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2005 Q4 sales up 40.9% and 2005 full-year sales up 41.8%

Boulogne-Billancourt, 1 February 2006 - Vallourec, world leader in the production of seamless steel tubes and tubular products for specific industrial applications, announces that its consolidated net sales for the fourth quarter of 2005 amounted to € 1,264.5 million, up 40.9% compared to the fourth quarter of 2004 (€ 897.4 million).

During 2005 as a whole, sales reached € 4,307.4 million, up 41.8% compared to 2004.

It should be noted that 2004 sales included the Group's automotive components activities in South America, which were sold on 1 January 2005 and represented annual sales of € 71 million. In 2005, sales incorporate € 28 million in respect of OMSCO's activities, which have been consolidated since 1 October 2005.

<i>In € million</i>	2004	2005	Change 2005/2004
1st quarter	637.6	900.8	+41.3%
2nd quarter	741.2	1,074.6	+45.0%
3rd quarter	761.6	1,067.5	+40.2%
4th quarter	897.4	1,264.5	+40.9%
Total	3,037.8	4,307.4	+41.8%

The Group points out, moreover, that the EBITDA / sales ratio for the second half of 2005 is expected to be slightly higher than that for the first half (22.8%).

Vallourec confirms that the market currently remains buoyant, particularly in sectors linked to energy. The Group has recently announced the acquisition of the French company SMFI, which strengthened its position as the world's number two player in the oil & gas drilling market.

Calendar

- Consolidated results for the financial year 2005 will be released on 8 March 2006.
- Consolidated sales for the first quarter of 2006 will be released on 26 April 2006.

About Vallourec

Vallourec is a world leader in the production of seamless steel tubes and tubular products for specific industrial applications (oil and gas, power generation, chemicals and petrochemicals, automotive and mechanical engineering industries).

Vallourec is listed on the Euronext Paris Eurolist (ISIN code: FR0000120354), is eligible for the deferred settlement system and is included in the following indices: SBF 120, CAC Mid 100 and NEXT 150.

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