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THE CHEMICAL WHOLESALE TRADE IN FIGURES – 2006 OVERALL VIEW

A. THE CHEMICAL WHOLESALE TRADE

		<i>(changes vs. 2005)</i>
• Turnover:	10.928	(+ 11,3 %)
<i>(in million € without value added tax)</i>		
of which:		
- inventory holding distribution	3.560	(+ 9,7 %)
- import/export speciality trade	7.368	(+ 12,1 %)
-- inland	3.898	(+ 11,0 %)
-- abroad	3.470	(+ 13,4 %)
• Total number of jobs:	6.831	(+ 2,1 %)
of which:		
- inventory holding distribution	4.773	(+ 1,8 %)
- import/export speciality trade	2.058	(+ 2,7 %)

B. INVENTORY HOLDING DISTRIBUTOR BUSINESS

• Turnover in terms of quantity:	6.100.000	(+ 4,8 %)
<i>(in tons)</i>		
of which:		
- acids and alkalis	3.849.000	(+ 4,9 %)
- solvents	909.000	(+ 3,8 %)
- solid products	918.000	(+ 5,4 %)
- specialities	424.000	(+ 6,0 %)
• Investment quota:	2006: 3,95 %	2005: 3,80 %
• Environment protection as investment-motivation:	23,4 %	(25,1 %)
<i>(in % of all investments)</i>		