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INTERIM REPORT FOR NOKIAN TYRES PLC JANUARY - MARCH 2006

Net sales up; profits down from the previous year, as expected

The Group's net sales were up by 15.4% to EUR 149.4 million (EUR 129.4 million in Q1/2005). Operating profit amounted to EUR 13.4 million (EUR 14.6 million). EPS were EUR 0.06 (EUR 0.08). The goal for 2006 is to achieve steady growth in sales, a stable, upward trend in profits and better capital management.

Key figures:

	1-3 2006	1-3 2005	4-6 2005	7-9 2005	10-12 2005	1-12 2005
Net sales, MEUR	149.4	129.4	166.0	150.2	241.0	686.5
Operating profit, MEUR	13.4	14.6	31.5	18.9	50.7	115.8
Profit before tax, MEUR	10.1	13.7	33.4	16.9	48.6	112.6
Profit for the period, MEUR	7.0	9.4	23.9	13.5	35.5	82.2
Earnings per share, EUR	0.06	0.08	0.20	0.11	0.30	0.70
Equity ratio, %	58.4	56,8				59.1
Cash flow from operations, (Cash Flow II), MEUR	-64.7	-53.6	-49.8	-60.8	157.7	-17.1
RONA, % (rolling 12 months)	17.0	23.5				18.1
Gearing, %	41.0	26.0				25.4

Kim Gran, President and CEO:

"Nokian Tyres' net sales increased, and summer tyre market shares improved clearly in all core markets, especially in Russia and the Nordic countries. Heavy tyres recorded again record-breaking numbers for sales and profits. Nokian Tyres' result of the early part of the year was, as expected, weaker than in the previous year as a result of a weaker sales mix and increased raw material costs. First quarter sales focused on summer tyres and contract manufactured products, which resulted in lower average prices compared to the same period last year. Vianor's performance was strained by the consumer sales of summer tyres shifting to the second quarter. Production volumes and sales at the Russian plant increased as planned."

Market situation

Car tyre replacement markets in the Nordic countries and elsewhere in Europe grew slightly more than in the previous year and in Russia the growth in demand continued strong. The main season for the consumer sales of summer tyres shifted to the second quarter. Owing to the heavy snowfall last winter, the sales of winter tyres continued up until the early part of 2006, which lowered winter tyre inventories. The manufacture of forestry and other industrial machinery retained at brisk pace, while global shortage of tyres for harbour, mining and excavation machinery continued to plague the markets. Raw material prices increased, but stiffer competition led to a lower price level of summer tyres in the Nordic countries.

NET SALES AND PROFIT

In the period January to March 2006, Nokian Tyres Group recorded net sales of EUR 149.4 million (EUR 129.4 million), showing an increase of 15.4% on the corresponding period a year earlier. Net sales in Nordic countries increased by 6.9%, in Russia and other CIS countries

by 35.2%, in Eastern Europe by 8.7% and in North America by 25.4% from the previous year.

Raw material prices in manufacturing increased by 7.3% in the first quarter compared to the corresponding period a year earlier. The steepest increases in raw materials were recorded in natural rubber and carbon black. At EUR 54.6 million (EUR 46.4 million), fixed costs accounted for 36.6% (35.9%) of net sales.

The operating profit of Nokian Tyres Group was EUR 13.4 million (EUR 14.6 million). The company's performance suffered from its profit margin dropping from 2005 due to the increase in the share of summer and contract manufactured tyres. Other weakening factors included the expenses budgeted for the development of the Russian business and production, the expenses caused by the companies acquired in the USA in 2005, as well as the option scheme write-off of EUR 1.9 million (EUR 0.9 million) in compliance with IFRS 2.

Net financial expenses were EUR 3.4 million (EUR 1.0 million). The figure includes exchange losses worth EUR 0,5 million. The comparable figure from the previous year includes exchange gains worth EUR 1.0 million.

Profit before tax totalled EUR 10.1 million (EUR 13.7 million). Profit for the period under review was EUR 7.0 million (EUR 9.4 million). EPS were EUR 0.06 (EUR 0.08).

The return on net assets (RONA, rolling 12 months) was 17.0% (23.5%). Income financing after the change in the working capital, investments and the disposal of fixed assets (Cash flow II) was EUR -64.7 million (EUR -53.6 million). Equity ratio was 58.0% (56.8%).

The Group's cash flow fell due to high stock levels and larger receivables, which will begin to dissolve when the consumer sales of summer tyres get started in the second quarter.

The Group employed an average of 3,124 (2,801) people, and 3,145 (2,879) at the end of the period. The tyre chain employed 1,243 (1,236) people and Russian operations 264 people at the end of the period.

PASSENGER CAR TYRES

	Q1/06	Q1/05	Change%	Q2/05	Q3/05	Q4/05
Net sales, MEUR	101.8	90.9	12.0	94.3	95.8	135.2
Operating profit, MEUR	18.9	23.5	-19.4	20.7	23.5	34.2
Operating profit, %	18.6	25.8		21.9	24.6	25.3
RONA, % (rolling 12 months)	21.2	36.0		33.6	26.9	24.1

The net sales from Nokian passenger car tyres were up by 12.0% on the previous year to EUR 101.8 million (EUR 90.9 million). Operating profit amounted to EUR 18.9 million (EUR 23.5 million), and the operating profit percentage was 18.6% (25.8%).

The sales of winter and summer tyres manufactured at Nokian Tyres' own plants, as well as the sales of contract manufactured tyres, increased over the previous year. Summer tyres and contract manufactured tyres with lower price levels accounted for a bigger share of the unit's net sales than a year ago reducing the profit margin and the average price. Winter tyre prices were on the previous year's level. Russia, the USA and Eastern Europe were the strongest

growth areas. The market share of Nokian summer tyres improved in all key markets.

The production volume of own plants rose from the previous year due to the planned capacity increase at the Russian plant.

In January, Nokian Tyres introduced two new winter tyre families: Nokian Hakkapeliitta 5, a studded winter tyre for passenger cars, and Nokian Hakkapeliitta Sport Utility 5, designed for SUVs. The products will be sold to the company's key markets in Nordic countries and Russia. Tyre deliveries will start in the second quarter of 2006 and consumer sales will begin in autumn 2006. The size selection covers all major car brands and models.

HEAVY TYRES

	Q1/06	Q1/05	Change%	Q2/05	Q3/05	Q4/05
Net sales, MEUR	21.9	17.2	27.7	19.2	17.8	22.1
Operating profit, MEUR	5.5	3.1	75.4	3.1	3.1	5.4
Operating profit %	24.9	18.1		15.9	17.6	24.5
RONA,%, (rolling 12 months)	36.8	21.2		24.1	26.5	32.4

The net sales of Nokian heavy tyres totalled EUR 21.9 million (EUR 17.2 million), showing an increase of 27.7% on the corresponding period of the previous year. The operating profit for Heavy Tyres improved clearly, totalling EUR 5.5 million (EUR 3.1 million). The operating profit percentage amounted to 24.9% (18.1%).

The manufacture of forestry and various type of industrial machinery was brisk, and the sales growth of Nokian heavy tyres continued strong. Growth was seen in all product groups and in all core markets, in both original equipment installation and replacement markets. The price increases were implemented in response to the rise in raw material prices. Higher prices together with the improved productivity improved profitability. Forestry tyres, new radial special tyres and other core products accounted for a clearly bigger share of overall sales.

The production capacity of Nokian heavy tyres was in full use, production volumes increased by some 19% and productivity improved.

In March, Nokian Tyres' Board of Directors made a decision on a 4-million-euro investment to raise the production capacity of heavy tyres in Finland. Thanks to the investment, the production volumes of radial tyres will increase in late 2006 and early 2007. After the completion of the investment in 2007, the capacity of radial tyres will increase by some 30% and overall capacity by some 10% a year.

VIANOR

	Q1/06	Q1/05	Change%	Q2/05	Q3/05	Q4/05
Net sales, MEUR	34.1	33.2	2.7	63.1	51.8	87.0
Operating profit, MEUR	-8.8	-7.0	-26.4	7.6	-3.0	7.7
Operating profit, %	-25.8	-21.0		12.0	-5.9	8.9
RONA,%, (rolling 12 months)	3.3	7.4		9.6	4.4	4.9

Vianor's net sales were EUR 34.1 million (EUR 33.2 million), representing an increase of 2.7% on the corresponding period of the previous year. Operating profit amounted to EUR -8.8 million (EUR -7.0 million), and the operating profit percentage was -25.8% (-21.0%).

Vianor's sales and profits were weakened from the consumer sales of summer tyres shifting to the second quarter of the year and from the expenses caused by the expanded Vianor network. Most of Vianor's profits are generated in the second half of the year. The share of Nokian-branded tyres from Vianor's overall sales was on last year's level in the Nordic countries. The sales of new and retreaded truck tyres increased over the previous year.

The Vianor tyre chain expanded as planned in Russia, where the number of sales co-operation partners totalled 35 at the end of March.

OTHER OPERATIONS

The net sales of Nokian truck tyres were EUR 4.8 million (EUR 3.8 million), up 26.0% on the previous year. The unit's product range consists mainly of winter products, which, being seasonal items, sell slowly at the beginning of the year. Most of the sales and profit is generated during the second half of the year.

The truck tyre range was expanded in early April with two novelties that are expected to speed up sales in the latter part of the year. Retreading materials sold well compared to last year. Decreasing the number of retreading plants has enhanced operations and improved productivity.

RUSSIA

The position of Nokian Tyres in Russia improved clearly in 2005, in both summer and winter tyres. With a market share of over 30%, Nokian Tyres position as a market leader in premium car winter tyres has further strengthened.

During the period under review Nokian Tyres' sales in Russia and CIS countries increased by 35.2% compared to the previous year. The distribution network was strengthened by signing new distribution agreements and by expanding Vianor network.

The first two production lines at the Russian plant operate continuously in three shifts. Production quality and daily production volumes are on target. Construction of the mixing department and the central warehouse began at the end of 2005, and the mixing department has progressed to the roofing phase. The new facilities will come on line in summer and autumn 2006. The installation of the third production line will begin later this year.

INVESTMENTS

Investments during the period under review amounted to EUR 14.7 million (EUR 23.7 million). The company's overall investments in 2006 amount to EUR 92.0 million (EUR 119.6 million), including the investments made to expand the Russian plant, totalling EUR 53 million (EUR 60.4 million), and the Vianor tyre chain, totalling EUR 3 million (EUR 14.0 million). Other investments target production at the Nokia plant and moulds for new products.

OTHER MATTERS

1. Warrants on the Main List of the Helsinki Stock Exchange.

Nokian Tyres applied for its 2004A warrants of the 2004 option scheme to be listed on the Main List of the Helsinki Stock Exchange as of 1 March 2006. The Annual General Meeting of Nokian Tyres held on 5 April 2004 decided to grant bonds with warrants to the personnel of Nokian Tyres. A total of 245,000 warrants 2004A, 245,000 warrants 2004B and 245,000 warrants 2004C have been issued on the basis of the bond loan.

The subscription period of warrants 2004A began on 1 March 2006 and will end on 31 March 2008. Each warrant entitles the holder to subscribe ten shares in Nokian Tyres plc with a nominal value of 0.2 euros, at a subscription price of EUR 6.079 per share. The subscription price will be reduced by the amount of dividends paid before the subscription, on the balancing date of each dividend payment. As a result of subscriptions, the number of company shares may rise, at the most, by 2,450,000 shares and the share capital, at the most, by EUR 490,000. The warrants were transferred to the book-entry securities system prior to their listing. On 30 December 2005 the Financial Supervision Authority granted the company an exemption from the duty to publish a prospectus when offering shares for public trading.

2. Shares subscribed for with bonds with warrants

After the increase in share capital registered on 11 November 2005, a total of 9,400 shares were subscribed with the 2001A bonds with warrants attached to the 2001 option scheme, 19,340 shares with the 2001B warrants and 63,940 shares with the 2001C warrants. As a result of the subscriptions an increase in share capital totalling EUR 18,536 was entered in the Trade Register on 22 February 2006. Trading of the shares, along with the old shares, began on 23 February 2006. After the increase, Nokian Tyres has a total of 121,091,600 shares and a share capital of EUR 24,218,320.00.

3. Development of the share price

The Nokian Tyres' share price was EUR 14.55 at the end of the review period (EUR 12.43). The average share price during the period was EUR 12.93 (EUR 12.00), the highest EUR 14.89 (EUR 13.38) and the lowest EUR 10.74 (EUR 10.58). A total of 73,886,706 shares (27,104,680) were traded during the period, representing 61% (23%) of the company's overall share capital. The company's market value at the end of the period amounted to EUR 1,762 billion. 39.41% of the company's shareholders were Finnish and 60.59% were foreign shareholders registered in the nominee register. This figure also includes Bridgestone's ownership of approximately 17%.

4. Decision made at the Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of Nokian Tyres held on 6 April 2006 accepted the profit and loss statement for 2005 and discharged the Board of Directors and the President from liability. The final

dividend was set at EUR 0.23 per share, The matching date was 11 April 2006 and the payment date 20 April 2006.

Board of Directors and auditor

The meeting decided that the Board of Directors shall have seven members. Rabbe Grönblom, Managing Director, AB R.Grönblom International LTD; Hannu Penttilä, CEO, Stockmann plc; Petteri Walldén, MSc (Eng.), and Kim Gran, President and CEO, Nokian Tyres plc, will continue as Board members. New members of the Board include Hille Korhonen, Director of Operations, Iittala Group; Koki Takahashi, General Manager, Bridgestone Corporation, and Aleksey Vlasov, Deputy Director of JSC Mezhhregiongaz, Gazprom. At its meeting following the Annual General meeting, the Board elected Petteri Walldén as Chairman of the Board.

Authorised public accountants KPMG Oy Ab continue as auditors.

Remuneration of the members of the Board of Directors

The Annual General Meeting decided that the monthly fee paid to the Chairman of the Board would be EUR 5,000, or EUR 60,000 per year, while that paid to Board members was set at EUR 2,500, or EUR 30,000 per year. In line with former practices, 60% of the annual fee will be paid in cash and 40% in company shares to the effect that in the period from 7 April to 30 April 2006, EUR 24,000 worth of Nokian Tyres plc shares will be purchased on the stock exchange on behalf of the Chairman of the Board and EUR 12,000 worth of shares on behalf of each Board member. This means that the fees of Board members are linked to the performance of the company's share. No separate compensation will be paid to the President and CEO for Board work.

Authorisation granted to the Board of Directors to increase the share capital

The Annual General Meeting authorised the Board of Directors to make a decision regarding an increase in the share capital on one or more occasions by issuing new shares and/or convertible bonds. As a result of the authorisation, the company's share capital may increase by a maximum of EUR 4,000,000. A maximum of 20,000,000 new shares may be issued, each bearing a nominal value of EUR 0.20.

The Board of Directors also has the right to deviate from the shareholders pre-emptive right to subscribe for shares, provided there is a compelling financial reason referred to in chapter 4, section 2a of the Companies Act. The Board of Directors has the right to decide upon the parties who are entitled to subscribe, as well as the subscription prices, terms and conditions of share subscription, and the terms and conditions of convertible bonds. The validity of the authorisation is one year from the date of the Annual General Meeting.

OUTLOOK FOR THE YEAR-END

Stiff competition will continue in the European tyre markets, and raw material prices will increase. Raising the price of passenger car tyres will continue to be challenging. The growth in Nordic and European tyre markets will be moderate, while the demand for winter

tyres, UHP summer tyres and SUV tyres in Russia, Eastern Europe and North America will continue to be strong. Heavy tyres enjoy excellent growth prospects.

Full-year material expenses for Nokian Tyres' manufacturing business are expected to be 11% higher than those recorded in 2005. The company will launch a record number of novelties in all product groups, making it easier to maintain tyre prices at the target level. In addition to new products, growth in the sales of tyres manufactured in Russia will support to maintain profit margins.

Special attention will be given to the control of sales and logistics, capital management and the expansion of the distribution network. Capacity will be increased as planned in Russia. The emphasis in Finnish production will be on improving productivity. Contract manufacturing will concentrate on expanding the product range, while heavy tyres will focus on bottlenecks in production and on increasing capacity.

The objective for the company's home market - the Nordic countries and Russia - is to increase sales and improve market shares. Sales will be boosted in the strong growth markets of Russia, North America and Eastern Europe, where the Nokian Tyres' position has further strengthened.

Owing to the seasonal nature of the business, the majority of company's net sales and operating profit is generated in the latter part of the year, especially in the last quarter, in both the manufacturing business and distribution.

The company is positioned to achieve its objectives set for 2006: steady growth in sales, improved trend in the operating profit and better capital management.

This interim report has been prepared in accordance with IAS 34 'Interim Financial Reporting' and the same accounting policies have been applied as in the previous annual financial statements.

The interim report figures are unaudited.

**NOKIAN TYRES
CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT**

Million euros	1-3/06	1-3/05	Last 12 months	1-12/05	Change %
Net sales	149.4	129.4	706.5	686.5	15.4
Cost of sales	-91.4	-74.7	-417.6	-401.0	22.3
Gross profit	58.0	54.7	288.8	285.5	6.0
Other operating income	0.4	0.2	4.8	4.6	140.6
Selling and marketing expenses	-35.9	-31.6	-147.4	-143.0	13.8
Administration expenses	-4.1	-2.9	-16.7	-15.6	39.6
Other operating expenses	-5.0	-5.7	-15.0	-15.8	-13.8
Operating profit	13.4	14.6	114.6	115.8	-8.1

Financial income	0.3	1.4	6.2	7.2	-75.6
Financial expenses	-3.7	-2.3	-11.8	-10.4	60.6
Profit before tax	10.1	13.7	109.0	112.6	-26.3
Tax expense (1)	-3.1	-4.3	-29.2	-30.4	-27.7
Profit for the period	7.0	9.4	79.8	82.2	-25.7

Attributable to:

Equity holders of the parent	7.1	9.4	80.1	82.4	
Minority interest	-0.1	0.0	-0.3	-0.2	

Earnings per share from the profit attributable to equity holders of the parent

basic, euros (2)	0.06	0.08	0.68	0.70	-29.9
diluted, euros (2)	0.06	0.08	0.66	0.68	-29.9

KEY RATIOS	31.3.06	31.3.05	31.12.05	Change %
Equity ratio, %	58.0	56.8	59.1	
Gearing, %	41.0	26.0	25.4	
Equity per share, euro (2)	3.97	3.42	3.89	16.0
Interest-bearing net debt, mill. euros	197.0	106.2	119.5	
Capital expenditure, mill. euros	14.7	23.7	119.6	
Depreciation, mill. euros	9.8	8.6	35.6	
Personnel, average	3,124	2,801	3,041	

Number of shares (million units)

at the end of period	121.09	119.37	121.00
in average	121.04	112.99	118.57
in average, diluted	124.67	116.38	121.96

1) Tax expense in the consolidated income statement is based on the taxable profit for the period.

2) The per-share data include the effect of the share split carried out on 15 April 2005.

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET	31.3.06	31.3.05	31.12.05
Non-current assets			
Property, plant and equipment	306.8	257.9	304.0
Goodwill	51.1	41.7	50.7
Other intangible assets	8.0	7.5	8.5
Investments in associates	0.1	0.3	0.1
Available-for-sale financial assets	0.3	2.5	0.3
Other receivables	2.0	2.5	2.1
Deferred tax assets	17.1	10.4	11.9
Total non-current assets	385.3	322.7	377.6

Current assets			
Inventories	171.6	124.3	146.1
Trade and other receivables	249.9	194.7	228.1
Cash and cash equivalents	21.8	77.3	45.7
Total current assets	443.3	396.2	419.9
Equity			
Share capital	24.2	23.9	24.2
Share premium	137.9	134.5	137.8
Translation reserve	5.8	0.9	5.7
Fair value and hedging reserves	-0.3	-1.0	-0.5
Retained earnings	312.5	250.2	303.4
Minority interest	0.7	0.0	0.7
Total equity	480.8	408.5	471.4
Non-current liabilities			
Deferred tax liabilities	23.1	21.4	22.7
Interest bearing liabilities	115.0	120.0	152.5
Other liabilities	2.0	2.2	2.1
Total non-current liabilities	140.2	143.7	177.3
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables	102.9	102.4	135.1
Provisions	0.9	0.9	0.9
Interest-bearing liabilities	103.8	63.5	12.8
Total current liabilities	207.7	166.8	148.7
Total assets	828.7	718.9	797.4
CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOW STATEMENT			
Million euros	1-3/06	1-3/05	1-12/05
Cash flow from operating activities:			
Cash generated from operations	-66.3	-50.2	90.0
Financial items and taxes	3.2	5.3	-59.8
Net cash from operating activities	-63.2	-45.0	30.2
Cash flow from investing activities:			
Net cash used in investing activities	-12.2	-25.9	-95.4
Cash flow from financing activities:			
Proceeds from issue of share capital	0.1	130.0	133.6
Change in current financial receivables and debt	88.7	5.0	-42.1
Change in non-current financial receivables and debt	-37.4	-10.7	21.4
Dividends paid	0.0	0.0	-25.9
Net cash from financing activities	51.5	124.3	87.0

Net change in cash and cash equivalents	-23.8	53.4	21.8
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the period	45.7	23.9	23.9
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the period	21.8	77.3	45.7
	-23.8	53.4	21.8

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY
Million euros

	Share capital	Share premium	Trans-lation reserve	Fair Value and hedging reserves	Retai-ned Ear-nings	Mino-ri-ty inte-rest	Total
Equity, Jan 1st 2005	21.7	6.7	0.9	-1.1	240.1	0.0	268.3
Share issue expenses		-1.1					-1.1
Interest rate swaps				0.0			0.0
Profit for the period					9.4		9.4
Total recognised income and expenses for the period	0.0	-1.1	0.0	0.0	9.4	0.0	8.3
Share issue	2.1	128.9					131.0
Exercised warrants	0.0	0.0					0.1
Share-based payments					0.9		0.9
Other changes					-0.2		-0.2
Equity, Dec 31st 2005	23.9	134.5	0.9	-1.0	250.3	0.0	408.5
Equity, Jan 1st 2006	24.2	137.8	5.7	-0.5	303.4	0.7	471.4
Interest rate swaps				0.2			0.2
Translation differences			0.0			0.0	0.0
Profit for the period					7.1	-0.1	7.1
Total recognised income and expenses for the period	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	7.1	-0.1	7.3
Exercised warrants	0.0	0.1					0.1
Share-based payments					1.9		1.9
Other changes					0.0		0.0
Equity, Mar 31st 2006	24.2	137.9	5.8	-0.3	312.5	0.7	480.8

SEGMENT INFORMATION
Million euros

	1-3/06	1-3/05	1-12/05	Change %
Net sales				
Passenger car tyres	101.8	90.9	416.2	12.0
Heavy tyres	21.9	17.2	76.2	27.7

Vianor	34.1	33.2	235.1	2.7
Others and eliminations	-8.5	-11.9	-41.1	28.5
Total	149.4	129.4	686.5	15.4
Operating result				
Passenger car tyres	18.9	23.5	101.9	-19.4
Heavy tyres	5.5	3.1	14.7	75.4
Vianor	-8.8	-7.0	5.3	-26.8
Others and eliminations	-2.1	-5.0	-6.1	57.8
Total	13.4	14.6	115.8	-8.1
Operating result, % of net sales				
Passenger car tyres	18.6	25.8	24.5	
Heavy tyres	24.9	18.1	19.3	
Vianor	-25.8	-21.0	2.2	
Total	9.0	11.3	16.9	
Cash Flow II				
Passenger car tyres	-50.4	-46.3	-24.5	-8.7
Heavy tyres	3.8	2.4	15.8	62.1
Vianor	-2.9	0.3	-6.1	-1,038.8
Total	-64.7	-53.6	-17.1	-20.7
CONTINGENT LIABILITIES				
Million euros	31.3.06	31.3.05	31.12.05	
FOR OWN DEBT				
Mortgages	0.2	1.0	0.2	
Pledged assets	0.0	0.0	0.0	
OTHER OWN COMMITMENTS				
Guarantees	1.0	1.0	1.0	
Leasing and rent commitments	75.5	22.9	65.0	
Acquisition commitments	0.3	0.8	0.7	
INTEREST RATE DERIVATIVES				
Interest rate swaps				
Fair value	-0.4	-1.4	-0.7	
Nominal amount	16.5	26.5	16.5	
CURRENCY DERIVATIVES				
Forward contracts				
Fair value	-0.6	-0.1	-1.6	
Nominal amount	169.9	100.2	176.2	
Options, purchased				
Fair value	0.1	0.0	0.0	
Nominal amount	5.7	0.0	5.3	
Options, written				
Fair value	0.0	0.0	-0.1	
Nominal amount	2.9	0.0	5.3	

The fair value of interest rate derivatives is defined by cash flows due to contracts. Interest rate swaps are wholly designated as cash flow hedges and their changes in fair value relating to the effective portion of the hedge is recognised in equity and the potential ineffective portion is recognised in the income statement.

The fair value of forward foreign exchange contracts is calculated at the forward rates at the balance sheet closing date on the basis of cash flow arising from contracts. The fair value of options is calculated by using the Garman-Kohlhagen option valuation model.

Currency derivatives are used to hedge the Group's net exposure. The changes in the fair values of currency derivatives are reported in the income statement excluding the forward foreign exchange contracts that are hedging the foreign currency-denominated net investment in a foreign subsidiary. Hedge accounting is applied for those hedges and for hedges meeting the hedge accounting criteria the changes in the fair values are wholly deferred in equity. The fair value change of those forward foreign exchange contracts was EUR -0.7 million.

The nominal value of currency derivatives is the euro equivalent of the contracts' currency denominated amount at the balance sheet closing date.

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Nokian Tyres will publish the January-March 2006 financial results on Wednesday, May 10, 2006 at 9.00 am Finnish time (7.00 am UK time).

The result presentation to analysts and media will be held at Hotel Crowne Plaza, Helsinki on Wednesday May 10 at 11.00 am Finnish time (9.00 am UK time). The presentation language will be English. Participants please register to anne.aittoniemi@nokiantyres.com or tel. +358 3 340 7641.

The presentation can be listened through live audiocast via internet at <http://events.webeventservices.com/nokian/2006/05/10/>
People can participate in the conference also via teleconference by calling +44 (0)20 7162 0025. Please dial in 5-10 minutes before the beginning of the event. Password Nokian Tyres.

Stock exchange release and presentation material will be available before the conference call at http://www.nokiantyres.com/investors_en. After the event the audio recording can be found at the same address.