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## Tornos: Sales up by 12.5% in 2006

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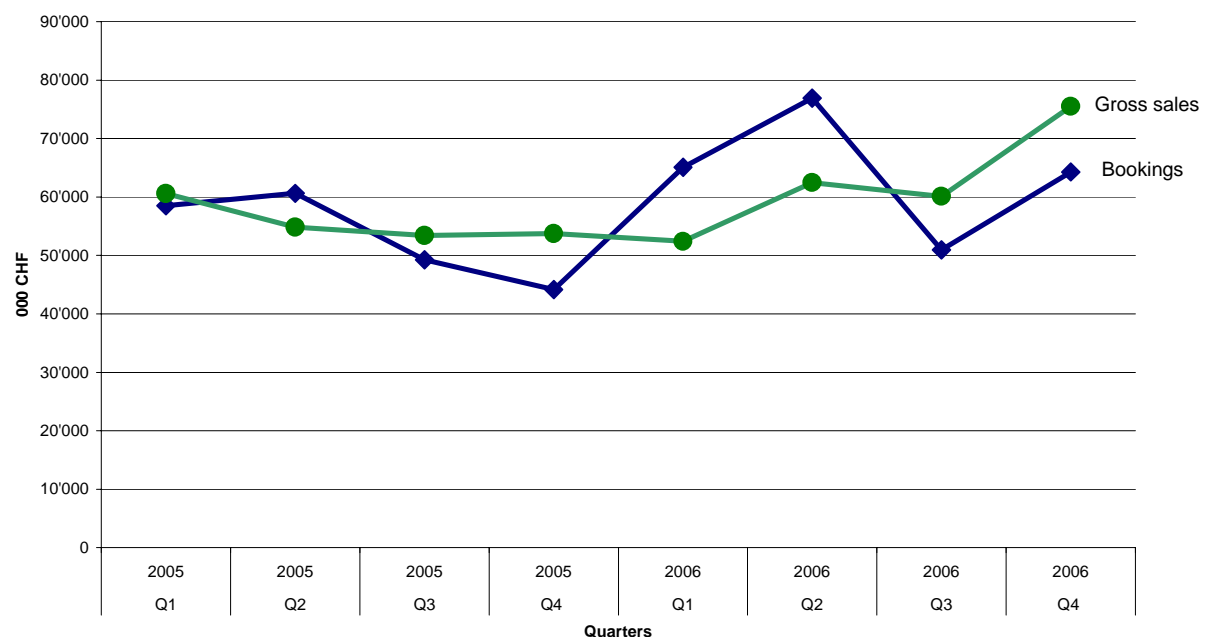
The Tornos Group posted consolidated gross sales revenue worth CHF 250.5 mn in 2006 – a 12.5% improvement on the previous year (CHF 222.6 mn).

Following the fall-off in the number of new orders at the end of 2005, volume was relatively weak at the beginning of 2006, with gross sales of just CHF 52.4 mn in the first quarter. Business then gradually picked up, with gross sales reaching a new record high of CHF 75.5 mn in the fourth quarter.

New orders in 2006 accounted for CHF 257.3 mn – up 21.1% from the previous year (212.5 mn).

After a rather quiet end to 2005, order intake picked up again from the beginning of the year 2006, with the billing volume reaching its accustomed level from the second quarter onwards. The slight economic softening experienced at the end of the third quarter and beginning of the fourth quarter eased, and new orders worth CHF 64.3 mn were taken during the final three months of 2006.

The detailed Group results will be published at the press conference scheduled for 13 March 2007.



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