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Overview of the main key figures

|  | 2006 | 2005 |
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| Net sales, in EUR million | 41.7 | 29.4 |
| Gross profit, in EUR million | 20.5 | 13.1 |
| Gross margin | $40 \%$ | 4.9 |
| EBIT (earnings before interest and taxes), in EUR million | 5.8 | 0.2 |
| EBT (earnings before taxes), in EUR million | 6.5 | 0.9 |
| Net gain/loss, in EUR million | 5.3 | 3.4 |
| Earnings per share, in EUR | 0.49 | 0.32 |
| Noncurrent assets, in EUR million | 34.0 | 27.3 |
| Current assets, in EUR million | 32.2 | 24.9 |
| Equity ratio | $77 \%$ | $84 \%$ |
| Employees | 205 | 136 |

## Net sales (in EUR million)



EBIT (in EUR million)

## In Strong into the future

Theme for the Annual Report of ad pepper media Intermational N...
2006 was the most successful financial year in the history of ad pepper media. The increase in both sales and operating result clearly underpin our company's strength and stratesic orientation. By continuously developins our products, services and technolosies, we have
clearly outperformed the srowth seen on the overall market of classic online advertising and strengsthened our national and international clearly outperformed the growth seen on the overall market of classic online advertising and strengthened our national and international presence.
Our success continues to be based on the extraordinary efforts of our highly motivated and qualified staff who are consistently committed to tarseted enhancement of the technology, products and services of ad pepper media. The company is hence perfectly positioned for the years to come in order to retain the leadi in the national and international online market. With more than a dozen products and services
for efficient online marketins which were expanded and adapted to market requirements and customer demands, we will draw overproportionate benefitis from the user numbers srowing world-wide and the increase in online media consumption.
Technologies and services which order and categorise the enormous volume of individual web contents, such as chat, communities, podcasting or blogs, alons with securing quality and addressing the correct target group, are becoming more important in this field. Companies wishing to remain successful with their campaigns in the online medium under these aspects will have to take up this challenge. With the acquisition of Crysta Reference Systems Ltd. whose products offer precisely these functions, ad pepper media is now in an excellent position to participate in this dynamic growth on a lasting basis.
Furrhermore, growing sales are expected in affiliate marketing in the years to come, so that this sector will be amons the most dynamic in the entire online industry. The company believes that Webgains has brought in one of the best technology platforms currently on the maronly participate in the growth of this market sesment, but will also strengthen its development and positioning as a full-service provider.

2005 0.2
2006

Consolidated net gain (in EUR million)


Net gain per share (in EUR)


Consolidated net gain (in EUR million)

## dentify markets - exploit potential

## for growth

n March 2006, ad pepper media International N.V. acquired Crystal Reference Systems Ltd. with its Crystal Reference and Crystal Semantics divisions. The Textonomy semantics analysis tool developed by Crystal is capable of not only capturing the entire text of a website in realtime, but also of understanding its contents. This is carried out by a complete examination of all the word meanings of the website text and is hence clearly superior to all conventional analytical methods which subject individual key words only to statistical evaluation. Textonomy achieves a new level of contextual and semantic targeting which ad pepper media will soon integrate into its advertising formats. This optimization technology prevent online advertising from being delivered on web sites with contents which are unfit, illegal or not desired for the brand advertised. "Textonomy SiteScreen" is a fully automated tool that can be directly integrated into all customary adserver systems. Controversial content categories, such as sex, extreme political or religious statements, alcohol, tobacco or gambling, can be identified and filtered out as required by the advertising customer. The launch of "SiteScreen" enables ad pepper media to directly control all the conten environments of advertisements and thereby to eliably protect its customers' brands. As another aspect, this new product also boosts the relevance of advertising, i.e. a website content check ensures that the advertisements shown always match the content of the website. As a result, advertisers pay higher prices and ad pepper media's existing advertising stock can be marketed more efficiently.

In May 2006, ad pepper media International N.V. acquired Webgains Ltd. one of the fastest grow ing affiliate marketing networks in the UK. With
is acquisition, ad pepper media has added a entral element of successful online marketing to its portfolio for both customers and websites.

The affiliate market is one of the most dynamic sectors in the online industry. With Webgains, the company has acquired one of the best technology platforms currently on the market. By combining this technology with the distribution and selling capacity of ad pepper media International N.V. the company will not only participate in the growth of this market segment, but will also strengthen its development and positioning as a full-service provider. The acquisition is a milestone in terms of broadening the existing product and service portfolio for customers and website partners. It also means new, attractive business opportunities for ad pepper media with innovative affiliate offers not just in the UK, but also on other major Euro pean markets.

The trailblazing Webgains technology designed from the very beginning with a view to scalability nd internationalisation, immediately provides ad pepper media with lasting know-how for the entire field of affiliate marketing developed over many years by the founder shareholders. The plat form offers state-of-the-art functionalities, such as tracking without cookies, comprehensive trans action data management, protection against click fraud, and a sophisticated reporting system. The echnology also tracks and records commercia ransactions between traders and affiliate part , giving both of them the possibility to man ge their advertising campaigns and media conseamlessly and efficiently. In November uccessfully launched in Germany and France.

## Company calendar

All financial and press data, which are relevant for the capital market, on a view.
2007

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## Dear shareholders,

2006 was an outstanding year for ad pepper media with a series of highlights. The best result in our company's history, many new customers and the strong start into the enormously important area of affiliate marketing - all this confirmed that we are on the right path and fully convinced the online advertising market as well as the capital market. We are pleased to report on your company's most successful ever financial year. The figures are impressive: more than 41.6 percent sales growth and a pre-tax profit of EUR 6.51 million. This corresponds to an increase of 588 percent. This is owed not just to the development of our operative core business, but also to a far-sighted $M \& A$ strategy. By selling our stakes in Falk and dMarc, we were able to significantly contribute towards the group's total profit and to fill our coffers for further investment in the future

Last year, we once again expanded our product portfolio and technical systems and invested in new people. The strategic pproach has remained unchanged, i.e. offering international solutions to advertisers, websites and media agencies within the MEDIA, RESPONSE, E-MAIL and AFFILIATE product groups that cover the full range of online advertising. With 19 branches in twelve European countries, the US and Australia, ad pepper media is handling campaigns for thousands of national and international advertising customers in currently more than 50 countries around the world. The company managed to successfully leave competitors behind thanks to a full range of efficient marketing solutions, proprietary technology and strong international placement power that enable the company to implement international advertising campaigns.

Each of our product groups boasts made-to-measure solu tions and technologies. This creates the necessary degree of specialization whilst the one-stop combination of service and solutions enables a wealth of offers for websites and advertisers which no competitor is able to provide in this form.

Whilst the media and response business has been estab ished for many years now and has been generating the bulk fales, e-mail marketing also became an important pillar ast year. With up to 100 million e-mails transmitted each month, ad pepper media is certainly one of Europe's leading suppliers in this area of online marketing. With more than ive million qualified customer profiles, we offer advertisers not just range, but also the possibility to precisely address specific target groups.

The takeover of UK-based Webgains additionally enabled ad pepper media to position itself in the high-growth, albeit very competitive field of affiliate marketing. Since the acquisition, Webgains has been recording excellent results and has become an important player in the UK. The European oll-out through ad pepper media's structures already in place in many other countries is in full wing. First successful signs are already visible in Germany, France and the Netherlands. In the short to medium term, this means that Webgains will develop from a national to an international supplier and thereby support reputable international eCommerce companies as a partner in order quickly achieve range on the Internet and at the same time to implement success-related advertising.
nother hot issue is the unique semantics technology which ad pepper media acquired with Crystal Semantics. This technology is now being scaled in combination with various product formats and is due to be launched world-wide in 2007 under the iSense product name. Contextual, i.e. semantic, targeting will hence significantly boost the efficiency and precision of campaigns and this will be directly reflected by higher prices and margins. iSense will enable ad pepper media to directly ontrol all the content environments of advertisements and thereby to reliably protect its customers' brands.
goes without saying that all these investments mean considerable expenditure. This is particularly evident from the fact that the workforce almost doubled in the year under review. However, e managed to increase our profitability not least thanks to the successful sale of shareholdings espite less dynamic profit developments at the end of the year due to the above-mentioned runp costs in conjunction with the rollout of Crystal and Webgains. Profit drivers were the sale of the hareholdings in dMarc Broadcasting Inc. to Google and in Falk eSolutions AG to global adserving eader DoubleClick which generated profits of EUR 7.8 k . Against this backdrop, liquidity developed and totalled EUR 22.7 million at the end of the year 2006, compared to EUR 17.5 k in the previous year
nce again in 2007, we will continue to expand all our business areas and are planning to launch many new products, formats, services and tools. We are determined once again to outdo general再位ment which shouid then also have a positive impact on our share price. The persistently economic environment in the industry, positive signals from customers and ongoing improveer gre strategy of creating value will ensure growing performance and convincing prospects for the future.
ear shareholders, we would like to thank you, also on behalf of our employees, for your trust. We will do out utmost to justify this trust again in 2007.

The Management Board of ad pepper media International N.V.

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Ulrich Schmidt


Jens Körner



## Dear shareholders,

The strong trend towards online advertising in marketing departments is clearly evident not only in Germany, but throughout Europe. According to the EIAA Marketers' Internet Ad Barometer 2006, almost three quarters of European decisionmakers in marketing consider online advertising to be a key part of their advertising strategy. Polls in Europe consequently suggest that budgets for online advertising will increase by more than 65 percent by 2008. 80 percent of those polled also believe that as the number of broadband Internet connections grows, the Internet will become an even more efficient channe for brand communication. In Germany alone, broadband penetration in 2006 increased by 18 percent against the previous year and reached now in total 60 percent. Although Germany still lags far behind the European average of 75 percent, German users managed to record growth that was four percentage points above the European average rate of only 14 percent.

The Internet as a global medium is becoming increasingly important for centrally managed, international marketing strategies. The aim of such pan-European campaigns is to boost cost efficiency, range and interactive brand communications via the Internet even further within the scope of the given budget. In order to be prepared for these market developments, large, networked units will be needed with excellent technologies, the full bandwidth of online marketing combined with international presence and positioning power. ad pepper media believes that it is perfectly positioned to meet these challenges.

The World Wide Web continues to move. The further development of Internet technology and conent to what is referred to as Web 2.0 is dramatically and irreversibly changing the lives and buying behaviour of large sections of the population. A growing number of users, bloggers and podcasters, developers and small businesses are searching for new ways of achieving more communication and interaction. One of the most recent and most familiar phenomena of this new web are weblogs, also known as blogs. Trend researcher Andreas Haderlein described the Web 2.0 services as a "new configuration of our social operating system". Without prematurely shelving classic online advertising, marketing concepts must include integrated approaches for opening up markets and target groups This, however, will require learning to understand the change in customers' communication behaviour in order to be prepared for the future of the new media world. With this development in mind, ad pepper media has embarked on a strategic course whereby it is one of the few companies to offer a service portfolio that ranges from premium portal to web 2.0 blog

The past financial year of ad pepper media International N.V. was marked by dynamic sales growth that was higher than that of the overall market for classic online advertising. The company was once again able to benefit from growing user numbers world-wide, and, in particular, from the overproportionate increase in online media consumption. As a one-stop-shop for advertisers, ad pepper media has a good reputation on the market and has managed to successfully stand out against competitors thanks to a complete product range of efficient marketing solutions. Innovative advertising forms and services based on best available technologies perfectly round off the company's core business.
ad pepper media's growth strategy was pursued with similar determination. This also includes identifying markets with potential for growth. Since the opening of its sales office in Australia as a first
oothold in the Asian-Pacific region, ad pepper media is now present in practically all important time zones around the globe. The acquisition of the UK companies Crystal Reference Systems and Webgains expanded ad pepper media's product range with innovative technical solutions for contextbased search and advertising breaks and the affiliate marketing business field.

During the year under review, the Management Board submitted to the Supervisory Board regular and comprehensive, written and verbal reports on business planning and business developments, the company's situation as well as major operative facts and events. During four ordinary meetings on 27 J anuary, 11 May, 17 and 24 November 2006, the Supervisory Board examined in detail busiess developments and supervised the Management Board on the basis of the legal requirements nd the company's articles of association. All measures subject to approval by the Supervisory Board ere discussed in detail at the meetings of the Supervisory Board.
here was one change in membership of the Management Board of ad pepper media International N.V. at the end of the last financial year. Mr. Hermann Claus, responsible for finance, human resources and investor relations, decided to retire on 31 December 2006 after seven years working for the company. We are very grateful to Hermann Claus for his commitment and successful work during many years with ad pepper media, and we would like to wish him all the best for this retirement. Supervisory Board appointed as new CFO Mr. Jens Korner who joined the company in November 2006 and who is at present responsible for finance at ad pepper media.
n 12 May 2006, the General Meeting appointed Ernst \& Young AG Wirtschaftsprüfungsgesellschaft, Nuremberg, as the company's auditors for the 2006 financial year. Ernst \& Young was commissioned the audit and audited the Consolidated Annual Accounts prepared by ad pepper media Interprepared according IFAS/IAS
he Supervisory Board examined the Annual Accounts and the Directors Report as well as the auditor's report. The Supervisory Board approved the result of the audit. On 29 March 2007, the Supervisory Board approved the 2006 annual accounts prepared by the Management Board. The annual accounts for the 2006 financial year are thereby approved.
hanks to the enormous and committed effort by the Management Board and all the colleagues of ad pepper media International N.V. and the companies in the individual European countries, the US and Australia, ad pepper media was able to master the challenges of the past financial year and can welcome the new financial year from a stronger starting point. All members of the Supervisory Board would tike to express their very special thanks and recognition for the excellent work performed and he staff's extraordinary team spirit.

Nuremberg, 30 March 2007
On behalf of the Supervisory Board


Michael Oschmann, Chairman
1)7 The Internet as a global medium is becoming increasingly important for marketing decision-makers. Now with 19 branches in twelve European countries, the US and Australia, ad pepper media is handling campaigns for international companies and brands quickly and flexibly across 50 countries worldwide.


## Central element in the marketing mix

More than twelve years ago, the US telecommu nications group AT\&T used the first advertising anner on the site of Internet magazine hotwired. com. This marked the birth of online advertising. What began in 1994 with a static banner has rap idly developed over the past decade. Classic banners were quickly supplemented by multimedia formats combining animation, moving pictures and audio. Furthermore, the ongoing broadband oom is opening up additional possibilities for combined rich-media formats.

It is no longer a matter of fundamental discussion whether online advertising is in fact vital as an integral part of a marketing strategy. The opposite is true: Whilst TV, radio and newspaper use stagnated in Europe in 2006 and magazines even recorded a decline of up to five percent, the Internet was the only medium to see use time inrease. This development was also observed on the German market. On a European level, Italy with a 44 percent growth rate ranks first in terms of online use time. This is followed by the Netherands with just 22 percent and Denmark and Norway each with 20 percent according to a survey by the European Interactive Association (EIAA). Germany recorded 14 percent growth.

The online advertising industry is benefiting from all kinds of developments. The most important factor for strong growth is without doubt the grow ing number of Internet users. In most European markets, more than 50 percent of the population is online. The UK and the Scandinavian countries take the lead here with values ranging from 50 7 percent. Another central aspect is that, in ontrast to offline advertising, advertisers now have more and more effective tools at hand in order to perfectly plan, monitor and analyse in detail their campaigns.

## ncreasing volumes and prices

search engine and affiliate marketing were the most dynamic growth sectors of the online advertising market. Affiliate marketing is benefiting in particular from the strong increase in the global share of electronic commerce and the fact that

Imost all players in this segment have understood that this channel must be opened up by professionals fur further market growth. Another very positive effect for affiliate marketing is the fragmentation of web contents. Millions of smal websites enable advertisers to achieve higher performance at attractive rates. Slowly but surely, traditional portals and more or less static gen-ral-interest websites are becoming less imporant. Classic online advertising will continue to grow because both prices and the media share still provide ample leeway in an upward direction. The growth potential of online advertising becomes clear when comparing the share of online advertising in the overall advertising market with the online share in media use. OVK (association f online marketers) found that the advertising market share of 7.6 percent corresponds to only around half of the online share of the daily media use time of 14.6 percent. A survey by the Online Publishers Association suggests that companies should triple investment in online advertising in order to effectively reach consumers. The US study also found that Internet advertising boosts the success and range of all other media campaigns. In some cases, the Internet as a mass and use time of classic media.

## Why advertise online

The Internet is an effective medium where advertisers can market their products. It can be per fectly used to draw the attention of Internet sers to brands and to boost their familiarity. Companies know more today than ever before about consumers and can use the Internet to ommunicate locally and globally with their target groups.

Compared to print media, Internet advertising offers other possibilities: Video, audio and anima ion effectively combine the diverse possibilities offered by the digital medium, boosting user at ention. Innovative forms of online advertising strengthen the positive aspects of a brand image and brand popularity, clearly and uniquely communicating products and contents. When it comes to special campaigns, the Internet can conside communication goals better than classic adver-
tising media. Advertising is also more effective if other media are used in combination with the Internet. A study conducted by the NFO market research firm involving brand suppliers from the UK, France and Germany found that the range of TV campaigns increased from 41 to 63 percent when combined with online advertising. Supplemented by online advertising, unsupported recollection of TV campaigns rose from 27 to 45 percent. Brand perception is also influenced. Additional Internet advertising makes brands appear more "trendy", "innovative" or "unique" Furthermore, the intension to buy and remem brance recollection of advertising details in creased.

## anine advertising as an internationa

 businessFrom the very beginning, ad pepper media focused on marketing advertising space on the Internet as its core business.

Since going into business, this international com pany has been flexible in addressing the needs of with ad pepper media International N.V. as the holding company heading the group has existed since August 1999. Today, ad pepper media is present with 19 branches in twelve European countries and with one branch each in the US and Australia. This far-reaching presence enables the company to organise campaigns on behalf of large international players beyond all borders a with a high degree of precision. In order to be prepared for these challenges, large, networked units will be needed with excellent technologies, the full bandwidth of online marketing combined with international presence and positioning power. ad pepper media has perfectly positioned itself on the market so that it can offer its custom rs the full range of efficient marketing tools and master growing user numbers world-wide as well as above-overproportionate growth in online me dia consumption.

## In the MEDIA, RESPONSE, E-MAIL and AFFIL

 I ATE product groups, ad pepper media implements interactive and target-group-orientated marketing solutions for both advertisers and agencies in order to make their product and ad vertising strategies a success. As a one-stop shop, ad pepper media thereby covers all fields of efficient online advertising with comprehensive services ranging from effective branding solutions and business development to customer loyalty campaigns. The ad pepper media network covers around five billion exclusive advertising contacts per month. ad pepper media markets 1,000 premium websites world-wide, including leading websites, such as DasTelefonbuch and GelbeSeiten in Germany, Aftonbladed in Sweden National Geographics in the UK along with an other 100,000 national and international websites on specialist subjects and topics. Customers include blue chips as well as innovative brands and advertising customers who have discovered the Internet as an efficient advertising medium. The sales network includes websites with a regional, national or international online advertising presence and thus always offers customers the desired range. On the basis of a world-spanning network, the company's portfolio includes the full service, from campaign management to report ing, always using best available technologies. Here too, partnerships with leading technology the-art technology. This is why access state-of believes itself to be perfectly prepared to exploit the growth potential foreseeable in the coming years.恠 o the marketing of more or less known consume products where a wide range is vital for the adertising message. The dominant means of adertising for such campaigns have always been mass media, such as cinema, magazines, radio and posters. However, even the most advanced media planning is unable to overcome one weak ess in these advertising means, i.e. their enormous dispersion losses. Meanwhile the Interne has also reached the masses and achieves almost any range beyond all borders, however, with considerably less dispersion losses. Depending on the target group and aim of a campaign, i.e. wareness, branding or boosting traffic on the dvertiser's website, ad pepper media can offer he targeted and efficient use of their advertising budgets.

With the complete takeover of mediasquares mbH in Düsseldorf in 2005, ad pepper media has been able to significantly expand premium marketing of long-range, vertical websites and to uus strengthen its market position in Germany considerably. The range of exclusively marketed ne advertisers currently totals around 400 mon page impressions per month. This unique ing areas of lifestyle, automotive, sports, travel nd entertainment. The mediasquares GmbH portfolio features established brands, such a port1.de, nba.de, maximonline.de, wetteronline. de or billiger.de. mediasquares GmbH will expand to the Netherlands and France in 2007 as the first step towards internationalisation.
d pepper media and mediasquares are deter mined to give each customer the right tool to achieve the desired campaign goals. Concepts, olutions and technologies are always tailored our customers' needs, reguardless a broad adience is to be reached at low cost, maximum ttention is to be generated with particularly atchy or innovative formats, or a campaign is focus on boosting familiarity and strengthening ecollection in conjunction with a brand. In order oo support brand awareness, ad pepper media presents the advertiser and/or his advertising message exclusively on selected contents and/or at suitable events or activities.
ss the use of broadband technologies, such as DSL, increases, moving pictures are playing an ever-more important role in online advertising d pepper media can also cover this format. The dvertiser's latest TV spots or video clips can be egrated into banners, pop-ups, skyscrapers or -mails. Furthermore, clickable buttons and soalled hot spots can be featured in order to make he streaming video more interactive. It is a fact mot moving pictures with interaction not only awareness of the message, but also trigger higher response and conversion rates during dess generation. Another advantage of this echnology is that no additional software (plugin) is required. The system automatically recognises bandwidth used by the user to surf on the Inmet, and thus guarantees top quality for the deo clip delivered. What currently sometimes ments TV campaigns will in future offer new possibilities, such as affordable spot or shand medium-sized enterpri or creative spots that users like to pas on in e-mails.

Search, find, convince - soliciting customers online

One central challenge facing most marketing departments is to use budgets as efficiently as pos sible. Advertising funds are scarce and the fight to win the consumer's awareness, interest and money is tougher than ever before. This is why it is essential to send the right advertising or marketing message as directly as possible at the right time to the right addresses - and, of course at a reasonable cost and with an above-average positive response rate. Different forms of direct marketing - in other words, direct mail advertising, discount or coupon campaigns - are tried-and-tested approaches to this end. However, modern online marketing can do much more than this and even more efficiently. Market re searchers have good reason to forecast at least same growth potential for this segment as for classic online advertising

The second product group, RESPONSE, focuses mainly on direct marketing solutions which address users personally and hence largely avoid dispersion losses. Depending on the customer's ducts whens, ad pepper media can supply pro ject to the user's explicit permission (permission marketing). iLead, above all, is a central instrument for generating target-group-specific addresses of potential customers in a quick and efficient manner. Placement of the most varied types of advertising provides advertisers with th contact data of users who voiced a concrete inter est in the product or service offered. The data generated forms the basis for a highly qualified customer database which can be combined with other strategic direct marketing instruments, such as polis, trial samples or coupons, which help to establish permanent dialogue and custom-
er loyalty via eCRM. The portfolio is rounded off by solutions for disseminating online advertising in newsletters via targeted so-called stand-alone e-mails and mobile devices.

In order to find and win interested customers, data is need to find the customer. iLead is qualified direct marketing offering concrete products and services that directly address interested users and hence potential customers. Tailored placement of advertising formats gives advertisers personal profiles completed by consumers (name, address, e-mail, areas of interest) as a basis for the subsequent direct addressing. Given the interested user's permission, the user is then addressed in a second step with detailed product information, promotion offers and free trial samples.

When an advertiser is less interested in rang volume and more interested in the time spen on his web pages, ad pepper media can offer the reasonably priced iClick instrument. With this product, the customer does not pay each time the advertisement is displayed, instead, he only pays for the clicks that have actually taken place on the advertisement. This kind of campaign is biled on an exclusively result-orientated basis. Cick is ad pepper media's performance-based marketing solution that was created in order to enerate qualified visitors in a cost-efficient and measurable frame on the customer's website.

Advertisers benefit from iclick campaigns drough the use of different, traditional forms antine advertising that can be placed on almost .年 growing number of visitors.

## Valuable profiles

esides consumer data mining for its customers, ad pepper media quickly started setting up its wn e-mail database in the MAIL product group with qualified customer profiles using technolo es developed by the company itself. By the end f the 2006 financial year, this database titled mailpepper contained more than 17 million pro files of potential customers, enabling far-reaching egmentation, for instance, according to location, ge, profession or interests. mailpepper is ence one of the biggest pan-European datab es. In view of the enormous growth potential of -mail marketing and the good acceptance of the customer-orientated approach, ad pepper media will continue to invest in the expansion of this daa base. The goal is to generate two million new qualified profiles by the end of 2007. ad peppe media thus offers advertisers a perfect way to directly and personally address their target cusmers per e-mail and to convince them of their product or service.
n its fourth product group, AFFILIATE, ad pepper media focuses on one of the most dynamic fields in the online industry. The company believes that the acquisition of Webgains brought in one of the best technology platforms currently on the market. By combining this technology with he distribution and selling capacity of ad pepper media International N.V., the company will not only participate in the growth of this market segment, but will also strengthen its development and positioning as a full-service provider
he affiliate networks market is in a process of transformation. Second-generation networks with ew technologies are now competing on this maret. With its 2nd-generation Webgains platform aready successful in the UK, ad pepper media is erfectly equipped to assume the lead in Germ ny, the Netherlands and France too. The company is determined to outperform competitors especialwith regard to user-friendliness and functionalities. The network currently covers more than 6,000 advertisers and more than 20,000 websites world-wide, many of them with an international fo cus, with rapid growth expected. Webgains tech ology, designed from the very beginning with view to scalability and internationalisation, will enrich ad pepper media with specialist know-how in affiliate marketing acquired over many years.

## Range expanded considerably

webstats4U, ad pepper media currently rovides a technically mature software tool for is website partners. This tool monitors visitor umbers, site preferences as well as surfing and buying behaviour in realtime, thereby supplying he partners with valuable media data for their marketing. This global leader in web statistics is urrently implemented on $1,000,000$ websites, is used free of charge by around 700,000 webmasters. In return for this service, ad pepper ia is given limited advertising space on these es, so that the company can significantly ex in us en upgraded with add that larger and pro fessional sites can also be addressed.


Basic economic conditions
For the third year running, the global economy recorded strong growth. Although the US economy slowed down, China and India with their huge populations once again demonstrated impressive dynamism. Furthermore, Eurozone and especially Germany saw their economies grow. For the first time since 2001, Eurozone's growth will exceed the two-percent mark. In 2006, the German economy recorded its strongest growth in six years. GDP increased by 2.5 percent in real terms, according to the German Federal Statistical Office. Experts believe that exports with double-digit growth of 12.4 percent in particular double-digit growth of 12.4 percent in particula were equally bright. Consumer spending rose for the first time in years by 0.6 percent - also in anticipation of the increase in VAT effective as of 1 January 2007. What's more, companies also invested more thanks to good profits. A plus of 7.3 percent was record- ed here.

## Market and market environment

Expenditure on marketing and advertising inreased once again. According to Nielsen Media Research, across all media sectors, gross revenue f EUR 23.9 billion was recorded against EUR 23.6 billion in 2005 for the industry. Online gross ex enditure for all of 2006 totalled EUR 692.4 million corresponding to growth of more than EUR 274 million compared to the previous year. With an in crease of 65.5 percent, the Internet recorded the strongest growth rate in the advertising market and thereby confirms its outstanding role in the media mix as a medium for sales and market com munication. Investment has grown in 44 of the top 50 industries according to online advertising exnent Grow was particularly strong in tele communications, up EUR 40 milion to EUR 78.8 million. Advertising in the online market was also atensified in the field of online services (up EUR 34.1 million), e-commerce (up EUR 21.4 million) and financial services (up EUR 18.1 million).
he Internet is becoming increasingly importan for the advertising budgets of German and European companies. This was found by the "Marke ters" Internet Ad Barometer 2006 study commis
sioned by the European Interactive Advertising Association (EIAA). A pan-European study polled op marketing decision-makers in more than 170 eading companies in the fields of fast moving consumer goods, entertainment, automotive, travel and entertainment electronics. It hab been determined that more than half (58 percent) of German managers regarded the Internet as a central part of their advertising strategies. 88 percent of marketing decision-makers in Germa ny invest more than five percent of their total media budget in online advertising. This is more than twice as many as the European average (42 percent). Those polled expect that over th next two years expenditure on Internet advertising in Germany will grow by 34 percent. A 75 percent budget increase by the year 2008 is ex pected for Europe as a whole. It should, however, be noted that budgets in the rest of Europe are at present lower than in German companies.

No medium has spread as fast as the Internet From 1997 to 2006, the share of Internet users in Germany rose from 6.5 to 59.5 percent. 38.6 million German adults are now online, according to the "ARD/ZDF-Online-Studie 2006". In 2006, 1.1 million "new" users joined (an increase of 57.9 percent compared to the previous year). The highest growth rate is found for those above 50 who Iso represent the greatest potential for future Internet growth: 60 percent of 50 to 59 year olds now use the Internet (2005: 56.5 percent). Already every fifth ( 20.3 percent) adult over the age of 60 , the so-called "silver surfers", is now online.

According to a recent study by the Association of Online Marketers (OVK), those aged 50 and ver offer attractive potential as an online targe group. 23.2 percent of the 35.98 million internet users in Germany, i.e. 8.36 million people, are so-called silver surfers. A comparison of the emographic structures of this age group with hose of non-Internet users over the age of 50 clearly shows a number of significant differen es. Silver surfers are more educated, mostly employed and with higher incomes. 34.8 percent have a gross income of EUR 3,000 and more. This is only 14.6 percent in the case of offliners. in contrast, silver surfers can hence be regarded a very attractive target group with stronger buying power.

Multimedia offers, such as picture, audio, animation and video are becoming increasingly interesting for users. According to the "ARD/ZDF-online study", every fourth Internet user ( 24 percent) already watches videos at least occasionally or watches TV live on the Internet. 40 percent have already opened audio files or listened to radio live on the Internet. However, podcasts are still less important among audio and video applications. Only six percent of German Internet users have already used audio podcasts, and only three percent video podcasts ("vodcasts").

Due to the growing attractiveness of multi-media applications, Germans are spending more and more time online: On average, every adult spends 48 minutes a day (2005: 46 minutes) on the Internet. A recent study by the Allensbach nstitute for Demoscopy shows that in Germany private computers are being used more frequent $y$ and more diversely. Especially the number of people who use the computer daily or several times a week has grown significantly. Whilst PCs processing just a few years ago primarily for wor games and e-mail correspondence, multi-media applications are now accounting for most of the new additions. Compared to just two years ago, PCs are now used more frequently to store, manage and edit photos, video and music files. 67 percent of 14 to 64 year olds ( 33.75 million) currently use the Internet according to the ACTA (Allensbach Computer and Technology Analysis). The growth of Internet use continues to be very dynamic, with almost two million new Internet users added over the past twelve months. Today the Internet is boycotted by just one in five, com pared to one in four two years ago.

## Competitive environment

Despite globally growing user numbers and dyna mic growth in advertising expenditure, the mar ket is still in a process of consolidation and streamlining. According to a study by the A.T Kearney consultancy firm, the 20 largest web portals in Germany generated more than one quarter of the value generated on the Internet totalling EUR 8.7 billion. However, the study does question whether the portals will be able to keep their predominant position in view of the importance and rapid expansion of social networks and the possibilities offered by Web 2.0. The consultants expect that by 2015 around 70 percent of the population will use broadband Internet. Up to now, television was the prevailing medium. This is to be replaced by and/or merged with the Internet in future. The Internet currently accounts for around 20 percent of total media use by consumers. However, the share of advertising expen diture on the Internet totals just around seven percent of total advertising expenditure. This discrepancy is expected to disappear almost completely in the years to come.

Only a few companies offer the entire range of online marketing services with their own technology and international placement power. In many international companies and for many brands, online advertising has a firm place in the marke ing mix thanks to flexible and precise campaign steering and the possibility to pinpoint efficiency Central aspects in their online activities are qual ty, reliability and one-stop media service. They are willing to pay a higher price and this is one of the reasons why prices in the market for online advertising rose once again in 2006. Industry experts estimate this increase at ten percent.

## usiness activities and business develop

## ment

uring the past financial year, ad pepper media nce again successfully implemented on the ma ket and expanded its business model that covers the interactive marketing needs of companies on local, national and international level. ad pepper media was able to cover online markets better hanks to determined expansion of its branch etwork. The company now operates with 19 branches in 14 countries. The acquisition of rystal Reference Systems Ltd. and Webgains td. now means that ad pepper media has expanded its portfolio for customers and websites with a central element of successful online marketing, and meanwhile is able to offer almost the ntire range of services for efficient online advertising.
urthermore, the avowed strategy of securing the company's future by expanding the service portfoio and rounding off its software tools was pursued further with determination. The two above mentioned acquisitions should once again be entioned in this respect because ad pepper edia was able thereby to decisively expand its echnologies and services in order to steer and arise individualised traffic, to secure quality and address the right target group. These are vin important driver of continued, strong growth of the Internet economy. Thanks to the acquisiof Webgains Ltd., ad pepper media now has an advanced affiliate marketing platform and access to the rapidly growing affiliate and e-com merce markets. The launch in Germany and rance at the end of 2006 marked the beginning of the internationalisation process.
any companies and brands are interested in generating a clearly perceived presence with a high recognition value on the online market and in addressing the targeted group with the right tool and with as little dispersion loss as possible. This is where ad pepper media's solutions, service and its international network come into their wn. They guarantee advertisers that their mes sages actually reach the addressees. As a one top-shop for advertisers, ad pepper media offers full range of services, from campaign management to reporting on the basis of best available echnology.
he ability to position and adapt international marketing campaigns quickly and flexibly to local emands in different countries has once again proven to be an important USP of ad pepper media. The company's excellent European net work, for instance, was the central criterion for ad pepper media as a service provider.
he customer structure with its traditionally trong diversification has become even more in national. Today, US companies eBay, Dell or are customers of the company, as well as sian companies Toshiba or Samsung or Eurosuch as Mercedes, Nokia or Deutsche Telekom

The company is not dependent to a significant extent on individual customers and in no case oes a single customer account for more than five percent of sales

## Sales development

With sales up by 41.6 percent to around EUR 41.7 million, ad pepper media was able to clearly surpass its own target and the considerable pace of growth in the industry. During the same period f the previous year, revenue totalled EUR 29.4 million.
egment reporting for the company is broken down according to geographical regions and dis inguishes between Central Europe (Germany, The Netherlands, Slovak Republic), Northern Euk ope (Denmark, Sweden), Western Europe (UK, rance, Spain, Italy) and Others (US, Australia, switzerland). With more than 42 percent of sales orresponding to EUR 17.6 million, Central Europe accounted for the largest share in sales (previous year: EUR 12 million), followed by Western Europe with 34.5 percent or EUR 14.4 million (previous year: EUR 10.6 million) and Northern Europe with 15.5 percent or EUR 6.5 million (previous year: EUR 5.0 million). The US was able to increase sales by more than 70 percent from around EUR 2 million in 2005 to more than EUR 3 million in the year under survey. This regionally widespread distribution of sales means addition security for business development.

## Development of results

With an EBIT of EUR 5.82 million, ad pepper media ecorded the best year in its history. Major result drivers were the sale of the shareholdings in
dMarc and Falk. At the same time, ad peppe media reinvested part of this revenue in future-
rientated companies and their technologies and services for the field of online marketing, i.e. Crystal Reference Systems and Webgains. Both companies are based in the UK. In mid-2006, the and products of these two companies in the future and to offer their respective portfolios in the short o medium term throughout Europe using the ad epper media network. In the case of Webgains, his started at the end of 2006. The management of ad pepper media see the European roll-out of these technologies and products as the logical consequence of entering these future-orientated and strongest growing areas of online marketing. Furthermore, at the end of 2006 ad pepper media began to expand the business of mediasquares, that was already very successful in Germany, to ther selected European countries. This also, however, burdened the operative result in the fourth quarter, especially in conjunction with the ecruitment of qualified personnel. ad pepper media is, however, convinced that this investment new manpower will pay off during the course of 2007. With regard to the past financial year the company nevertheless achieved the abovementioned record result despite the scheduled additional expenditure explained above.

## Balance sheet structure and liquidity

ad pepper media's balance sheet continues to be very sound. The equity ratio is still on a high evel with 76.9 percent. There are no long-term labilties to banks. Despite reinvestments, liquid funds increased from 17.5 to EUR 22.7 million due the sale of shareholdings. This means that we will

Sales by regions


Central Europe
(Germany, Netherlands, Slovakia)
EUR 17.6 milion
Western Europe
(UK, France, Spain, Italy)
C Northern Europe
(Denmark, Sweden)
D Others (US, Australia, Switzerland)

EUR 6.5 milino EUR 3.2 million
continue to be able to round off our technology portfolio by acquisitions of suitable candidates and/or to expand in countries where we are not yet present.

## Sales and marketing

As a customer-orientated service company, ad pepper media considers sales and marketing to be a central task and ultimately part of its every day business. The majority of new customers result from intensive contacts in the company's 19 branch offices. Blue chips are won almost exclusively through test projects which, following successful implementation, lead to large-scale campaigns. Thanks to its presence at industryspecific events, ad pepper media was able to develop new customer contacts. The company was cluding the direct marketing exhibition in Paris in spring 2006, the Internet Marketing Conference in Stockholm, or the most important trade exhibition for online marketing in Germany, the "omd" in Düsseldorf which recorded exceptionally high visitor numbers last year. The US branch office also successfully participated in the "ad:tech" in New York and San Francisco, the leading exhibitions for interactive marketing in the US. In Europe, ad pepper media was present at the "ad:tech" in London

## Management and employees

ad pepper media is continuing its course of expan sion. This business strategy is also reflected by the dynamic development of staff numbers. This figure rose to 205 by the end of 2006, compared to 136 at the end of last year. However, part of this increase is due to the integration of Webgains Ltd. and Crystal Reference Systems Ltd. into the consolidated group. Moreover, at the end of 2006 ad pepper media began to transfer the highly suc cessful business model of Webgains and mediasquares to selected European countries.

In line with the investment strategy already com municated during the course of 2006 , manpowe development focused on "technology" and "development". Most of ad pepper media's employees work in sales, i.e. 63 people. They are responsible for looking after existing and winning new customers world-wide.

Within the four-member Management Board Team, Chairman Ulrich Schmidt is responsible for Business Development, Product Development, Marketing and Technology. Jens Körner is responsible for Finance, Human Resources and Investor Relations. Niels Nüssler is responsible for Sales and Media Purchasing. Michael A. Carton is responsible for Product Development and Technology Development.

## Number of employees



## Events of significant importance

The beginning of the financial year was marked by two M\&A transactions outside operative business. The sale of shareholdings in dMarc Broadcasting Inc. to Google and in Falk eSolutions AG to global adserving leader DoubleClick generated profits of EUR 8.4 milion. One interesting aspect of these transactions is that leading US companies are buying technology from ad pepper media. This gives proof of how far our company has already developed as a marketing and technology company. It remains to be clearly stated that these sales will strengthen our technological po-
ition in the long term because this revenue will ive us faster access to technologies which are ot yet available today. By selling our sharehold igs in Falk and dMarc, we were able to significantly contribute towards the group's total profit and to fill our coffers for further investment in the future.
in the past financial year, ad pepper media contined its strategy of balanced internal and external growth. The company completed a number of acquisitions which supplement and round off decisive areas of its business model. This holds paricularly true for Crystal Reference System Ltd and its Crystal Reference and Crystal Semantic divisions which were acquired in March 2006. Crystal Semantics has developed a new optimization technology as a major product. This opti mization technology prevents online advertising from being delivered on websites with content which are unfit, illegal or not desired for the brand advertised.
he purchase price for the acquisition totalled around EUR 2.8 million and consisted of payment cash and shares as well as a success-related earn-out component that was linked to the achieement of certain results. All targets have been eached meanwhile, so that the full purchase price has been paid.

May 2006, ad pepper media international N.V. cquired Webgains Ltd., one of the fastest growing affiliate marketing networks in the UK. With his acquisition, ad pepper media has added a entral element of successful online marketing to its portfolio for both customers and websites. The affiliate market is one of the dynamic sectors in the online industry
he purchase price for the acquisition totalled round EUR 4.3 million and consist of a down payment in cash and shares as well as a successrelated earn-out component that was linked to the achievement of certain results.

## vents after the closing date of the balance

 sheetOn 31 January 2006, ad pepper media announced the acquisition of 100 percent of the shares in Sandinavian adserving provider Emediate ApS Emediate offers its technology for efficient delivery, management and analysis of online adver tising campaigns especially for small, medium nd large websites. Past sales were generated via a classical application service providing (ASP) model and through the licensing of Emediate software. Both of these revenue sources will also ontinue following the company's acquisition. ad pepper media is convinced that the roll-out of the software in countries where ad pepper media is already present will significantly boost Emediate's growth. Furthermore, ad pepper media will use Emediate's technology within the webstats 4 U webmaster network and in affiliate marketing. ad pepper media is convinced to be able to benefit from excellent synergies, especial y in the micro publisher area. The successful strategic partnership between ad pepper media and DoubleClick will continue in its present form.
he acquisition of Emediate cost a total of EUR 4.8 million in cash which became immediatey payable on finalisation of the transaction. At the same time, the company's existing shareolders undertook to subscribe new ad pepper media shares to the amount of EUR 2.3 million resulting from a capital increase. On the basis fa subscription price of EUR 10.96 milion per d pepper media share, 209,854 new shares in total were transferred to the sellers.

Thanks to the entire bandwidth of efficient marketing solutions, its own technology and high international placement power, ad pepper media has successfully left its competitors behind. With a portfolio precisely tailored to our customers' needs, we have once again recorded higher growth than the market as a whole.

## Company outlook

he trend towards more international campaigns and evermore complex advertising formats and marketing methods, which has been observed in the past two to three years, will continue without doubt. The resultant opportunities on the online market can be fully exploited especially by those ervice providers who have a well-developed, world-wide network that combines state-of-the art technology with competitive products. This was why ad pepper media went to great lengths last year to improve its position on the world market even further. This included the abovemarket even further. This included the abovemarkets, as well as the quantitative and qualitative expansion of the company's range through the acquisition of Crystal Reference System Ltd. and Webgains Ltd. The Management Board will hence pay special attention to sustainably improving the profitability of operative business.

## Risk management

The Management Board of ad pepper media is of the opinion that the risk management and contro ystem can be regarded as being sufficient and efficient in view of the company's size and devel opment. The German law on "Control and Trans parency in Business" (KonTraG) as well as the Dutch Corporate Governance Code lay down the entral rules and obligations regarding risk management and control systems. In compliance with hese regulations in force in Germany and the etherlands, ad pepper media operates a com rehensive and adequate risk management sys m. This requires that the Management Board ensures that the company complies with all appliable laws and regulations, and reports to the supervisory Board regularly on the internal risk management and control systems. The risk man agement system of ad pepper media identifies gnficant risks which could have implications for the company. These risks are quantified and valuated with a view to potential effects. Finally, suitable measures are identified in order to counteract the risks in question. Significant risks 0 which the company may be exposed are enumerated below.

## Risk factors and imponderabilities

## Acceptance of online a

d pepper media's business activities are based on the use of electronic advertising media, in particular the Internet, along with e-mail com munications and other online media. Slower rowth or even a decline in Internet use would ffect the attractiveness of websites as a medium for online advertising and this would have considrable, negative implications for ad pepper media's business, finance and profit situatio

## mperfect legal boundary conditions

 The company is faced with several changing and/ or increasing legal regulations applicable to the nternet and other electronic media. These sometimes inhomogeneous legal boundary conditions could generate significant legal risks for the ad pepper media group which could adversely affect the company.
## Rapid technological change

The market for products and services offered by ad pepper media is marked by short innovation ycles and rapid technological change. Furthermore, this environment sees frequent announcements of new services and products as well as changing customer requirements. ad pepper media must hence regularly adapt its products and services to changing technological requirements and customer needs. This task of having to cope with permanently changing technological requirements and customer needs means considerable nvestment and significant expenditure on personnel. Correctly assessing market developments and responding thereto are hence among the biggest challenges facing ad pepper media's man agement.

## Data protection

Data processing forms part of ad pepper media's business activities. This involves strict adherence data protection laws. Under German and European law, the data captured in the field of the ew tele and media services is subject to stric egal terms of usage. Furthermore, it is at pre sent difficult to assess whether even more rest rictive data protection laws may be imposed in
future. Compliance with different data protection laws may require significant effort, also in financial terms, and could also adversely affect future revenue prospects. New laws and - albeit inad vertent - non-compliance with applicable data protection law could restrict the company from ompany from

## Financial risks

Due to the international nature of its business, the ad pepper media group typically bills its ser vices in the respective national currency. Business outside the territory of the European Monetary Union exposes the company to currency fluctuation risks. ad pepper media also generate revenue in the form of payments made by advertisers and/or advertising agencies to the company. ad pepper media passes on part of these payments to the website owners. ad pepper media hence bears the risk of default on the part of advertisers and/or agencies. The company considers this risk, for example, in the form of regular creditworthiness checks. Finally, ad pepper media may be faced with risks related to the development of financial instruments, i.e. mainly cash and cash equivalents. Most of these are managed by financial institutions.

## Dependence on staff in key position

 Due to the innovative nature of the business model and its international orientation with many branches and subsidiaries, ad pepper media must rely on a high number of qualified employees who bear a high degree of responsibility, especially within the scope of sales activities. Retaining existing and recruiting new, highly qualified staff is a central success factor for the company. The consequences of failure to win the loyalty of employees or to find new qualified staff could have an adverse effect on the company's growth
## Risks from potential acquisitions

ad pepper media's international orientation not only requires a focus on internal growth, but also consideration of external growth in order to be able to grow faster in new markets or in order to acquire technologies which the company cannot
develop quickly enough by itself. The acquisition made in 2006 impressively bear witness to this However, it is not possible to forecast with certainty whether ad pepper media will be able even in future to successfully perform the acquisitions planned and to optimally integrated the compahes acquired into the company's structure, If this should not be possible, this could then generate should not be pere for the company's deve lopment.

The ad pepper media share
Once again in the 2006 financial year, the Management Board of ad pepper media maintained ongoing dialogue with the international financial community. With its active information policy, ad pepper media is determine to ensure that the va luation of the company reflects its performance and prospects. On numerous roadshows in Germany, Europe and the US, extensive talks were held with fund and asset managers which frequently resulted in commitment by the investors contacted.

This active information policy is also reflected by the price of the ad pepper media share. Following a burgeoning share price in 2005 with growth of around 80 percent, the share once again recorded excellent growth of 46.9 percent in 2006. The closing price on 30 December 2005 totalled EUR 7.49 and EUR 11.00 at the end of 2006. The year's high of EUR 12.35 was reached in April 2006.

Shareholder structure


Directors' holdings - shares and options held by members of
ad pepper media's executive bodies
Dec., 31, 2006
Dec., 31, 2005
Shares Options
Shares Options
Members of the Management Board

| Ulrich Schmidt | 502,762 | 253,000 | 512,762 | 293,000 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Michael A. Carton | 73,703 | 214,000 | - | - |
| Niels Nüssler | 38,113 | 263,000 | 38,113 | 296,500 |
| Hermann Claus (retired at 31 December 2006)) |  |  |  | , |

Members of the Supervisory Board

|  | 7,786 | - | 7,786 | - |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Michael Oschmann | 1,112 | 20,000 | 1,112 | 20,000 |
| Dr. Günther Niethammer | - | - | - | - |
| Jan Andersen | - | - | - | - |
| Merrill Dean |  |  |  |  |

Associated companies

|  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| EMA B.V. | $4,743,201$ | $-4,743,201$ | - |  |
| Euroserve | 13,780 | - | 13,780 | - |
| Viva Media Beteiligungsgesellschaft | 100 | - | 5,100 | - |
| Grabacap | 424,000 | - | 464,000 | - |

ad pepper media share price development versus "Prime All Share"


## A show of strength and a pacemaker role

Under the Web 2.0 buzzword, a growing number of users are searching for new forms of communication and interaction. The focus will be on technologies and services that structure and categorise the enormous volume of individual web contents along with securing quality and addressing the correct target group. We are in an excellent position to compete, so that together with our customers we will gain an overproportionate share in this dynamic growth

| Consolidated statements of operations (IFRS) |  |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
|  | Notes | 2006 | 2005 |
| EUR |  |  |  |


| Consolidated balance sheets (IFRS) |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Notes | Dec. 31, 2006 EUR | Dec. 31, 2005 EUR |
| Assets |  |  |  |
| Noncurrent assets |  |  |  |
| Goodwill | [17] | 16,066,134 | 6,781,488 |
| Intangible assets | [18] | 7,174,216 | 4,215,551 |
| Equipment | [19] | 885,026 | 449,219 |
| Investment in affiliated company | [20] | 0 | 1,208,486 |
| Restricted cash | [21] | 0 | 650,000 |
| Marketable securities | [22] | 4,360,000 | 4,258,500 |
| Other financial assets | [23] | 726,804 | 4,157,705 |
| Deferred tax assets | [15] | 4,746,613 | 5,590,230 |
| Noncurrent assets, total |  | 33,958,793 | 27,311,179 |
| Current assets |  |  |  |
| Marketable securities | [22] | 3,937,800 | 5,599,802 |
| Trade accounts receivable | [24] | 11,190,794 | 10,457,259 |
| Income tax receivables | [25a] | 661,815 | 336,930 |
| Prepaid expenses and other current assets | [25] | 2,000,799 | 1,461,370 |
| Cash and cash equivalents | [26] | 14,380,214 | 7,027,645 |
| Current assets, total |  | 32,171,422 | 24,883,006 |
| Assets, total |  | 66,130,215 | 52,194,185 |


| Consolidated balance sheets (IFRS) |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Notes | Dec. 31, 2006 EUR | Dec. 31, 2005 EUR |
| Liabilities and shareholders‘ equity |  |  |  |
| Shareholders' equity |  |  |  |
| Share capital | [27] | 1,115,500 | 1,115,500 |
| Additional paid-in capital | [28] | 61,859,464 | 59,942,263 |
| Treasury stock | [29] | -340,352 | -421,578 |
| Accumulated deficit |  | -10,944,260 | -16,257,118 |
| Accumulated other comprehensive loss | [31] | -837,451 | -438,269 |
| Shareholders' equity, total |  | 50,852,901 | 43,940,798 |
| Noncurrent liabilities |  |  |  |
| Deferred tax liabilities | [15] | 821,539 | 407,158 |
| Noncurrent liabilities, total |  | 821,539 | 407,158 |
| Current liabilities |  |  |  |
| Trade accounts payable | [33] | 5,003,251 | 4,309,571 |
| Other current liabilities |  | 3,425,440 | 869,302 |
| Income tax liabilities |  | 378,458 | 110,597 |
| Accrued expenses | [34] | 5,648,626 | 2,556,759 |
| Current liabilities, total |  | 14,455,775 | 7,846,229 |
| Liabilities, total |  | 15,277,314 | 8,253,387 |
| Liabilities and shareholders' equity, total |  | 66,130,215 | 52,194,185 |

ee accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements

| Statement of cash flows (IFRS) |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{gathered} 2006 \\ \text { EUR } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 2005 \\ \text { EUR } \end{gathered}$ |
| Net gain | 5,312,858 | 3,393,626 |
| Adjustments to reconcile net gain to cash provided by operations: |  |  |
| Depreciation and amortization | 1,979,128 | 984,940 |
| Gain on sale of equipment | -49,755 | -1,598 |
| Change of revaluation surplus | 0 | 27,600 |
| Stock option expenses | 999,655 | 214,905 |
| Imterest income and expenses | -687,683 | -717,926 |
| Income tax expense | 1,195,577 | -2,433,150 |
| Income from sale of investments | -8,430,514 | 0 |
| Other non-cash income and expenses | 1,251,546 | 1,024,043 |
| Gross cash flow | 1,570,812 | 2,492,440 |
| Increase in trade accounts receivable | -1,753,395 | -2,293,182 |
| Increase in prepaid expenses and other assets | -62,882 | -442,333 |
| Income taxes paid | -49,696 | -28,596 |
| Interest income received | 491,530 | 551,962 |
| Increase in trade accounts payable | 607,680 | 871,241 |
| Interest expenses paid | -16,542 | -4,033 |
| Increase/decrease in accrued expenses and other liabilities | 2,353,281 | -681,678 |
| Net cash used in/ provided by operating activities | 3,140,788 | 465,821 |
| Capital expenditures for intangible assets and equipment | -2,514,337 | -898,261 |
| Proceeds from sale of intangible assets and equipment | 168,492 | 9,226 |
| Capital expenditures in affiliated companies | 0 | -1,709,245 |
| Proceeds from sale of shares in affiliated companies and of other investments | 12,459,703 | 0 |
| Security payments/proceeds from repayment security deposits | -34,234 | -148,353 |
| Repayment of restricted cash | 650,000 | 0 |
| Granted loans | -300,000 | 0 |
| Acquisition of subsidiary, net of cash acquired | -1,616,000 | -1,797,100 |
| Cash paid for acquisition of shares in consolidated companies | -5,779,584 | -2,810,305 |
| Sales of marketable securities | 3,100,500 | 1,024,000 |
| Purchase of marketable securities | -1,990,440 | -3,000,000 |
| Net cash used in/ provided by investing activities | 4,144,100 | -9,330,038 |


| Statement of cash flows (IFRS) |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{array}{r} 2006 \\ \text { EUR } \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 2005 \\ \text { EUR } \end{array}$ |
| Sale of treasury stock | 735,773 | 375,729 |
| Purchases treasury stock | -402,000 | -449,250 |
| Repayment of loan liabilities | -493,339 | 0 |
| Repayment of granted loans | 360,000 | 0 |
| Net cash used in/ provided by financing activities | 200,434 | -73,521 |
| Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents | -132,753 | 44,336 |
| Changes in cash and cash equivalents | 7,352,569 | -8,893,402 |
| Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year | 7,027,645 | 15,921,047 |
| Cash and cash equivalents at end of period | 14,380,214 | 7,027,645 |

Statement of shareholder's equity

|  | Share capital | Additional paid-in capital | Equity of the shareholders | of the parent company <br> Accumulated deficit |  |  | Minority interest | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Treasury stock |  | Accumulated other comprehensive income/loss |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | Currency conversion | Market valuation availabel-for-sale securities |  |  |
|  | EUR | EUR | EUR | EUR | EUR | EUR | EUR | EUR |
| Balance at J anuary 01, 2005 | 1,115,500 | 59,727,358 | -1,062,920 | -19,650,744 | -55,127 | -23,048 | 35,695 | 40,086,714 |
| Issuance of treasury shares |  |  | 641,342 |  |  |  |  | 641,342 |
| Net gain for the period |  |  |  | 3,393,626 |  |  |  | 3,393,626 |
| Acquired minority interest |  |  |  |  |  |  | -35,695 | -35,695 |
| Stock based compensation |  | 214,905 |  |  |  |  |  | 214,905 |
| Differences from currency conversion |  |  |  |  | 48,226 |  |  | 48,226 |
| Unrealized gain/ loss on securities |  |  |  |  |  | -408,320 |  | -408,320 |
| Comprehensive income/ loss, total |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 3,248,437 |
| Balance at December 31, 2005 | 1,115,500 | 59,942,263 | -421,578 | -16,257,118 | -6,901 | -431,368 | 0 | 43,940,798 |
| Balance at J anuary 01, 2006 | 1,115,500 | 59,942,263 | -421,578 | -16,257,118 | -6,901 | -431,368 | 0 | 43,940,798 |
| Issuance of treasury shares |  | 917,546 | 81,226 |  |  |  |  | 998,772 |
| Net gain for the period |  |  |  | 5,312,858 |  |  |  | 5,312,858 |
| Acquired minority interest |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 0 |
| Stock based compensation |  | 999,655 |  |  |  |  |  | 999,655 |
| Differences from currency conversion |  |  |  |  | -132,753 |  |  | -132,753 |
| Unrealized gain/ loss on securities |  |  |  |  |  | -266,429 |  | -266,429 |
| Total comprehensive income/ loss |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 5,913,331 |
| Balance at December 31, 2006 | 1,115,500 | 61,859,464 | -340,352 | -10,944,260 | -139,654 | -697,797 | 0 | 50,852,901 |

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## Corporate information [1]

The consolidated financial statements of ad pepper media International N.V. (the "company") for the year ended 31 December 2006 were authorised to issue by the board of directors on 28 March 2007 ad pepper media International N.V. is a limited liability company incorporated in the Netherlands, domiciled in Amsterdam, the Netherlands. The shares of the company are publicly traded under WKN 940883 (ISIN NL0000238145) on the Prime Standard of the Frankfurt Stock Exchange.

The business activities of ad pepper media International N.V. involve holding investments in other entities whose objective is to market advertising space on the internet, and providing services for the subsidiaries. Since its founding, ad pepper media has been geared towards acting flexibly to meet the requirements of a whole range of different markets as an international company.
ad pepper media is an international provider of interactive products and services for websites and advertisers. The company currently markets campaigns and websites in more than 50 countries and operates from 19 branches in twelve European countries, the USA and Australia. ad pepper media use state-of-the-art technology to link thousands of small, medium and large websites to a top-quality advertising network with global reach and an exact focus on its target group.

In addition to a regional, national and international marketing presence, website partners receive a large number of other important products and services such as ad serving, traffic analysis and performance optimization, provided by ad pepper media and its affiliated entities in a localized form

## Accounting principles [2]

## Basis of preparation

The consolidated financial statements have been prepared on a historical cost basis, except for avail able-for-sale investments that have been measured at fair value. The consolidated financial statewise indicated

## Statement of compliance

The consolidated financial statements of ad pepper media International N.V. and is subsidiaries hav been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS), as adopted by the European Union (EU)

## Basis of consolidation

The consolidated financial statements comprise the financial statements of ad pepper media International N.V. and is subsidiaries as at 31 December each year. The financial statements of the subsidiaries are prepared for the same reporting year as the parent company, using consistent accounting policies

Alr intra-group balances, transactions, income and expenses and profits and losses resulting from intragroup transactions that are recognised in assets, are eliminated in full.

Subsidiaries are fully consolidated from the date of acquisition, being the date on which the group obtains control, and continue to be consolidated until the date that such control ceases.

All business combinations are accounted for under the purchase method. According to this method, the purchase price has been allocated to the fair value of the interest held in the net assets of the consolidated subsidiaries at the time of acquisition. In doing so, all identifiable assets, liabilities and contin gent liabilities are adopted at fair value and recognised accordingly in the consolidated balance sheet. fter adjustments to the fair values of assets acquired and liabilties assumed are made, any resulting positive difference is capitalised in the balance sheet as goodwill.

Situations in which the fair value of net assets is greater than the purchase price paid result in a negative difference. In the event that such difference remains following reassessment of the allocation of the purchase price or determining the fair value of acquired assets, liabilities and contingent liabilities, his is recognised as income immediately. The proportion of assets, liabilities and contingent liabilities f the subsidiary applicable to minority interest are also adopted at fair value. Yet goodwill is reported only to the extent that it applies to the group and is not extrapolated to minority interest.

## Consolidated group

The entities included are as follows:

| Entity | Share |
| :---: | :---: |
| ad pepper media GmbH, Nuremberg, Germany | 100 \% |
| ad pepper media in Austria GesmbH, Salzburg, Austria | 100 \% |
| ad pepper media Benelux B.V., Amsterdam, the Netherlands | 100 \% |
| ad pepper media Sweden AB, Stockholm, Sweden | 100 \% |
| ad pepper media Denmark A/S, Copenhagen, Denmark | 100 \% |
| Mediasense ApS, Copenhagen, Denmark | 100 \% |
| Pentamind A/S, Copenhagen, Denmark | 100 \% |
| ad pepper media Oy, Helsinki, Finland | 100 \% |
| ad pepper media UK Ltd., London, United Kingdom | 100 \% |
| ad pepper media France S.A.R.L., Paris, France | 100 \% |
| ad pepper media Spain S.A., Barcelona, Spain | 100 \% |
| ad pepper media USA LLC, Delaware, USA | 100 \% |
| ad pepper media Italy srl., Milano, Italy | 100 \% |
| ad pepper media Interactive Marketing Services srl., Mailand, Italy | 100 \% |
| Borsa Del Banner srl., Cagliari, Italy | 51 \% |
| Regio ad Beteiligungs- und Verwaltungsgesellschaft mbH, Nuremberg, Germany | 100 \% |
| Atlas Internet Associates s.r.o, Bratislava, Slovakia | 100 \% |
| Resultonline B.V., Amsterdam, the Netherlands | 100 \% |
| Web Measurement Services B.V., Amsterdam, the Netherlands | 100 \% |
| mediasquares GmbH, Dusseldorf, Germany | 100 \% |
| Crystal Reference Systems Ltd., Holyhead, United Kingdom | 100 \% |
| Webgains Ltd., London, United Kingdom | 100 \% |
| ad pepper media Australia Ltd., Melbourne, Australia | 100 \% |
| ad pepper media SA, Lugano, Switzerland | 100 \% |
| Globase International ApS, Copenhagen, Denmark | 100 \% |

## Changes in accounting policies

The accounting policies adopted basically are consistent with those of the previous financial year.

## New standards

Changes in accounting principles derive from adoption of the following new and amended standards
According to amendments to IAS 19, additional disclosures are made providing information about trends in the assets and liabilities in the defined benefit plans and the assumptions underlying the components of the defined benefit cost. The amendments to IAS 19 did not have an effect on the consolidated accounts as of 31 December 2006.

AS 21 The Effects of Changes in Foreign Exchange Rates
As of 1 January 2006, the Group adopted the amendments to IAS 21. As a result, all exchange differences arising from a monetary item that forms part of the Group's net investment in a foreign operation are recognised in a separate component of equity in the consolidated financial statements regardless of the currency in which the monetary item is denominated. The company reporting such an ite significant impact as at 31 December 2006.

AS 39 Finanial Instruments: Fair Value Option and Cash Flow Hedge Accounting
During 2005, three amendments of IAS 39 were released, which were to be adopted for fiscal year beginning on or after 1 January 2006. The changes effect financial guarantees (financial guarantee contracts, after amendments of IAS 39 and IFRS 4, fall exclusively under the terms of IAS 39), intragroup forecast transaction to qualify as the hedged item in a cash flow hedge and the use of the socalled fair value option. These amendments did not have an effect on the financial statements.

IFRIC 4 Determining Whether an Arrangement contains a Lease
FRIC Interpretation 4 provides guidance in determining whether arrangements contain a lease to which lease accounting must be applied. Contracts falling under the criteria of IFRIC 4 are to be accounted for as lease agreements according to IAS 17. This change in accounting policy has not had a significant impact on the Group as at 31 December 2006.

FRIC 5 "Rights to Interests Arising from Decommissioning, Restoration and Environmental Rehabilitation Funds" as well as IFRIC 6 "Liabilities arising from Participating in a Specific Market - Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment" are not relevant for the business of ad pepper media and have therefore not been applied.

The group has not early adopted the following standards and interpretations which have been released but are not yet to be adopted. The group generally intends to adopt all standards as of the required first time adoption date

IFRS and IFRIC Interpretations endorsed by the European Community which are not yet to be adopted
IAS 1 Presentation of Financial Statements
This amendment requires the Group to make new disclosures to enable users of the financial statements to evaluate the Group's objectives, policies and processes for managing capital. The amended provisions are to adopted for fiscal years beginning on or after 1 J anuary 2007.

IFRS 7 Financial Instruments: Disclosures
FRS 7 requires entities to provide disclosures about financial instruments in their financial state
ments. This IFRS supersedes IAS 30 "Disclosures in the Financial Statements of Banks and Similar Financial Institutions" as well as the disclosure requirements of IAS 32 "Financial Instruments: Disclosure and Presentation". According to IFRS 7, an entity shall disclose information that enables users of its financial statements to evaluate the significance of financial instruments for its financial position and performance as well as nature and extent of risks arising from such financial instruments. An entity shall apply this IFRS for annual periods beginning on or after 1 I anuary 2007. Adoption if this standard will result in a remarkabe extension of disclosures about fin incial instruments.

FRIC 7 Applying the Restatement Approach under IAS 29 Financial Reporting in hyperinflationary Economies.
This Interpretation provides guidance on how to apply the requirements of IAS 29 in a reporting period in which an entity identifies the existence of hyperinflation in the economy of its functional currency, when that economy was not hyperinflationary in the prior period, and the entity therefore restates its financial statements in accordance with IAS 29. An entity shall apply this Interpretation for annual periods beginning on or after 1 March 2006. The interpretation is not expected to apply for ad pepper media.

FRIC 8 Scope of IFRS 2
An entity shall apply this Interpretation for annual periods beginning on or after 1 May 2006
The interpretation is not expected to apply for ad pepper media.
RIC 9 Reassessment of Embedded Derivatives
FRIC 9 deals with characteristics when accounting for embedded derivatives according to IAS 39 An entity shall assess whether an embedded derivative is required to be separated from the host contract and accounted for as a derivative when the entity first becomes a party to the contract. Subsequent reassessment is prohibited unless there is a change in the terms of the contract that significanty modifies the cash flows that otherwise would be required under the contract, in which case reassessment is required. An entity determines whether a modification to cash flows is significant by considering the extent to which the expected future cash flows associated with the embedded derivative, he host contract or both have changed and whether the change is significant relative to the previously expected cash flows on the contract. An entity shall apply this Interpretation for annual periods beginning on or after 1 June 2006. Earlier application is encouraged. IFRIC 9 is not expected to have significant influence on ad pepper media's annual accounts.

FRS and IFRIC interpretations in force but not yet endorsed by the European Community:
FRS 8 Operating segments
FRS 8 supersedes IAS 14 "Segment reporting" and aligns the standards of the IASB with the requirements of the Statement of Financial Accounting Standards (SFAS) 131. The IFRS requires an entity to
 perating segments or aggregations of operating segments that meet speciried criteria. Operating segments are components of an entiy about which separate financial hnformation is availiable that is valuated regularly by the chief operating decision maker in deciding how to allocate resources and in ssessing performance. Generally, financial information is required to be reported on the same basis as is used internally for evaluating operating segment performance and deciding how to allocate resources to operating segments.

The standard is to be applied for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2009. Early adoption is allowed. The group has not yet finally analyzed the effects of these changes as of closing date.

IFRIC 10 Interim Financial Reporting and Impairment
The Interpretation addresses the apparent conflict between the requirements of IAS 34 "Interim Financial Reporting" and those in other standards on the recognition and reversal in financial statements of impairment losses on goodwill and certain financial assets. IFRIC 10 states that any such impairment losses recognised in an interim financial statement must not be reversed in subsequent interim or annual financial statements. The interpretation is to be applied for annual periods beginning on or after 1 November 2006. Early adoption is encouraged. IFRIC 10 is unlikely to have an impact on ad pepper media's annual accounts.

FRIC 11 Group and Treasury Share Transactions
IFRIC 11 addresses the question how IFRS 2 "share-based payment" is to be applied on cases where an entity grants to its employees rights to equity instruments of the same or another entity. IFRIC 11 is to be applied for annual periods beginning on or after 1 March 2007. Early application is allowed. FRIC 11 will presumably not have an impact on ad pepper media's annual report.

FRIC 12 Service concession arrangements
FRIC 12 is limited to accounting for arrangements whereby a government contracts for the supply of public services (such as roads or hospitals) to private operators from the perspective of the licensee. FRIC 12 is to be applied for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2008. This interpretation does not concern the business of the group.

## Significant accounting judgments, estimates and assumptions

In the process of applying the Group's accounting policies, management has to make judgments, which have significant effect on the amounts recognised in the financial statements:

## Estimates and assumptions

The key assumptions concerning the future and other key sources of estimation uncertainty at the balance sheet date, that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amount of assets and liabilities within the next financial year are discussed below.

## Impairment of Goodwill

The Group determines whether goodwill is impaired at least on an annual basis. This requires an estimation of the 'value in use' of the cash-generating units to which the goodwill is allocated. Estimating a value in use amount requires management to make an estimate of the expected future cash flows from the cash-generating unit and also to choose a suitable discount rate in order to calculate the present value of those cash flows.

## Deferred Tax Assets

Deferred tax assets are recognised for all unused tax losses to the extent that it is probable that tax able profit will be available against which the losses can be utilised. Significant management judgment is required to determine the amount of deferred tax assets that can be recognised, based upon the likely timing and level of future taxable profits together with future tax planning strategies,

## Assets acquired as part of a business combination

The recognition of property, plant and equipment and intangible assets involves estimations to determine the fair value on the acquisition date. This applies in particular to assets acquired as part of a business combination. Determining the fair values of assets and liabities and the useful lives of assets is based on assessements by management. The purchase price allocations of acquisitions made during 2006 are preliminary.

## Summary of significant accounting policies [3]

## oreign currency translation

The consolidated financial statements are presented in Euros, which is the company's functional and presentation currency. Each entity in the group determines its own functional currency and items in luded in the financial statements of each entity are measured using that functional currency. Transactions in foreign currencies are initially recorded at the functional currency rate ruling at the date of the transaction. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are retranslated at the functional currency rate of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date. All differences are taken to profit or loss with the exception of differences on foreign currency borrowings that provide a hedge gainst a net investment in a foreign entity. These are taken directly to equity until the disposal of the net investment, at which time they are recognised in profit or loss. Tax charges and credits attributable to exchange differences on those borrowings are also dealt with in equity. Non monetary items hat are measured in terms of historical cost in a foreign currency are translated using the exchange rates as at the dates of the initial transactions. Non monetary items measured at fair value in a foreign currency are translated using the exchange rates at the date when the fair value was determined. Any oodwill arising on the acquisition of a foreign operation and any fair value adjustments to the carrying mounts of assets and liabilities arising on the acquisition are treated as assets and liabilities of the foreign operation and translated at the closing rate.

As at the reporting date, the assets and liabiifties of those subsidiaries that have another functional currency than the Euro, are translated into the presentation currency of ad pepper media International N.V. (the Euro) at the rate of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date and their income statements are translated at the weighted average exchange rates for the year. The exchange differences arising on the translation are taken directly to a separate component of equity. On disposal of a foreign entity, he deferred cumulative amount recognised in equity relating to that particular foreign operation is recognised in the income statement

The significant foreign currency exchange rates have developed as follow:

| Foreign currency per 1 EUR | Closing rate <br> Dec. 31, 2006 | Closing rate <br> Dec. 31, 2005 | Average rate <br> 2006 | Average rate <br> 2005 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| US Dollar | 1.3148 | 1.1805 | 1.2539 | 1.2464 |
| British Pound | 0.6694 | 0.6851 | 0.6803 | 0.6847 |
| Swedish Crown | 9.0192 | 9.3679 | 9.2391 | 9.2730 |
| Danish Crown | 7.4359 | 7.4404 | 7.4391 | 7.4483 |

## Property, plant and equipment

Plant and equipment is stated at cost, excluding the costs of day to day servicing, less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment in value. Such cost includes the cost of replacing part of the plant and equipment when that cost is incurred, if the recognition criteria are met

Depreciation is calculated on a straight line basis over the useful life of the assets
An item of property, plant and equipment is derecognised upon disposal or when no future economic benefits are expected from its use or disposal. Any gain or loss arising on derecognition of the asset (calculated as the difference between the net disposal proceeds and the carrying amount of the asset) is included in the income statement in the year the asset is derecognised

Business combinations and goodwill
Business combinations are accounted for using the acquisition accounting method. This involves recognising identifiable assets (including previously unrecognised intangible assets) and liabilities (including contingent liabilities and excluding future restructuring) of the acquired business at fair value.

Goodwill acquired in a business combination is initially measured at cost being the excess of the cost of the business combination over the Group's interest in the net fair value of the acquiree's identifiable as sets, liabilities and contingent liabilities. Following initial recognition, goodwill is measured at cost less any accumulated impairment losses. For the purpose of impairment testing, goodwill acquired in a business combination is, from the acquisition date, allocated to each of the Group's cash generating units, or groups of cash generating units, that are expected to benefit from the synergies of the combination, irrespective of whether other assets or liabilities of the Group are assigned to those units or groups of units.

Each unit or group of units to which the goodwill is allocated:
-represents the lowest level within the Group at which the goodwill is monitored for internal management purposes; and
is not larger than a segment based on either the Group's primary or the Group's secondary reporting format determined in accordance with IAS 14 Segment Reporting.

Where goodwill forms part of a cash-generating unit (group of cash generating units) and part of the operation within that unit is disposed of, the goodwill associated with the operation disposed of is included in the carrying amount of the operation when determining the gain or loss on disposal of the operation. Goodwill disposed of in this circumstance is measured based on the relative values of the operation disposed of and the portion of the cash-generating unit retained. When subsidiaries are sold, the difference between the selling price and the net assets plus cumulative translation differences and unamortised goodwill is recognised in the income statement.

## Intangible assets

ntangible assets acquired separately are measured on initial recognition at cost. The cost of intangible assets acquired in a business combination is fair value as at the date of acquistion. following initial recognition, intangible assets are carried at cost less any accumulated amortisation and any accumulated impairment losses. Internally generated intangible assets, excluding capitalised development costs, are not capitalised and expenditure is reflected in the income statement in the year in which the expenditure is incurred.

The useful lives of intangible assets are assessed to be either finite or indefinite.
Intangible assets with finite lives are amortised over the useful economic life and assessed for impairment whenever there is an indication that the intangible asset may be impaired. The amortisation peri-
d and the amortisation method for an intangible asset with a finite useful life is reviewed at least at each financial year end. Changes in the expected useful life or the expected pattern of consumption of future economic benefits embodied in the asset is accounted for by changing the amortisation period or method, as appropriate, and treated as changes in accounting estimates. The amortisation expense on intangible assets with finite lives is recognised in the income statement in the expense category consistent with the function of the intangible asset.
esearch and development costs
Research costs are expensed as incurred. An intangible asset arising from development expenditure on an individual project is recognised only when the Group can demonstrate the technical feasibility of ompleting the intangible asset so that it will be available for use or sale, its intention to complete and its ability to use or sell the asset, how the asset will generate future economic benefits, the availability of resources to complete the asset and the ability to measure reliably the expenditure during the deveopment.

During the period of development, the asset is tested for impairment annually. Following the initial recognition of the development expenditure, the cost model is applied requiring the asset to be carried t cost less any accumulated amortisation and accumulated impairment losses. Amortisation of the asset begins when development is complete and the asset is available for use. It is amortised over the period of expected future sales. During the period of which the assets is not yet in use it is tested for mpairment annually.
ains or losses arising from derecogntion of an intangible asset are measured as the difference between the net disposal proceeds and the carrying amount of the asset and are recognised in the income statement when the asset is derecognised.

## mpairment of non-financial assets

The Group assesses at each reporting date whether there is an indication that an asset may be impaired. If any such indication exists, or when annual impairment testing for an asset is required, the Group makes an estimate of the asset's recoverable amount. An asset's recoverable amount is the higher of an asset's or cash-generating unit's fair value less costs to sell and its value in use and is determined for an individual asset, unless the asset does not generate cash inflows that are largely dependent of those from other assets or groups of assets. Where the carrying amount of an asset exceeds its recoverable amount, the asset is considered impaired and is written down to its recoverable amount. In assessing value in use, the estimated future cash flows are discounted to their present value using a pre-tax discount rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of mon$y$ and the risks specific to the asset. In determining fair value less costs to sell, an appropriate valution model is used. These calculations are corroborated by valuation multiples, quoted share prices for publicly traded subsidiaries or other available fair value indicators.
mpairment losses of continuing operations are recognised in the income statement in those expense categories consistent with the function of the impaired asset, except for property previously revalued where the revaluation was taken to equity. In this case the impairment is also recognised in equity up the amount of any previous revaluation.
or assets excluding goodwill, an assessment is made at each reporting date as to whether there is ny indication that previously recognised impairment losses may no longer exist or may have decreased If such indication exists, the Group makes an estimate of recoverable amount. A previously recognised mpairment loss is reversed only if there has been a change in the estimates used to determine the asset's recoverable amount since the last impairment loss was recognised. If that is the case the carrying amount of the asset is increased to its recoverable amount. That increased amount cannot
exceed the carrying amount that would have been determined, net of depreciation, had no impairmen oss been recognised for the asset in prior years. Such reversal is recognised in the income statement unless the asset is carried at revalued amount, in which case the reversal is treated as a revaluation increase. Impairment losses recognised in relation to goodwill are not reversed for subsequent increases in its recoverable amount.

The following criteria are also applied in assessing impairment of specific assets:
Goodwill
Goodwill is reviewed for impairment, annually or more frequently if events or changes in circumstance indicate that the carrying value may be impaired.
mpairment is determined for goodwill by assessing the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit (or group of cash-generating units), to which the goodwill relates. Where the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit (or group of cash-generating units) is less than the carrying amount of the cash-generating unit (group of cash-generating units) to which goodwill has been allocated, an impair ment loss is recognised. Impairment losses relating to Goodwill cannot be reversed in future periods. The Group performs its annual impairment test of goodwill as at 31 December.

## Available-for-sale financial investments

Available-for-sale financial assets, depending on their maturity classified as current or non-current marketable securities, are non-derivative financial assets that are designated as available-for-sale. Initial measurement is recognised at fair value. After initial measurement, available for sale financial assets are measured at fair value with unrealised gains or losses being recognised directly in equity in viously recorded in equity is recognised in the income statement.

The fair value of investments that are actively traded in organised financial markets is determined by eference to quoted market bid prices at the close of business on the balance sheet date. For investments where there is no active market, fair value is determined using valuation techniques. Such tech niques include using recent arm's length market transactions; reference to the current market value of another instrument, which is substantially the same; discounted cash flow analysis or other valuation models.

## mpairment of financial assets

The Group assesses at each balance sheet date whether a financial asset or group of financial assets is impaired

## Assets carried at amortised cost

If there is objective evidence that an impairment loss on loans and receivables carried at amortised cost has been incurred, 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 expected credit losses that have not been incurred) discounted at the financial asset's original effective interest rate (ie the effective interest rate computed at initial recognition). The carrying amount of the asset is reduced through use of an allowance account. The amount of the loss shall be recognised in profit or loss.

If, in a subsequent period, the amount of the impairment loss decreases and the decrease can be rela ted objectively to an event occurring after the impairment was recognised, the previously recognised impairment loss is reversed. Any subsequent reversal of an impairment loss is recognised in profit or

Dss, to the extent that the carrying value of the asset does not exceed its amortised cost at the reversal date.
n relation to trade receivables, a provision for impairment is made when there is objective evidence such as the probability of insolvency or significant financial difficulties of the debtor) that the Group will not be able to collect all of the amounts due under the original terms of the invoice. The carrying mount of the receivable is reduced through use of an allowance account. Impaired debts are derecognised when they are assessed as uncollectible.

## vailable-for-sale financial investments

If an available-for-sale asset is impaired, an amount comprising the difference between its cost (net of any principal payment and amortisation) and its current fair value, less any impairment loss previously recognised in the income statement, is transferred from equity to the income statement. Reversals in espect of equity instruments classified as available for sale are not recognised in the income statement. Reversals of impairment losses on debt instruments are reversed through the income statement, the increase in fair value of the instrument can be objective

## reasury shares

wn equity instruments which are reacquired (treasury shares) are deducted from equity. No gain or loss is recognised in the income statement on the purchase, sale, issue or cancellation of the Group's own equity instruments.

## Cash and cash equivalents

ash and short term deposits in the balance sheet comprise cash at banks and at hand and short term deposits with an original maturity of three months or less.
or the purpose of the consolidated cash flow statement, cash and cash equivalents consist of cash nd cash equivalents as defined above, net of outstanding bank overdrafts.

## Alerest bearing loans and borrowings

All loans and borrowings are initially recognised at the fair value of the consideration received less directly attributable transaction costs.

After initial recognition, interest bearing loans and borrowings are subsequently measured at amor lised cost using the effective interest method.

Gains and losses are recognised in the income statement when the liabilities are derecognised as well as through the amortisation proces.

## Provisions

rovisions are recognised when the Group has a present obligation (legal or constructive) as a result a past event, it is probable that an outflow of resources embodying economic benefits will be reuired to settle the obligation and a reliable estimate can be made of the amount of the obligation. Where the Group expects some or all of a provision to be reimbursed, for example under an insurnce contract, the reimbursement is recognised as a separate asset but only when the reimburse ment is virtually certain. The expense relating to any provision is presented in the income statemen net of any reimbursement. If the effect of the time value of money is material, provisions are discounted using a current pre tax rate that reflects, where appropriate, the risks specific to the liability, Where discounting is used, the increase in the provision due to the passage of time is recognised as finance cost.

## Share-based payment transactions

Employees (including senior executives) of the Group receive remuneration in the form of share-based payment transactions, whereby employees render services as consideration for equity instruments ('equity settled transactions').

In situations where some or all of the goods or services received by the entity as consideration for equity instruments cannot be specifically identified, they are measured as the difference between the fair value of the share-based payment and the fair value of any identifiable goods or services received at the grant date

Equity-settled transactions
The cost of equity-settled transactions with employees, is measured by reference to the fair value at the date on which they are granted. The fair value is determined by an external valuer using an appro priate pricing model, further details of which are given in subsequent notes,

The cost of equity-settled transactions is recognised, together with a corresponding increase in equity, over the period in which the performance and/or service conditions are fulfilled, ending on the date on which the relevant employees become fully entitled to the award ("the vesting date"). The cumulative expense recognised for equity-settled transactions at each reporting date until the vesting date reflects the extent to which the vesting period has expired and the Group's best estimate of the number of equity instruments that will ultimately vest. The income statement charge or credit for a period rep resents the movement in cumulative expense recognised as at the beginning and end of that period.

No expense is recognised for awards that do not utimately vest, except for awards where vesting is conditional upon a market condition, which are treated as vesting irrespective of whether or not th market condition is satisfied, provided that all other performance conditions are satisfied.

Whe the terms of an equity-setted award are modified, the minimum expense recognised is the expense if the terms had not been modified. An additional expense is recognised for any modification, cial to the employee as measured at the date of modification

The dilutive effect of outstanding options is reflected as additional share dilution in the computation of earnings per share (further details are given in subsequent notes).

## eases

The determination of whether an arrangement is, or contains a lease is based on the substance of the rrangement at inception date of whether the fulfilment of the arrangement is dependent on the use of a specific asset or assets or the arrangement conveys a right to use the asset.

Only operating lease agreements exist. Payments are recognised as an expense in the income state ment on a straight line basis over the lease term.

## evenue recognition

Revenue is recognised to the extent that it is probable that the economic benefits will flow to the Group nd the revenue can be reliably measured. Revenue is measured at the fair value of the consideration received, excluding discounts, rebates, and other sales taxes or duty

The following specific recognition criteria must also be met before revenue is recognised:
endering of services
The company generates ist revenues mainly by marketing internet advertising space. Advertising customers book units (Adl mpressions, AdClicks, Registrations, Mail send-outs, Transaktions) via the company - these are supplied over a period defined by the customer. Revenue is recognized when persua-证 evidence of an arrangement exists, delivery has occurred, the price of the transaction is fixed and eterminable, and collectibility is reasonably assured. In cases in which the campaign starts before the balance sheet date and lasts beyond this date, revenue is deferred proportionately according to the units supplied or to the period, depending on the contract.
nterest income
evenue is recognised as interest accrues (using the effective interest method that is the rate that xactly discounts estimated future cash receipts through the expected life of the financial instrument the net carrying amount of the financial asset).

## urrent income tax

urrent income tax assets and liabilities for the current and prior periods are measured at the amount expected to be recovered from or paid to the taxation authorities. The tax rates and tax laws used to compute the amount are those that are enacted or substantively enacted by the balance sheet date.
urrent income tax relating to items recognised directly in equity is recognised in equity and not in the income statement

## Deferred income tax

Deferred income tax is provided using the liability method on temporary differences at the balance sheet date between the tax bases of assets and liabilities and their carrying amounts for financial reporting purposes.

Deferred income tax liabilities are recognised for all taxable and deductable temporary differences, except:
where the deferred income tax liability arises from the initial recognition of goodwill or of an asset or liability in a transaction that is not a business combination and, at the time of the transaction, affect neither the accounting profit nor taxable profit or loss; and
-in respect of taxable temporary differences associated with investments in subsidiaries, associates and interests in joint ventures, where the timing of the reversal of the temp-orary differences can be controlled and it is probable that the temporary differences will not reverse in the foreseeable future.

Deferred income tax assets are recognised for all deductible temporary differences, carry forward of unused tax credits and unused tax losses, to the extent that it is probable that taxable profit will be available against which the deductible temporary differences, and the carry forward of unused tax credits and unused tax losses can be utilised except:
the deferred income tax asset relating to the itial recognition of an asset or liability in a transaction that is not a business combination and, the time of the transaction, affects neither the accounting profit nor taxable profit or loss; and
respect of deductible temporary differences associated with investments in subsidiaries, associate and interests in joint ventures, deferred income tax assets are recognised only to the extent that it is prebare the temporary differences will reverse in the foreseeable future and taxable will be available against which the temporary differences can be utilised.

The carrying amount of deferred income tax assets is reviewed at each balance sheet date and reduc ed to the extent that it is no longer probable that sufficient taxable profit will be available to allow all or part of the deferred income tax asset to be utilised. Unrecognised deferred income tax assets are reassessed at each balance sheet date and are recognised to the extent that it has become probable that future taxable profit will allow the deferred tax asset to be recovered.

Deferred income tax assets and liabilities are measured at the tax rates that are expected to apply to the year when the asset is realised or the liability is settled, based on tax rates (and tax laws) that ave been enacted or substantively enacted at the balance sheet date.

Deferred income tax relating to items recognised directly in equity is recognised in equity and not in the income statement.

Deferred income tax assets and deferred income tax liabilities are offset, if a legally enforceable right exists to set off current tax assets against current income tax liabilities and the deferred income taxes relate to the same taxable entity and the same taxation authority.

## ales tax

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of sales tax except:
where the sales tax incurred on a purchase of assets or services is not recoverable from the taxation authority, in which case the sales tax is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of the expense item as applicable; and
receivables and payables that are stated with the amount of sales tax included
he net amount of sales tax recoverable from, or payable to, the taxation authority is included as part of receivables or payables in the balance sheet

Earnings per share
Earnings per share is determined pusuant to IAS 33 "Earnings per Share". Basic earnings per share is the consolidated net income devided by the weighted average number of shares of ordinary shares utstanding. Diluted earnings per share is the consolidated net income divided by the total of the eighted average number of shares of ordinary shares outstanding and all delutive effects of potential ordinary shares.

## Cash flow statement

 nvesting and financing activities

## usiness combinations [4]

## Crystal Reference Systems Ltd.

With effect of 31 March 2006, ad pepper media International N.V. acquired a hundred percent interest Crystal Reference System Ltd. The provider of reference content and knowledge databases, who is based in Hollyhead, Great Britain also brings its innovative contextual search and advertising technology into the business. The semantic analysis tool is considered to be the first method based on linguisic science. The Textonomy solutions have been proven to significantly enhance search results and contextual advertising.
he purchase price as of 31 December 2006 amounts to about EUR 2,772,926, of which EUR 664,999 were paid in form of 65,336 shares of the company. The value per share of EUR 10.178 equals the fair value as of exchange date. In January 2007, the additional purchase price rate, falling due with achivement of certain performance targets, has been paid. Therefore EUR 332,341 were recognized in other current liabilities.

$$
\begin{array}{lr}
\text { Cash paid } & \text { EURK } \\
& \\
\text { Cash acquired with the subsidiary } & 87 \\
\hline \text { Cash paid for the acquisition } & -1,679 \\
\hline \text { Expenses directly connected to the acquisition } & -96 \\
\hline \tag{1,6/9}
\end{array}
$$

The fair value of the identifiable assets and liabilities at the date of acquisition and the corresponding carrying amounts of Crystal Reference Systems Ltd. are reported as follow:

| Carrying amounts of assets and liabilities on the acquisition date | Recognized on acquisition EURk | Carrying value <br> EURk |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Intangible assets | 1,663 | 397 |
| Property, plant and equipment, net | 19 | 19 |
| Non current assets, total | 1,682 | 416 |
| Trade receivables | 11 | 11 |
| Prepaid expenses and other current assets | 11 | 11 |
| Cash and cash equivalents | 87 | 87 |
| Current assets, total | 109 | 109 |
| Assets, total | 1,791 | 525 |
| Loan liabilities | 940 | 940 |
| Trade payables | 9 | 9 |
| Other current liabilities | 83 | 83 |
| Provisions | 18 | 18 |
| Deferred taxes | 241 |  |
| Liabilities, total | 1,291 | 1,050 |
| Net assets | 500 | -525 |
| Goodwill | 2,273 |  |
| Purchase price, total | 2,273 |  |

The goodwill of EUR $2,273 \mathrm{k}$ comprises the fair value of expected synergies arising from the acquisition.
Crystal Reference Systems Ltd. contributed to the consolidated income with a loss of EUR 231,111, and to the consolidated revenue with EUR 106,716 . Assuming that the acquisition had been effective at beginning of the reporting period the proforma revenues would have been EUR $41,741,836$ and the proforma net income EUR 4,369,21.

## Webgains Ltd.

On 9 May 2006 ad pepper media acquired a 100 percent interest in Webgains Ltd. in London. Founded in 2004, the company has focused on providing merchants and affiliates a unique mix of proprietary state of the art Affiliate Marketing technology and world-class customer service. The Webgains techno logy - which was designed as a highly scalable platform and ready for international expansion - brings to ad pepper media the fruits of many years experience in the affiliate marketing industry.

The purchase price as of 31 December 2006 amounts to EUR 4,270,853, of which EUR 264,827 were paid in January 2007 in form of 24,827 shares of the company. As of 31 December 2006, this amount is reported within the other current liabilities. The value per share of EUR 10.74 equals the fair value as of exchange date. In addition, the share purchase agreement includes an earn-out component depending
n achievement of various objectives. Since the performance criteria are met as of reporting date, an amount of EUR 1,997,722 is included in the other current liabilities.

|  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| Cash paid | EURk |
|  |  |
| Cash acquired with the subsidiary | -12 |
| Cash paid for the acquisition | $-2,136$ |
| Expenses directly connected to the acquisition | $-\mathbf{1 3 7}$ |
| Net cash paid | $\mathbf{- 2 , 2 8 5}$ |

The fair value of the identifiable assets and liabilities at the date of acquisition and the corresponding carrying amounts of Webgains Ltd. are reported as follow:

| Carrying amounts of assets <br> and liabilities on the acquisition date | Recognized <br> on acquisition <br> EURk | Carrying value |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
|  |  | EURk |
|  |  |  |
| Intangible assets | 944 | 0 |
| Property, plant and equipment, net | 14 | 14 |
| Non current assets, total | 958 | 14 |
| Trade receivables | 117 | 117 |
| Prepaid expenses and other current assets | 11 | 11 |
| Cash and cash equivalents | -12 | -12 |
| Current assets, total | 116 | 116 |
| Assets, total | $\mathbf{1 , 0 7 4}$ | $\mathbf{1 3 0}$ |
| Loan liabilities | 206 |  |
| Trade payables | 30 | 206 |
| Other current liabilities | 54 | 30 |
| Provisions | 1 | 54 |
| Deferred taxes | 179 | 1 |
| Liabilities, total | $\mathbf{4 7 0}$ | 0 |
| Net assets | $\mathbf{6 0 4}$ | $\mathbf{2 9 1}$ |
|  | $\mathbf{- 1 6 1}$ |  |
| Goodwill | $\mathbf{3 , 6 6 7}$ |  |
| Purchase price, total | $\mathbf{4 , 2 7 1}$ |  |

The goodwill of EUR $3,667 \mathrm{k}$ comprises the fair value of expected synergies arising from the acquisition.
Webgains Ltd. contributed with a profit of EUR 113,343 to the consolidated income. Revenue of the entity amounted to EUR $1,951,040$. Assuming that the acquisition had been effective at beginning of the reporting period the proforma revenues would have been EUR 42,198,390 and the proforma net income EUR 5,534,047.

## Globas

ad pepper media as of 1 J anuary 2006 acquired through its Danish subsidiary 100 percent interest in Globase International ApS, Copenhagen, Denmark, which offers permission and multichannelmarketing solutions.

The purchase price amounts to EUR 550,241.

| Cash paid |  | EURK |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Cash acquired with the subsidiary |  | 30 |
| Cash paid for the acquisition |  | -523 |
| Expenses directly connected to the acquisition |  | -27 |
| Net cash paid |  | -520 |
| The fair value of the identifiable assets and liabilities at the date of acquisition and the corresponding carrying amounts of Globase are reported as follow: |  |  |
| Carrying amounts of assets and liabilities on the acquisition date | Recognized on acquisition EURk | Carrying value <br> EURk |
| Intangible assets | 341 | 20 |
| Non current assets, total | 341 | 20 |
| Trade receivables | 7 | 7 |
| Prepaid expenses and other current assets | 25 | 25 |
| Cash and cash equivalents | 30 | 30 |
| Current assets, total | 62 | 62 |
| Assets, total | 403 | 82 |
| Trade payables | 47 | 47 |
| Other current liabilities | 117 | 117 |
| Provisions | 39 | 39 |
| Deferred taxes | 90 | 0 |
| Liabilities, total | 293 | 203 |
| Net assets | 110 | -121 |
| Goodwill | 440 |  |
| Purchase price, total | 550 |  |

The goodwill of EUR 440 k comprises the fair value of expected synergies arising from the acquisition.
Globase contributed with a profit of EUR 45,651 to the consolidated income. Revenue of the entity amounted to 553,698 EUR.

## Business combinations finalized business combinations

Result Online B.v.
In March 2005 ad pepper media Benelux B.V. acquired 100 percent interest in the Dutch online marketing agency Result Online B.V. The share purchase agreement provided for an earn-out payment if ertain targets were achieved. When the annual accounts 2005 were prepared, those targets were egarded to be likely to be reached and thus earn-out amounts have been included in the preliminary urchase price as of 31 December 2005. In May 2006, the additional purchase price was finally calcuted and the amount turned out to be EUR 43,000 below the preliminarily recognized amount. Also in the frame of warranties, an amount of EUR 17,109 was refunded from former shareholders of esultOnline for non-deductable VAT amounts. The total decrease of the purchase price of EUR 60,109 was allocated to goodwill.

## Nedstat Basic

In July 2005, ad pepper media took over the free website analysis product Nedstat Basic through an asset transaction that was carried out by Web Measurement Services B.V - a subsidiary which was founded for this purpose. In September 2006, the additional performance based purchase price of EUR $1,737,333$ was paid. The amount has been allocated to goodwill.
ediasquares
In October 2005, ad pepper media acquired 100 percent interest in the German online marketing gency mediasquares. The share purchase agreement provided for a performance-based earn-out payment. In October 2006, ad pepper media agreed with the former shareholders of mediasquares on the additional payment that was allocated to goodwill. Goodwill thus increased by EUR 367,124.

## depper media Interactive Marketing Service

In June 2006, the additional purchase price payment at the amount of EUR 857,500 in the frame of the acquisition of the online operations of Clickit srl. was paid. The amount was allocated to goodwill.

## Segment reporting [5]

The various products and services of ad pepper media do not materially differ with regards to risk and income. Internal financial reporting as well as the management structure primarily focus on geograph ical regions. Accordingly, primary reporting is provided for the following summarized segments:

- Central Europe includes Germany, Netherlands and Slovakia
- Northern Europe includes Denmark and Sweden
- Western Europe includes the UK, France, Spain and Italy
- Others (US, Australia, Switzerland)

| Financial year 2006 | Central Europe EURk | Northern Europe EURk | Western Europe EURk | Others <br> EURK | Consolidation EURk | Group <br> EURk |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total sales | 20,361 | 8,552 | 15,234 | 3,144 | -5,599 | 41,692 |
| thereof external | 17,629 | 6,469 | 14,426 | 3,168 | 0 | 41,692 |
| thereof intercompany | 2,732 | 2,083 | 808 | -24 | -5,599 | 0 |
| Expenses and other income | 14,266 | 7,543 | 16,702 | 2,650 | -5,290 | 35,871 |
| thereof amortization and depreciation | 1,473 | 122 | 414 | 5 | -35 | 1,979 |
| thereof other non-cash expenses | 669 | 3 | 563 | 17 | 0 | 1,252 |
| EBIT | 6,095 | 1,009 | -1,468 | 494 | -309 | 5,821 |
| Financial gains |  |  |  |  |  | 688 |
| Income taxes |  |  |  |  |  | -1,196 |
| Consolidated net gain |  |  |  |  |  | 5,313 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Assets | 13,946 | 2,614 | 8,037 | 586 | -3,222 | 21,961 |
| Unallocated assets |  |  |  |  |  | 44,169 |
| Total assets |  |  |  |  |  | 66,130 |
| thereof investments in property, plant and equipment in the financial year* | 346 | 168 | 248 | 5 | 0 | 767 |
| thereof investments in intangible assets in the financial year* | 1,298 | 367 | 3,011 | 0 | 0 | 4,676 |
| Liabilities | 6,312 | 1,968 | 6,615 | 733 | -17,917 | -2,289 |
| Unallocated liabilities |  |  |  |  |  | 17,566 |
| Total liabilities |  |  |  |  |  | 15,277 |


| Financial year 2005 | Central Europe EURk | Northern Europe EURk | Western Europe EURk | Others EURk | Consolidation EURk | Group <br> EURk |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total sales | 12,921 | 6,210 | 11,692 | 1,766 | -3,149 | 29,440 |
| thereof external | 12,051 | 5,035 | 10,598 | 1,756 | 0 | 29,440 |
| thereof intercompany | 870 | 1,175 | 1,094 | 10 | -3,149 | 0 |
| Expenses and other income | 10,014 | 5,794 | 11,862 | 1,434 | -3,058 | 29,212 |
| thereof amortization and depreciation | 833 | 56 | 122 | 4 | -30 | 985 |
| thereof other non-cash expenses | 437 | 12 | 568 | 132 | 0 | 1,149 |
| EBIT | -245 | 550 | 5 | 10 | -92 | 228 |
| Financial gains |  |  |  |  |  | 718 |
| Income taxes |  |  |  |  |  | 2,448 |
| Consolidated net gain |  |  |  |  |  | 3,394 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Assets | 17,788 | 2,588 | 9,042 | 469 | -14,274 | 15,613 |
| Unallocated assets |  |  |  |  |  | 36,581 |
| Total assets |  |  |  |  |  | 52,194 |
| thereof investments in property, plant and equipment in the financial year* | 169.5 | 29 | 29 | 11 | 0 | 238.5 |
| thereof investments in intangible assets in the financial year* | 3,425.4 | 0 | 133.2 | 0 | -105.9 | 3,452.7 |
| Liabilities | 3,467 | 2,274 | 6,685 | 818 | -19,502 | -6,258 |
| Unallocated liabilities |  |  |  |  |  | 14,511 |
| Total liabilities |  |  |  |  |  | 8,253 |

To comply with IAS 14.57 , the group has included the cost of segment assets acquired by way of business compinations

## Notes to the income statement [6]

The income statement has been prepared using the function of expense method. The expenses contain personnel expenses of EUR 16,384,988 (2005: EUR 8,943,018) and systematic depreciation and amortization of EUR 1,979,128 (2005: EUR 984,940)

## ost of sales [7]

Cost of sales mainly comprises expenses for internet advertising space and for server technology used, including the associated personnel costs.

## Selling expenses [8]

This item comprises all costs associated with attracting customers and orders. Advertising costs of EUR 484,432 (2005: EUR 146,934) were expensed in the financial year 2006

## General and administrative expenses [9]

This item comprises around EUR 1.5 million non-recurring expenses in connection with the sale of the investments in dMarc and Falk.

## Research and development expenses [10]

2006

## Other operating income [11]

During the financial year 2006, EUR 400,000 other operating income as compensation for premature dissolution of a longterm lease contract could be realized. In addition, the position comprises around EUR 300,000 exchange rate gains, which arised mainly from the sale of the investment in dMarc - the sale was processed in US-Dollars (2005: EUR 0).

## Other operating expenses [12]

This item primarily includes additions to the bad debt allowances of EUR 917,430 (2005: reversal of EUR 987,890).

## Gain from sale of shares in affiliated companies and of other investements [13]

During the reporting period, the 25.1 percent interest in Falk eSolutions AG were sold to DoubleClick. ad pepper media achieved proceeds of around EUR 6.4 million through this transaction. Said amount exceeds the book value of the investment as of the transaction date by roughly EUR 5.2 million.

Also in the first quarter of 2006, Google took over dMarc Broadcasting, in which ad pepper media held a stake of 8.2 percent. In the frame of this transaction the reporting company received a cash inflow of EUR 6.1 million. The gain from the sale of the investment amounts to EUR 3.2 million.

Both deals also contain so-called "earn-out" components, which may, depending on the achievement of certain targets, result in significantly higher gains.

## Financial income [14]

Financial income mainly comprises interest income of EUR 687,683 (2005: EUR 717,926

## Income taxes [15]

Income taxes break down as follows:

|  | 2006 | 2005 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
|  | EUR | EUR |
|  |  |  |
|  |  |  |
| Current incom tax | $-300,631$ | $-124,596$ |
| Deferred tax | $-894,946$ | $2,572,343$ |
| Incometax | $\mathbf{- 1 , 1 9 5 , 5 7 7}$ | $\mathbf{2 , 4 4 7 , 7 4 7}$ |

The current income taxes reported relate to the taxes paid or payable by individual local entities. The calculation of the deferred taxes was based on the country-specific tax rates. calculated on the basis of the unused tax Iosses of EUR 18,978 k (2005: EUR 18,644 k).

Allowances of EUR $2,679 \mathrm{k}$ (2005: EUR 1,496 k) were made on non-current deferred tax assets from unused tax losses which are not likely to be utilized within a foreseeable planning period. The unused tax losses can be carried forward in full and indefinitely
n addition to the unused tax losses, the following significant deferred tax assets and liabilities result from temporary accounting differences.


Deferred tax assets and liabilities were netted if the company has the legally enforceable right to set off current tax assets against current tax liabilities and if they related to the same tax authorities and the same taxable entity. As a result deferred tax assets of EUR 4,747 k (2005: EUR 5,590 k) and deferred tax liabilities of EUR 822 k (2005: EUR 407 k ) have been recognized in the balance sheet.
ad pepper media International N.V. has its tax domicile in Germany. Reported income taxes reconcile to anticipated tax expenses based on the German statutory (combined corporate income tax and income tax) tax rate of 43 percent as follows:

|  |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
|  | 2006 | 2005 |
|  | EURk | EURk |
|  |  |  |
| Anticipated tax expense | $-2,799$ | -407 |
| Foreign tax difference | 37 | -13 |
| Effect from taxfree gains | 3,484 | 0 |
| Usage of tax losses | 0 | 385 |
| Reversal of allowance on deferred tax assets | $-1,183$ | 2,470 |
| Taxeffect on earnings of investments measured at equity | 15 | 127 |
| Non-deductable stock option expenses | -315 | -92 |
| Non-tax-decuctible expenses and miscellaneous | -435 | -22 |
| Reported tax income/ -expense | $\mathbf{- 1 , 1 9 6}$ | $\mathbf{2 , 4 4 8}$ |

## Earnings per share [16]

Basic earnings per share amounts are calculated by dividing net profit for the year attributable to ordinary equity holders of the parent by the weighted average number of ordinary shares outstanding during the year.

Diluted earnings per share amounts are calculated by dividing the net profit attributable to ordinary equity holders of the parent (after deducting interest on the convertible preference shares) by the weighted average number of ordinary shares outstanding during the year plus the weighted average number of ordinary shares that would be issued on the conversion of all the dilutive potential ordinary shares into ordinary shares.

The following reflects the income and share data used in the basic and diluted earnings per share computations:

|  |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
|  | 2006 | 2005 |
|  |  |  |
| Net income for the year in EUR | $5,312,858$ | $3,393,626$ |
| Numbers at the eginning of the period | $10,692,744$ | $10,465,628$ |
| Numbers at the end of the period | $10,942,280$ | $10,692,74$ |
| Weighted number of share outstanding (basic) | $10,817,317$ | $10,525,761$ |
| Earnings per share (basics) in EUR | $\mathbf{0 . 4 9}$ | $\mathbf{0 . 3 2}$ |
| Weighted numbers of shares outstanding (diluted) in EUR | $11,771,977$ | $11,326,955$ |
| Earnings per share (diluted) in EUR | $\mathbf{0 . 4 5}$ | $\mathbf{0 . 3 0}$ |

The weighted number of shares outstanding in 2006 was calculated on a daily basis. In 2006, the options granted resulted in dilution of an average of 954,660 shares (2005: 801,194)

31 J anuary 2007 the board of the company, with admission of the Supervisory Board, resolved a apital increase against cash deposit from authorised stock. The issue price per share amounted to UR 10.86. On 9 February 2007 209,854 new shares of ad pepper media International N.V. have been allowed for trading by the Frankfurt Stock Exchange. The share capital of the company thus increased by EUR 20,985.40 and the additional paid-in capital increased, after taking costs of EUR 13,428 for the capital increase into account, by EUR 2,265,586.

## Notes to the consolidated balance sheet

## Non-current assets

## Goodwill [17]

In accordance with the provisions of IAS 36 , goodwill was tested for impairment in the fourth quarter of 2006 on the basis of future cash flows. The recoverable amount of each cash-generating unit, which is identical to the local entities, was determined on the basis of the calculation of a value in use using cash flow forecasts based on the financial plans for the next five financial years underlying a CAGR (Compound annual growth rate) of 29 percent in revenues and 26 percent in costs. The discount rate used for the cash flow forecast is between 9.3 percent and 11.4 percent (2005: average 9.25 percent), Cash flows after the five-year forecast period were calculated without using a constant growth rate, as it is not currently possible to calculate a long-term average growth rate for this young industry. This did not lead to any impairments.

Total goodwill amounted to EUR $16,066,134$ (2005: EUR $6,781,487$ ) at the end of the financial year. The allocation to the cash-generating units is as follows

|  |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
|  | 2006 | 2005 |
|  | EURk | EURk |
|  |  |  |
|  |  |  |
|  | 3,253 | 1,862 |
| ad pepper media Benelux B.V. | 759 | 440 |
| ad pepper media Denmark A/S | 440 | 0 |
| Globase International ApS | 1,317 | 1,059 |
| ad pepper media Sweden AB | 696 | 425 |
| ad pepper media Spain S.A. | 1,963 | 618 |
| ad pepper media GmbH | 151 | 15 |
| Pentamind A/S | 15 | 151 |
| Borsa del Banner srl. | 1,322 | 464 |
| ad pepper media Interactive Marketing Services srl. | 687 | 392 |
| ad pepper media France S.A.R.L. | 1,759 | 52 |
| ad pepper media UK Ltd. | 1,724 | 0 |
| Webgains Ltd. | 440 | 175 |
| ad pepper media USA LLC | 46 | 0 |
| ad pepper media Australia Ltd. | 1,494 | 1,127 |
| mediasquares GmbH | $\mathbf{1 6 , 0 6 6}$ | $\mathbf{0 , 7 8 1}$ |
| Total |  | $\mathbf{6 , 7 8 1}$ |

Further details about changes in the goodwill are disclosed under "Business Combinations"
The development of intangible assets including goodwill is presented in the consolidated statement of changes in non-current assets.

## ntangible assets [18]

The intangible assets break down as follows:

## Software

oftware mainly comprises IT solutions developed in-house for the company's own use and is capitalzed at cost for a value of EUR $1,588 \mathrm{k}$ (2005: EUR 303 k ). In addition, other software components were acquired in the course of business combinations. Software is amortized over a useful life of three to five years.
oftware not yet in use it has been tested for impairment as of 31 December 2006. This did not lead to ny impairments.

## rands and customer base

On August 30, 1999, ad pepper media purchased the "ad pepper" brand for EUR 613,550. This brand is written off over a period of ten years on a straight-line basis. The residual carrying amount as of December 31, 2006 totals EUR 163,606 (2005: EUR 224,961). In April 2003, the "Regio Ad" brand was acquired for an amount of EUR 48,181 including incidental acquisition costs. The amortization period is 35,022 ).

Clickit's online operations at a cost of EUR 75,000, which is being amortized over a three-year period. The residual carrying amount as of December 31, 2006 totals EUR 0 (2005: EUR 18,750)
customer base acquired in connection with the acquistion of ResutOnline at a cost of EUR 33,800 is being amortized over a useful life of seven years. The residual carrying amount as of December 31, 2006 totals EUR 327,566 (2005: EUR 390,966).
customer base acquired in connection with the acquistion of Nedstat Basic in 2005 at a cost of EUR $1,330,767$ is being amortized over a useful life of three years. The residual carrying amount as of December 31, 2006 totals EUR 778,616 (2005: EUR 1,223,539)
he portfolio of websites acquired in the course of the acquisition of the online marketing agency mediasquares in the financial year 2005 with a cost of EUR 626,600 is being amortized over a useful life of seven years. The residual carrying amount as of December 31, 2006 totals EUR 514,701 2005: EUR 604,221)

The customer base acquired in connection with the acquisition of the affiliate platform Webgains in 2006 a cost of EUR 234,800 is being amortized over a useful life of three years. The residual carrying mount as of December 31, 2006 totals EUR 182,622.

## Property, plant and equipment [19]

The development of property, plant and equipment including cost and accumulated depreciation is presented in the consolidated statement of changes in non-current assets.

## Investments in associates [20]

The company holds no interest in associated companies as of 31 December 2006.
The investment of 25.1 percent in Falk eSolutions AG, Moers was sold in 2006. In 2005, the investment was measured at equity. Falk eSolutions AG is not a publicly traded entity. The following table contains condensed financial information concerning the investment in 2005.

|  |  |
| :--- | ---: |
|  | 2005 |
|  | EURk |
|  |  |
| Assets, total | 7,297 |
| Liabilities, total | 5,278 |
| Operating performance, total | 11,599 |
| Net income for the year | 436 |

## Restricted cash [21]

In 2005, this item contained cash in an escrow account securing contingent liabilities. The escrow has been released during 2006.

## Current and non-current marketable securities [22]

The securities as of December 31, 2006 solely contain available-for-sale securities
Current securities exclusively include securities with a remaining term of less than one year. Non-current securities have a remaining term of more than one year

In the reporting year, available-for-sale securities were acquired for EUR $1,990,440$ and sold for a tota of EUR $3,100,500$. The losses incurred in the financial year amount to EUR 15,192, including losses of EUR 15,192 from the release of other comprehensive income to profit or loss.

The maturities of the available-for-sale securities as of December 31, 2006 are as follows:

| Market value | 2006 <br> EURK | 2005 <br> EURk |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Due within one year |  |  |
| Due between one and five years | 3,938 | 5,600 |
| Due in more than five years | 2,987 | 1,466 |
| Total | $\mathbf{8 , 2 9 8}$ | 2,793 |

## Other financial assets [23]

This item contains rent and similar deposits, carried at their nominal amount.
he item also contains non-current loan receivables granted to an executive and shareholder of EUR 300,000 - bearing interest of 3.9 percent and a maturity of up to seven years.
n 2005, the other financial assets contained further loan receivables of EUR 360,000 which were paid back pre-maturity during 2006. Also, the investment in dMarc Broadcasting Inc., which was included in this item at cost, was sold during 2006

## Current assets

## Trade receivables [24]

rade receivables are recognized at their nominal value less valuation allowances. The valuation allowances as of December 31, 2006 total EUR 2,975,843 (2005: EUR 2,149,445). The allowances are calcuated on the basis of all information available to the company and include all probable bad debts on eceivables as of December 31, 2006.

## Prepaid expenses and other current assets [25]

Other current assets are generally carried at their nominal value. This item breaks down as follows:

|  |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
|  | 2006 <br> EUR | 2005 <br> EUR |
| Receivables from shareholders |  |  |
| Other receivables | 196,554 | 188,694 |
| Prepaid expenses | $1,347,188$ | 884,481 |
| Prepaid expenses and other current assets | 457,057 | 388,195 |

Receivables from shareholders consist of loans to shareholders. The loans bear interest at 5.5 percent p.a. and mature in one year or less.

Ther receivables include VAT receivables of EUR 316,525 (2005: EUR 411,374) as well as a pending purchase price payment for an amount of EUR 619,432 in connection to the sale of the investment in Marc Broadcasting Inc. being in escrow. Loan receivables of EUR 136,931 were written off in ful 2005: EUR 136,931)

## ncome tax receivables [25a

The item contains capital gains tax to be reimbursed by the tax authorities for a total of EUR 363,729 2005: EUR 183,031).

## Cash and short-term deposits [26]

The item includes bank balances, cash in hand and day-to-day investments in money market funds whose amortized cost is equal to their market value

## I ssued capital [27]

The issued capital of ad pepper media International N.V. comprises $11,155,000$ bearer shares with a nominal value of EUR 0.10 each.

## Capital reserve [28]

Proceeds from the issuance of shares increased the reserve by the amount by which they exceeded the par value of the shares.

## Treasury shares [29]

By resolution of the annual general meeting on May 12, 2006, the management board was authorized to repurchase treasury shares of up to 10 percent of the share capital. No treasury shares were purchased in the financial year 2006.

## Sale of treasury shares

In the reporting year, 2,800 treasury shares were sold at an exercise price of EUR $1.33,12,600$ were sold at a price of EUR $2.73,61,700$ were sold at a price of EUR $1.78,54,600$ shares were sold at a price of EUR 4.45 and 52,500 shares were sold at a price of EUR 5.32 under the employee stock option plans.

In addition, 65,336 treasury shares were sold in the reporting year to settle purchase price liabilities resulting from the acquisition of Crystal Semantics.

## Number of shares outstanding

As of December 31, 2006, the number of shares issued and outstanding totaled 10,942,280 (2005: 10,692,744). Each share has a face value of EUR 0.10 .

## Authorized capital [30]

The authorized capital totals EUR 4,000,000 and comprises 40,000,000 shares

## Other comprehensive income [31]

Other comprehensive income contains unrealized exchange rate losses from available-for-sale securities of EUR 847,218 (2005: EUR 431,368), taking into account the effect of deferred taxe of EUR 494,237 (2005: EUR 332,847) accumulated exchange differences of EUR -139,668 (2005: EUR $-6,901$ ) from the translation of the financial statements of foreign subsidiaries.

## Current liabilities [32]

## Trade payables [33]

Trade payables are recognized at the amount repayable

## Provisions [34]

Provisions account for all recognizable obligations to third parties. The item also includes amounts not yet invoiced on the balance sheet date that are due to the owners of internet advertising space (web sites). These provisions are recognized matching revenue recognition. The change in provisions during the financial year is shown in the following table:

| Short-term provisions | $\begin{array}{r} 31.12 .2005 \\ \text { EURK } \end{array}$ | Utilization EURk | Reversal EURk | Addition EURk | 31.12 .2006 EURK |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Outstanding website invoices | 1,462 | 1,462 |  | 1,196 | 1,196 |
| Other outstanding invoices | 316 | 240 |  | 407 | 483 |
| Bonus/ commission | 208 | 208 |  | 2,390 | 2,390 |
| Vacation provisions | 301 | 301 |  | 664 | 664 |
| Miscellaneous | 270 | 229 | 117 | 992 | 916 |
| Total | 2,557 | 2,440 | 117 | 5,649 | 5,649 |

## Related party disclosures [35]

Ine reporting year, ad pepper media International N.V. purchased ad serving technology from Falk Solutions AG for a total of EUR 224,385 (2005: EUR 784,733). As of December 31, 2006, no related labilities exist (2005: EUR 139,872)
he company has business with other entities controlled by ad pepper media shareholders. These ransactions are summarized below.
pepper media GmbH markets internet sites for companies incluaing Sharelook, Waslos.de, Gelbe eiten Marketing and Funkhaus Nürnberg at standard market terms. Payments to these website信 EUR 2,555 (2005: EUR 13,542). ad pepper media GmbH also rented offices in Dusseldorf from schwann KG. The related rent expenses in 2005 totaled EUR 3,828. The rent agreement was terminated as of July 31, 2005.

As part of an office-sharing agreement with porta mundi, rent payments and operating costs of shared office fittings were offset against each other for the value of around EUR 75,000 (2005: EUR 75,000).

## Litigation and claims [36]

Neither the ultimate parent nor any of its subsidiaries are involved in any material litigation with third parties.

## Other financial obligations [37]

Other financial obligations mainly result from rented offices and from leases for cars and office equipment. The expenses from lease agreements amounted to EUR 186,902 in financial year 2006 (2005: EUR 165,686). The future minimum payment obligations resulting from the contracts in place as of December 31, 2006 are as follows:

| Financial year | $\begin{aligned} & 2007 \\ & \text { EURk } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 2008 \\ & \text { EURK } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 2009 \\ & \text { EURK } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 2010 \\ & \text { EURK } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 2011 \\ & \text { EURK } \end{aligned}$ | Thereafter EURk | Total EURk |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Office rent | 737 | 683 | 626 | 511 | 346 | 542 | 3,445 |
| Guarantees | 2,485 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2,485 |
| Car leases | 116 | 73 | 21 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 210 |
| Others | 149 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 149 |
| Total | 3,487 | 756 | 647 | 511 | 346 | 542 | 6,289 |

## Guarantees [38]

Guarantees relate to agreed minimum delivery volumes for certain websites. If the minimum delivery olume is not reached, ad pepper media is obliged to compensate the contractual partner for some of the income from the website. It is unlikely that the minimum delivery volume will not be met.

## Additional cash flow information [39]

The following information is provided to supplement the cash flow statement:
Non-cash expenses and income comprises deferred income from investments measured at equity of EUR 35,000 (2005: EUR 295,654).

The item in the cash flow statement for repurchase of treasury shares solely includes stock options exercised that were settled in cash by ad pepper media International N.V.

## Stock option program [40]

Prior to the company's IPO in 2000, the extraordinary general meeting of ad pepper media Internation NV adopted a pre-IPO stock option plan for all of the employees of the company or its subsidiaries the time of the IPO. The options issued in 2000 under this plan may be exercised ten years after he IPO with no conditions imposed, or before this date in four equal tranches if the respective performance targets have been met ( 25 percent after the first year if the market price during this period xceeds EUR 19.55 on one occasion, 25 percent after two years if the market price during this period xceeds EUR 22.10 on one occasion, 25 percent after three years if the market price during this period exceeds EUR 23.80 on one occasion, 25 percent after four years if the market price during this period exceeds EUR 2550 on one occasion). The options expire if an employe terminates his or her employment contract or if the employer terminates for good cause.

At each of the annual general meetings on April 26, 2001, April 25, 2002, May 5, 2003, and May 7, 2004, the management board was authorized to repurchase up to 10 percent of the share capital as reasury shares within an 18 -month period. The treasury shares thus repurchased are available for acquisitions and employee stock options.

Options granted under the "Ongoing Stock Option Plan" are subject to the following provisions:

The options are granted to employees of the ad pepper media group. 500,000 shares have been reserved for the "Ongoing Stock Option Plan". The subscription ratio is one share per option. The subscription price is based on the average share price on the Xetra exchange during the first ten trading days of May 2001 for the 2001 plan, or the first ten trading days in January for subsequent plans.

Options can first be exercised when the share price has risen at least ten percent above the subscription price, but no sooner than one year after the option has been granted. Options may be exercised in whole or in part in the three-week period after publication of the company's quarterly reports. As a ule, the stock options granted do not expire. However, the options expire if an employee terminates his or her employment contract or if the company terminates for good cause.

January 2003, the "Ongoing Stock Option Plan" for executives was replaced by the "Executive Stock ption Plan", the aim of which is to encourage executives to remain with the company. Under this plan, once-only issue of options was granted to executives; the exercise price for these options is also based on the average share price during the first ten trading days in January. 10 percent of the options may be exercised in each of the following ten years.
ursuant to the resolution of the general meeting dated May 2, 2005, exercise of the executive stock options can in particular cases also be settled in cash at the request of ad pepper media.

In the years 2005 and 2006 option plans to tie employees in key positions to the company were issued. These options may be exercised over a period of four years to 25 percent per year. Alike the other plans, the exercise prices for these options are based on the average share price during the first ten rading days before grant date. The option plans do not include an exercise hurdle, but do not vest before one year after granting.

The following table shows the change in the options during the financial year 2006

|  | No. | Subscription price |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Options at the beginning of the fiscal year (Pre-IPO) | 117,650 | 13.50 |
| Options at the beginning of the fiscal year (Ongoing SOP 2001) | 71,000 | 2.73 |
| Options at the beginning of the fiscal year (Ongoing SOP 2002) | 37,100 | 1.33 |
| Options at the beginning of the fiscal year (Ongoing SOP 2003) | 17,800 | 1.78 |
| Options at the beginning of the fiscal year (Executive SOP) | 958,000 | 1.78 |
| Options at the beginning of the fiscal year (Ongoing SOP 2004) | 103,500 | 4.45 |
| Options at the beginning of the fiscal year (Exec SOP 2005) | 190,000 | 5.32 |
| Options granted (Exec SOP 2005) | 30,000 | 5.32 |
| Options granted (Exec SOP 2006) | 675,000 | 7.59 |
| Options lapsed (Pre-IPO) | -4,900 | 13.50 |
| Options lapsed (Ongoing SOP 2001) |  | 2.73 |
| Options lapsed (Ongoing SOP 2002) | - | 1.33 |
| Options lapsed (Ongoing SOP 2003) | - | 1.78 |
| Options lapsed(Ongoing SOP 2004) |  | 4.45 |
| Options lapsed (Executive SOP) | -90,000 | 1.78 |
| Options lapsed(Executive SOP 2005) | -87,500 | 5.32 |
| Options lapsed (Executive SOP 2006) | -56,250 | 7.59 |
| Options exercised (Ongoing SOP 2001) | -27,600 | 2.73 |
| Options exercised(Ongoing SOP 2002) | -21,300 | 1.33 |
| Options exercised (Ongoing SOP 2003) | -13,700 | 1.78 |
| Options exercised (Ongoing SOP 2004) | -54,600 | 4.45 |
| Options exercised (Executive SOP) | -48,000 | 1.78 |
| Options exercised (Exec SOP 2005) | -52,500 | 5.32 |
| Options at the end of the fiscal year | 1,743,700 |  |
| Weighted subscription price |  | 1.92 |
| Exercisable options as of December 31, 2006 | 247,700 | 2.48 |

The average share price in the financial year 2006 was EUR 10.27 (2005: EUR 5.99).
The personnel expenses recorded in the financial year in connection with stock option programs gran ted on the basis of equity instruments amount to EUR 999,654 (2005: EUR 214,904).

The fair value of the stock options was calculated using the Black-Scholes-Model, based on the following assumptions:

|  | Pre-IPO | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Ongoing } \\ \text { SOP } 2001 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Ongoing } \\ \text { SOP } 2002 \end{array}$ | Ongoing SOP 2003 | Executive SOP 2003 | Ongoing <br> SOP 2004 | Executive SOP 2005 | Executive SOP 2006 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Share price when granted | 13.50 EUR | 2.60 EUR | 1.30 EUR | 1.78 EUR | 1.78 EUR | 4.44 EUR | 5.00 EUR | 7.60 EUR |
| Date of grant | 31.05 .00 | 18.05.01 | 15.01.02 | 15.01.03 | 15.01.03 | 16.01.04 | 15.04.05 | 16.01.06 |
| Strike price | 19.55 EUR | 2.73 EUR | 1.40 EUR | 1.78 EUR | 1.78 EUR | 4.45 EUR | 5.32 EUR | 7.59 EUR |
| Risk-free interest rate | 4.8\% | 4.0\% | 3.8\% | $3.5 \%$ | 4.5 \% | 2.75\% | 3.65 \% | 3.48\% |
| Estimated term | 7 years | 4 years | 1 year | 1 year | 10 years | 1 year | 4 years | 4 years |
| Future dividend | 0\% | 0\% | 0\% | 0\% | 0 \% | 0\% | 0 \% | 0\% |
| Estimated volatility | 20 \% | 93\% | 68 \% | 73\% | 53\% | 40\% | $58 \%$ | $56 \%$ |

For the option plan issued in 2006, the development in the price of the ad pepper media share in the period from January 1, 2003 to April 28, 2006 was used as a basis to determine volatility. Prior figures would have distorted the volatility figure.
he weighted average fair value of options granted during the financial year 2006 was EUR 2.97 2005: EUR 1.90).

## Total remuneration of management in key positions [41]

$\left.\begin{array}{|l|r|r|}\hline & & 2006 \\ \text { EURk }\end{array}\right)$

Options to purchase shares of the company held by the members of the Board of Directors indicate the following expiration dates and exercise prices:

|  | Expiration | Exercise price | Number <br> 31.12 .2006 | Number <br> 31.12 .2005 |
| :---: | :---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| 2000 | - | 19.55 | 59,000 | 74,000 |
| 2001 |  | 2.73 | 10,000 | 25,000 |
| 202 | - | 1.33 | 0 | 18,500 |
| 2003 | - | 1.78 | 586,000 | 670,000 |
| 2006 |  | 7.59 | 75,000 | 0 |

## Subsequent events [42]

On 31 January 2007 ad pepper media announced its 100 percent takeover of eMediate ApS. The Scandinavian adserving provider offers online marketing technologies for the efficient dissemination, management and analysis of online advertising campaigns, thus providing individually tailored adserving and tracking technology for small, medium-sized and large websites.

Revenues have been generated through a classical Application Service Providing Model (ASP) as well as licensing of the eMediate software. Both income streams will remain after the acquisition by ad pepper media. By rolling out the software in those countries where ad pepper media is already present, we are convinced to be able to remarkably speed up eMediate's growth. In addition, ad pepper media will use the technology within the proprietary network Webstats 4 U as well as within the affiliate marketing. ad pepper media is convinced to be able to monetize synergies especially in the field of micro-pubishers. The successful strategic partnership between ad pepper media and DoubleClick will continue unchanged.

The purchase price for eMediate totals EUR 4.8 million in cash, which were due with closing. At the same time, former shareholders of eMediate have committed to buying new shares of ad pepper 209,854 shares were transferred to the sellers. The purchase price allocation is still pending.
Property, plant and equipment, net ..... 43
Prepaid expenses and other current assets ..... 16

Cash and cash equivalentsAssets, total322
Trade payables ..... 43
Other current assets ..... 72
Liabilities, total ..... 178
Net assets

## Risk management [43]

The Management Board of ad pepper media is of the opinion that the risk management and control system can be regarded as being sufficient and efficient in view of the company's size and develop ment. The German law on "Control and Transparency in Business" (KonTraG) as well as the Dutch Corporate Governance Code lay down the central rules and obligations regarding risk management and control systems. In compliance with these regulations in force in Germany and the Netherlands, ad pepper media operates a comprehensive and adequate risk management system. This requires that the Management Board ensures that the company complies with all applicable laws and regulations, and reports to the Supervisory Board regularly on the internal risk management and control systems. The risk management system of ad pepper media identifies significant risks which could have implications for the company. These risks are quantified and evaluated with a view to potential effects. Final$y$, suitable measures are identified in order to counteract the risks in question. Significant risks to which the company may be exposed are enumerated below.

## Risk factors and imponderabilities

Acceptance of online advertising and dependence on the internet
ad pepper media's business activities are based on the use of electronic advertising media, in particular, the Internet, along with e-mail communications and other online media. Slower growth or even a decine in Internet use would affect the attractiveness of websites as a medium for online advertising profit situation.

## mperfect legal boundary condition

The company is faced with several changing and/or increasing legal regulations applicable to the Internet and other electronic media. These sometimes inhomogeneous legal boundary conditions could gen erate significant legal risks for the ad pepper media group which could adversely affect the company.

## Rapid technological change

The market for products and services offered by ad pepper media is marked by short innovation cycles and rapid technological change. Furthermore, this environment sees frequent announcements of new services and products as well as changing customer requirements. ad pepper media must hence regularly adapt its products and services to changing technological requirements and customer needs. This task of having to cope with permanently changing technological requirements and customer needs means considerable investment and significant expenditure on personnel. Correctly assessing market developments and responding thereto are hence among the biggest challenges facing ad pepper media's management.

## Data protection

Data processing forms part of ad pepper media's business activities. This involves strict adherence to data protection laws. Under German and European law, the data captured in the field of the new tele and media services is subject to strict legal terms of usage. Furthermore, it is at present difficult to assess whether even more restrictive data protection laws may be imposed in future. Compliance with ifferent data protection laws may require significant effort, also in financial terms, and could also adversely affect future revenue prospects. New laws and - albeit inadvertent - non-compliance with applicable data protection law could restrict the company from exercising its business activities.

## inancial risks

Due to the international nature of its business, the ad pepper media group typically bills its services in the respective national currency. Business outside the territory of the European Monetary Union exposes the company to currency fluctuation risks. ad pepper media also generates revenue in the form of payments made by advertisers and/or advertising agencies to the company. ad pepper media passes on part of these payments to the website owners. ad pepper media hence bears the risk of default on the part of advertisers and/or agencies. The company considers this risk, for example, in the form of regular creditworthiness checks. Finally, ad pepper media may be faced with risks related to the development of financial instruments, i.e. mainly cash and cash equivalents. Most of these are managed by financial institutions.

## ependence on staff in key positions

ue to the innovative nature of the business model and its international orientation with many branches nd subsidiaries, ad pepper media must rely on a high number of qualified employees who bear a high egree of responsibility, especially within the scope of sales activities. Retaining existing and reuiting new, highly qualified staff is a central success factor for the company. The consequences on the company's growth.

## isks from potential acquisition

d pepper media's international orientation not only requires a focus on internal growth, but also consderation of external growth in order to be able to grow faster in new markets or in order to acquire technologies which the company cannot develop quickly enough by itself. The acquisitions made in 2006 impressively bear witness to this. However, it is not possible to forecast with certainty whether ad pepper media will be able even in future to successfully perform the acquisitions planned and to optimally integrated the companies acquired into the company's structure. If this should not be possible, this could then generate negative consequences for the company's development.

## To ad pepper media International N.V., Amsterdam, The Netherlands

"We have audited the accompanying consolidated financial statements, comprising the consolidated balance sheet, the consolidated income statement, statement of changes in shareholders' equity, consolidated cash flow statement and the notes to the consolidated financial statements of ad pepper media International N.V., Amsterdam, The Netherlands as of 31 December 2006 and for the year then ended. The preparation of the consolidated financial statements in accordance with Internation cial Reporting Standards (IFRS) as adopted by the EU is the responsibility of the Company's management board. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the consolidated financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit of the consolidated financial statements in accordance with German auditing requirements and generally accepted standards for the audit of financial statements promulgated by the Institut der Wirtschaftsprüfer (IDW) as well as in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (ISA). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit such that misstatemen materially affecting the presentation of the consolidated financial statements in accordance with the applicable financial reporting framework are detected with reasonable assurance. Knowledge of the business activities and the economic and legal environment of the Group and expectations as to possib misstatements are taken into account in the determination of audit procedures. The effectiveness of the accounting-related internal control system and the evidence supporting the disclosures in the consolidated financial statements are examined primarily on a test basis within the framework of the audit. The audit includes assessing the annual financial statements of the companies included in consolidation, the determination of the companies to be included in consolidation, the accounting and consolidation principles used and significant estimates by the management board, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the consolidated financial statements.

We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.
In our opinion, based on the findings of our audit, the consolidated financial statements comply with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) as adopted by the EU and give a true and fair view of the net assets, financial position and results of operations of the Group in accordance with these requirements.

Nuremberg, 29 March 2007
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The Management Board of ad pepper media International N.V. comprised the following members in the financial year 2006:

Ulrich Schmidt, CEO (Chairman), Nuremberg, Germany
Niels Nüssler, CSO, Nuremberg, Germany
Michael A. Carton, Director of the Board, London, United Kingdom
Hermann Claus, CFO, Celle, Germany (retired at 31 December 2006

## The Supervisory Board of ad pepper media International N.V. in fiscal year 2006 consisted of:

Chael Oschmann, Chairman, Nuremberg, Germany
Managing Director

Partner
an Andersen, Copenhagen, Denmark
Managing Director

Merrill Dean, Scottsdale, USA
Managing Director

## Ad impression

Standard unit adopted by DMMV, GWA, VDZ, BDZV and VPRT industry associations at the end of 1998 as the binding unit to be used in future for measuring the performance of advertising media. In contrast to page impresvertising media. In contrast to page impressions, this standard measures the number
times an advertising banner itself, rather times an advertising banner itself, rather tually viewed.

## ad server

A central server that delivers banners to the website's advertising space independently of the web server for the site. Ad servers enable efficient banner management and uniform campaign management across different websites.

## Banner

Ads displayed on a website. The commonest data formats until now are image files in GIF or JPEG format. Innovative banner types (see "Rich media") are gaining in im links to the advertiser's website.

## Banner burnout

Describes the decline in a banner's advertising effectiveness, especially when ex pressed in falling click-through rates.

## Click-through

A click on an advert hyperlink (e.g. a banner) that leads to the advertiser's website.

## Click-through rate

Ratio of click-throughs to ad impressions or ad views. Important benchmark for the efficiency of online advertising. However, clickthrough rate does not take into account othe key criteria for advertising effectiveness, such as awareness, image, communicative performance and likeability.

## Cost per click (CPC)

Billing unit for online advertising. What is billed is the number of click-throughs, i.e. taken to the advertiser's website.

Cost per thousand impressions (CPM) Billing unit for online advertising, analogous to the Thousand-Contacts-Price (TCP). What is billed is the number of viewing contacts with a banner (see "Ad impression").

## Cost per objective (CPO)

Billing unit for online advertising that depend on whether the advertiser has achieved certain targets (generating address material cost per lead, sales $=$ cost per sale).

## eCRM

A customer relationship is managed by addressing customers directly via electronic advertising and products.

## Frequency

Refers to how often a user is supposed to see a particular banner. One of the potential targeting criteria for countering banner burnout.

## nterstitial

Ad loaded in between two websites.

## Page impression

Number of viewing contacts with a particular HTML page that could potentially carry ads within an online offering. Unlike "hits", the respective page is counted as a separate unit, regardless of how many different elements it contains (graphics, etc.). See also "Page view".

## Page view

Outdated parameter for determining the coverage of an online offering. Provides infor mation of little relevance compared to page impressions, because each frame in particular online page generates a page view. Sites loaded from cache are not counted

## card

The media data for a website, detailing booking options, access figures and prices

## Rich media

Refers to a variety of technologies, such as Emblaze, Enliven, InterVu and Java, for cre ating innovative banner types. The efficiency of a banner is considerably enhanced by rich of a banner is considerably enhanced by rich media due to the greater scope for creativity nd the integration of interactive components.

## Run of network (RON)

By booking several websites, the coverage of a campaign is increased. State-of-the-art ad serving technologies enable specific target groups to be targeted

## Run of site (ROS)

ampaign booking for a website, without specific sections of it being selected.

## Site promotion

Advertising for websites on other websites, or in classical media.

## Sponsoring

Alternative advertising option in addition to banner placement. Websites are linked exclusively to an advertiser's messages and display the latter's logo.

Traffic
Number of users visiting a website. There ar various ways of measuring this parameter

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