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Interim report 2005

## **OEM report result improvement**

**OEM International's profit continues to increase. The net profit after financial items for the fourth quarter 2005, increased by 66 % to 33,6 SEK million (20,2) Turnover increased by 3 % to 383 SEK million (372) and the incoming orders increased by 12 % to 396 SEK million (354).**

**The profit after 12 months has increased by 38 % to 124 SEK million (89,3). Turnover increased by 8 % to 1 525 SEK million (1 406) during the same period. Cost of disposal and winding up of company increased the turnover by 13 %.**

High turnover resulted in record profits for the fourth quarter. Continued high demand together with an improved product range means that many of the group's companies are showing excellent growth, says OEM International Group President Jörgen Zahlin.

The restructuring process during the year has meant, among other things, disposing of OEM Automatic Italy and A. Karlsson Industriteknik AB. The activities of AB Telfa have been acquired, resulting in the establishment of a new product segment within the group. This acquisition is the first since 2000," Jörgen continues.

The average number of employees in the OEM Group during 2005, was 541 persons (571).

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*OEM International, head office located in Tranås, Sweden, comprises 23 operating units in eight countries. The Group trades in components and systems used in industrial automation. During 2005 the group's turnover amounted to 1.525 MSEK with 541 employees. OEM International's B-share is quoted on the Stockholm stock exchange's O-list. The financial targets of OEM are an annual growth of 15 %, a return on equity of minimum 20 % and a solidity not below 35 %. Visit our website – [www.oem.se](http://www.oem.se)*