



## Q4 2004 Consensus Estimates

Ladies and Gentlemen,

We would like to thank you for providing us with your Q4 2004 estimates for Bayer. The calculated consensus is based on estimates contributed by 21 major banks. All consensus numbers are quoted in million Euros.

	<u>Average</u>	<u>High / Low</u>
<b>Sales</b>	<b>7,273</b>	<b>7,669 / 6,770</b>
<b>Underlying EBIT</b>	<b>335</b>	<b>470 / 95</b>
<b>Reported EBIT</b>	<b>277</b>	<b>385 / 156</b>
<b>Pre-tax income</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>183 / -89</b>
<b>Reported Net Income</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>113 / -130</b>
<b>EPS (Euro/share)</b>	<b>0.05</b>	<b>0.15 / -0.18</b>

Following the new German legislation (Anlegerschutzverbesserungsgesetz/Law to improve the protection of investors) Bayer has decided to change its publication policy.

**Key preliminary group figures for fiscal year 2004 will now be published on 2 March 2005 at 8:00 a.m. (CET). Bayer's full Q4 2004 figures will be published on 15 March 2005.**

Best regards,

Bayer AG  
Investor Relations Team

Leverkusen, 24 February 2005

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