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## THE CHEMICAL WHOLESALE TRADE IN FIGURES – 2005 OVERALL VIEW

### A. THE CHEMICAL WHOLESALE TRADE

(changes vs. 2004)

• <b>Turnover:</b> <i>(in million € without value added tax)</i>	9.817	(+ 8,0 %)
<i>of which:</i>		
- <i>inventory holding distribution</i>	3.245	(+ 6,2 %)
- <i>import/export speciality trade</i>	6.572	(+ 8,9 %)
-- <i>inland</i>	3.512	(+ 5,7 %)
-- <i>abroad</i>	3.060	(+ 12,8 %)
• <b>Total number of jobs:</b>	6.693	(- 0,1 %)
<i>of which:</i>		
- <i>inventory holding distribution</i>	4.689	(- 0,6 %)
- <i>import/export speciality trade</i>	2.004	(+ 1,2 %)

### B. INVENTORY HOLDING DISTRIBUTOR BUSINESS

• <b>Turnover in terms of quantity:</b> <i>(in tons)</i>	5.817.000	(+ 1,0 %)
<i>of which:</i>		
- <i>acids and alkalis</i>	3.670.000	(± 0 %)
- <i>solvents</i>	876.000	(+ 0,5 %)
- <i>solid products</i>	871.000	(+ 2,5 %)
- <i>others</i>	400.000	(+ 8,5 %)
• <b>Investment quota:</b>	<b>2005: 3,80 %</b>	<b>2004: 2,97 %</b>
• <b>Environment protection as investment-motivation:</b> <i>(in % of all investments)</i>	25,1 %	(27,1 %)