dividend payments			- 4		- 4
Purchase / sale of own shares	0	0	- 5		- 5
Currency translation differences				1	1
As at 6/30/2004	40	159	392	- 28	563

## Notes to the financial statements

### 1. Accounting principles

The financial statements are based on the accounting principles and methods described in the 2003 Annual Report. They comply with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS).

### 2. Changes in scope of consolidation

#### Disposals

2/18/2004	SIG Elettric 80 S.p.A., Viano (RE), IT
3/26/2004	SIG Hamba Filtec GmbH & Co. KG, Neunkirch-Saar, DE
4/26/2004	SIG Blowtec GmbH & Co. KG, Troisdorf, DE
4/26/2004	SIG Plastics Technology Guangdong Co. Ltd., Guangdong, CN
4/26/2004	SIG Kautex GmbH & Co. KG, Bonn, DE
4/26/2004	SIG Kautex Inc., North Branch (NJ), US
4/26/2004	SIG Plastics Technologies (UK) Ltd., Milton Keynes, GB
6/30/2004	SIG Pack division, consisting of:
	- SIG Pack Ltda., São Paulo, BR
	- SIG Pack Services GmbH, Düsseldorf, DE
	- SIG Pack Services S.à.r.l., Asnières Cedex, FR
	- SIG Pack Services Ltd., Derby, GB
	- SIG Demaurex SA, Romanel-sur-Lausanne, CH
	- SIG Pack International AG, Neuhausen am Rheinfall, CH
	- SIG Pack Services AG, Neuhausen am Rheinfall, CH
	- SIG Pack Systems AG, Beringen, CH
	- SIG Sepal SA, Ecublens, CH
	- SIG Transver AG, Altendorf, CH
	- SIG Pack Pte. Ltd., Singapur, SG
	- SIG Pack Services Inc., Raleigh, US

## 3. Contingent liabilities / assets in millions of EUR

	6/30/2004	12/31/2003
Contingent liabilities	28	32
Contingent assets	0	0

The contingent liabilities arise from the discounting of bills of exchange as well as guarantees to third parties from ordinary business activities.

Contingent assets: see note B

## 4. Not capitalized leasing liabilities from operating leases in millions of EUR

	6/30/2004	12/31/2003
under 1 year	7	8
1 to 5 years	14	15
over 5 years	9	11
Total	30	34

## 5. Open commitments for tangible fixed assets in millions of EUR

	6/30/2004	12/31/2003
Open commitments to acquire tangible fixed assets	23	23

## 6. Impairment on fixed assets in millions of EUR

	6/30/2004	6/30/2003
Impairment loss on fixed assets (-)	0	- 3
Reversal of impairment loss on fixed assets (+)	0	0

## 7. Inventories carried at net realizable value in millions of EUR

	6/30/2004	12/31/2003
Carrying amount of inventories carried at net realizable value	2	14
Reversal of inventory write-down that is recognized as income in the period	0	0

The change is due to the divestment of the discontinued companies.

## 8. Not reflected material subsequent events in millions of EUR

In July SIG could finalize an arbitration proceeding arising from contractual warranty claims from acquisitions in its favour. The resulting proceeds of approx. EUR 12 millions will be deducted from the goodwill paid at acquisition and is not yet included in the figures presented.

## 9. Other issues

Filing machines from SIG Combibloc may be replaced or taken-back due to changes in customer demands or technological advances. These machines are usually refurbished and re-sold. The associated risks are evaluated annually and, if necessary, provisions are made.

The maximum risk of potential cash outflow as of 30/06/2004 constitutes EUR 72 million (as of year end 2003 EUR 45 million).

## SIG Combibloc in millions of EUR

	1 <sup>st</sup> half of 2004	1 <sup>st</sup> half of 2003	Change
Order intake	545	560	- 3%
Net sales	522	505	3%
Operating profit before depreciation and amortization (EBITDA)	103	111	- 7%
Operating profit before amortization of goodwill (EBITA)	83	67	- 6%
Operating profit (EBIT)	62	68	- 6%
Number of employees at end of period	4 075	3 810	7%

## SIG Beverages in millions of EUR

	1 <sup>st</sup> half of 2004	1 <sup>st</sup> half of 2003	Change
Order intake	218	189	15%
Net sales	257	253	2%
Operating profit before depreciation and amortization (EBITDA)	8	9	- 11%
Operating profit before amortization of goodwill (EBITA)	3	3	0%
Operating profit (EBIT)	- 6	- 6	n.a.
Number of employees at end of period	2 484	2 600	- 4%



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