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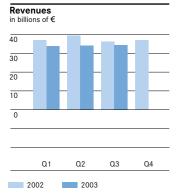
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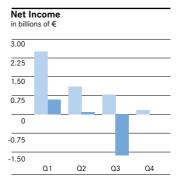
DaimlerChrysler						
-	Q3 03	Q3 03	Q3 02	Change		
Amounts in millions	US \$ 1	€	€	in %		
Revenues	40,294	34,587	36,338	-5 ²		
European Union	13,915	11,944	11,242	+6		
Germany	7,016	6,022	5,610	+7		
USA	19,133	16,423	19,334	-15		
Other markets	7,246	6,220	5,762	+8		
Employees (September 30)		375,213	370,385	+1		
Research and development costs	1,539	1,321	1,365	-3		
Investment in property, plant and equipment	1,856	1,593	1,472	+8		
Cash provided by operating activities	4,886	4,194	4,125	+2		
Operating profit	1,452	1,246	1,539	-19		
Net income	(1,926)	(1,653)	780			
per share (in US \$/€)	(1.90)	(1.63)	0.77			

¹ Rate of exchange: €1 = US \$1.1650 (based on the noon buying rate on September 30, 2003).

2 A 3% increase after adjusting for effects of currency translation.









DaimlerChrysler				
	Q1-3 03	Q1-3 03	Q1-3 02	Change
Amounts in millions	US \$ 1	€	€	in %
Revenues	119,543	102,612	112,582	- 9 ²
European Union	41,648	35,749	34,385	+4
Germany	20,598	17,681	16,590	+7
USA	56,746	48,709	59,665	-18
Other markets	21,149	18,154	18,532	-2
Employees (September 30)		375,213	370,385	+1
Research and development costs	4,964	4,261	4,226	+1
Investment in property, plant and equipment	5,484	4,707	4,889	-4
Cash provided by operating activities	16,443	14,114	14,073	+0
Operating profit	3,833	3,290	6,301	-48
Net income	(1,114)	(956)	4,391	
per share (in US \$/€)	(1.10)	(0.94)	4.36	

¹ Rate of exchange: €1 = US \$1.1650 (based on the noon buying rate on September 30, 2003).

 $^{2\,}$ A 1% increase after adjusting for effects of currency translation.

Business Review

DaimlerChrysler achieves Group operating profit of €1.25 billion in the third quarter of 2003 (Q3 2002: €1.54 billion)

- Q3 revenues of €34.6 billion (Q3 2002: €36.3 billion)
- Mercedes Car Group increases market share, operating profit remains at a high level (€0.8 billion)
- Chrysler Group returns to a positive operating result (€0.1 billion)
- Continued positive profit trend at Commercial Vehicles (€0.2 billion)
- Services division again posts a strong operating profit in the third quarter (€0.3 billion)
- Full-year 2003: DaimlerChrysler still aims to achieve a Group operating profit from its ongoing business of about €5 billion, however, significant market risks remain

No growth stimulus for world economy or automobile markets

- Prospects for the global economy improved slightly during the third quarter of 2003, but this has not yet had any impact on our markets. Economic growth is still weak, particularly in the European Union.
- During the third quarter, while unit sales of automobiles in the increasingly competitive US market were only slightly lower than in Q3 2002, demand fell significantly in most countries of Western Europe. However, demand from automobile markets in Asia was generally strong.

Operating profit of €1.2 billion

- DaimlerChrysler achieved an operating profit of €1.2 billion for the third quarter (Q3 2002: €1.5 billion) despite very challenging markets. Operating profit for the third quarter of 2002 included expense for special items of €161 million.
- The Mercedes Car Group division achieved an operating profit of €793 million, equaling the result of the prior-year quarter despite a difficult market environment and continued expenditures to prepare for the second product offensive.
- Chrysler Group returned to an operating profit of €147 million (Q3 2002: €305 million) after an operating loss in the second quarter. The result for the third quarter of this year includes restructuring expenditures of €37 million related to the turnaround plan of 2001. The improvement over the second quarter is primarily due to the successful implementation of additional cost-reduction programs and lower increases in customer incentives than had originally been anticipated. However, earnings were lower than in the third quarter of last year due to lower shipments to dealers and the increased incentives.

Note:

Starting with reporting for the year 2003, DaimlerChrysler has departed from its previous practice of presenting earnings with and without one-time effects; in the future only one figure will be reported for operating profit, net income and earnings per share. In order to ensure comparability with the prior year's figures, a reference is made to the onetime effects included in the respective prior-year quarters.

With this procedure DaimlerChrysler is following the new rules adopted by the US Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), which must be applied for the 2003 financial year and which deal with the reporting of "one-time effects" much more restrictively.

- The Commercial Vehicles division achieved a strong increase in third-quarter operating profit, which rose from €115 million to €237 million. This was partly due to the higher unit sales, but primarily a result of the implementation of the efficiency-improving programs which were initiated in the last few years in all business units.
- The Services division increased its operating profit from €170 million to €284 million. The result of the prior-year guarter included special charges for risk provisions of €113 million. Operating profit for the third quarter of 2003 remained at a high level as a result of improving margins and lower funding costs.
- The Other Activities segment, which mainly consists of the MTU Aero Engines business unit and our holdings in Mitsubishi Motors (MMC) and EADS, reported an operating loss of €143 million (Q3 2002: operating profit of €207 million), due in particular to the negative contribution from MMC.
- Net loss for the third quarter amounted to €1.7 billion (Q3 2002: €0.8 billion income). The negative value is decisively influenced by the impairment charge of €2.0 billion relating to our holding in EADS which was made in accordance with the requirements of US GAAP and the SEC. Operating profit and cash flow are not affected by this charge. There was a net loss per share of €1.63 (Q3 2002: earnings per share of €0.77).

1.1 million vehicles sold worldwide

- Despite the difficult automobile markets, particularly in North America and Western Europe, DaimlerChrysler sold a total of 1.1 million vehicles during the third quarter of this year (Q3 2002: 1.1 million).
- The Mercedes Car Group performed well in this environment, achieving an increased share of many markets and unit sales similar to last year's level. While the Mercedes-Benz brand nearly equaled the prior-year figure (-2%), smart actually increased its unit sales by 4%.
- Chrysler Group shipped 629,000 passenger cars and light trucks to its dealers in the third quarter (-3%). While there was strong demand for the Dodge pickup trucks, unit sales of other models decreased, especially in the area of minivans.
- The Commercial Vehicles division increased its unit sales by 2% to 123,200 vehicles. Growth in the business units of Mercedes-Benz Trucks (+14%), Freightliner/Sterling/Thomas Built Buses (+5%) and

- DaimlerChrysler Buses & Coaches (+31%) were partially offset by a decrease in the Vans business unit (-8%) due to the difficult situation in Western Europe and postponed purchases in anticipation of the market launch of the new Vito/Viano van family.
- Third-quarter Group revenues of €34.6 billion were not as high as for the third quarter of last year (-5%) because of the appreciation of the euro against the US dollar and the lower unit sales. Adjusted to exclude currency-translation effects, revenues increased by 3%.

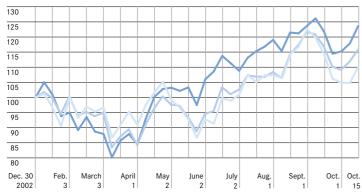
Slight increase in size of workforce

- At the end of the third quarter of 2003, DaimlerChrysler employed 375,200 people worldwide (end of Q3 2002: 370,400 people).
- Compared with September 30, 2002, the size of the workforce increased slightly in the divisions, Mercedes Car Group (+2%), Commercial Vehicles (+1%), and Services (+3%). The number of employees at Chrysler Group decreased by 3% to 94,600 persons, primarily due to the implementation of measures designed to cut costs and improve efficiency. The number of people employed in the sales organization for Mercedes-Benz passenger cars and commercial vehicles increased sharply to 45,300 (+10%), mainly due to the acquisition of dealerships within the framework of the Metropolitan Strategy.

Outlook

- We anticipate a gradual recovery of the global economy during the fourth quarter of 2003. A sustained and substantial revival of domestic consumption, and especially investment, cannot be expected before 2004, however. This should also then provide stimulus for the automotive industry.
- For full-year 2003, the Mercedes Car Group still aims to attain revenues and operating profit similar to the very good levels of the previous year. Given the difficult market situation, unit sales are likely to be slightly lower than last year, but increased market share will be achieved particularly in the competitive classes, in some cases of a substantial magnitude.

Share Price Index



- DaimlerChrysler
- Dow Jones STOXX Auto Index
- DAX

- Chrysler Group anticipates a continuation of intense competitive pressure and high customer incentives in the US automobile market during the remainder of 2003 as well as in 2004. This year the total market is expected to reach a volume of 16.9 million vehicles. This volume, however, reflects these continuing incentive levels rather than a stabilization of economic conditions. For the year as a whole, Chrysler Group is still striving to achieve a slightly positive operating profit on an ongoing basis. However, there are substantial risks due to the competitive environment in the US. The planned launch of nine new vehicles in 2004 will provide a positive perspective.
- The Commercial Vehicles division expects no revival of overall demand in its most important markets before the end of the year. However, with our efficiency-improving programs and the new attractive product range, we have laid a solid foundation for a continued positive earnings trend. For full-year 2003, we expect operating profit to be significantly higher than in 2002.
- As a result of the positive business trend during 2003, the Services division anticipates a significant increase in operating profit from ongoing business compared with the prior year.
- Based on the plans of our associated companies, MMC and EADS, and of our MTU Aero Engines business unit, we expect the Other Activities segment to make a smaller contribution to DaimlerChrysler's operating profit than it did last year.
- EADS anticipates in its financial year revenues and operating profit at similar levels to the prior year. The company thus has unchanged targets for the current financial year.
- MMC assumes that the sales situation in Japan and the United States will remain difficult. As a result of lower unit sales and significant sales incentives in the United States, as well as impairment charges relating to the US financial-services business, MMC revised its profit expectations for the current financial year in July 2003. Earnings will be significantly lower than in the prior year.
- As a result of the appreciation of the euro against the US dollar and lower unit sales, DaimlerChrysler expects total revenues in 2003 of approximately €138 billion, below the prior year's figure of €149.6 billion.
- DaimlerChrysler still aims to achieve a Group operating profit from ongoing businesses of about €5 billion for 2003. However, significant market risks remain.

Mercedes Car Group

- Third-quarter operating profit at last year's level, despite substantial expenditure on new products
- Unit sales almost unchanged in a difficult market, increased market shares
- Revenues up again, by 4% to €12.7 billion

	Q3 03	Q3 03	Q3 02	Change
Amounts in millions	US \$	€	€	in %
Operating profit	924	793	792	+0
Revenues	14,844	12,742	12,260	+4
Unit sales		305,443	310,927	-2
Production		298,324	317,229	-6
Employees (September 30)		105,380	103,406	+2

Unit sales, revenues and earnings remain at high levels

- The Mercedes Car Group's unit sales of 305,400 vehicles in the third quarter of this year were only slightly lower than the very high level of Q3 2002 – a strong performance considering the difficult market conditions. Due to a higher-value model mix, revenues climbed 4% to €12.7 billion.
- In a difficult market environment and despite expenditures incurred in the run-up to the second Mercedes-Benz model offensive and for the smart forfour, the division's third-quarter operating profit of €793 million was at the same level as last year.

Mercedes-Benz strengthens its market position

- Conditions in the major passenger-car markets once again worsened during the third quarter. As a result, Mercedes-Benz sold 273,900 units, not quite equaling the figure for the third quarter of last year (-2%). However, with its attractive model range Mercedes-Benz succeeded in increasing its market share in many markets and further improved its position in the premium segment worldwide.
- Unit sales of the E-Class, the CLK coupe and the CLK convertible increased significantly, and the ongoing success of the S-Class is particularly positive in view of the tough competition in this segment. Unit sales of the M-Class, A-Class and C-Class decreased for lifecycle reasons. Since their respective launches, more than one million A-Class cars have been produced and 500,000 M-Class vehicles have been sold.

Unit sales			
	Q3 03	Q3 02	Change
			in %
Total	305,443	310,927	-2
Western Europe	208,231	213,820	-3
Germany	103,574	112,741	-8
United States	50,142	47,606	+5
Japan	11,249	13,252	-15
Other markets	35,821	36,249	-1

- Unit sales by the Mercedes-Benz brand in the United States rose by 5%, and despite generally weak demand in Europe, unit sales also increased in the United Kingdom (+15%), Italy (+7%) and Spain (+22%). Prior-year levels were not equaled in Germany (-9%) and Japan (-9%).
- At the Frankfurt Motor Show in September, we presented the Mercedes-Benz SLR McLaren super-sports car and the Vision CLS, a four-door coupe concept. The response to these models as well as to the entire range of vehicles we presented was extremely positive.

Great interest in new smart models

- The smart brand once again achieved increased unit sales in the third quarter (31,500 vehicles, +4%). In particular, smart achieved significant growth in the United Kingdom (4,200 units, +103%) and France (2,700 units, +42%). Demand for the smart roadster and roadster-coupe, which were introduced in April, was particularly positive: 7,500 of these models were sold in the third quarter.
- To great public acclaim we also presented the new smart model range, smart forfour, at the Frankfurt Motor Show. To be launched in April 2004, this car will set new standards in the mini-car segment with its typical smart design features and its high standards of safety and comfort.

	Q1-3 03	Q1-3 03	Q1-3 02	Change
Amounts in millions	US \$	€	€	in %
Operating profit	2,728	2,342	2,290	+2
Revenues	44,721	38,387	37,263	+3
Unit sales		914,573	932,359	-2
Production		931,509	950,067	-2
Employees (September 30)		105,380	103,406	+2

Unit sales			
	Q1-3 03	Q1-3 02	Change
			in %
Total	914,573	932,359	-2
Western Europe	619,637	645,544	-4
Germany	294,667	320,453	-8
United States	158,775	153,105	+4
Japan	32,355	34,928	-7
Other markets	103,806	98,782	+5

Chrysler Group

- Operating result positive again at €147 million; significantly better than Q2 2003
- Higher flexibility due to new agreement with United Auto Workers labor union
- Successful production start of the new Dodge Durango

	Q3 03	Q3 03	Q3 02	Change
Amounts in millions	US\$	€	€	in %
Operating profit	171	147	305	-52
Revenues	14,558	12,496	14,294	-13
Unit sales (shipments)		628,965	650,453	-3
Production		597,578	639,166	-7
Employees (September 30)		94,571	97,445	-3

Unit sales			
	Q3 03	Q3 02	Change
			in %
Total	628,965	650,453	-3
NAFTA	586,043	617,884	-5
United States	517,435	554,205	-7
Other markets	42,922	32,569	+32

Significant earnings improvement in third quarter

- Worldwide retail sales by Chrysler Group decreased to 630,400 vehicles in the third guarter (Q3 2002: 681,600 vehicles). The decrease was primarily due to lower sales of Dodge and Chrysler cars and minivans in the United States (-17%), although this was partially offset by a significant increase in sales of Dodge Ram pickups (+7%). The new Chrysler Pacifica is gaining increasing market acceptance, posting sales of 21,900 units in the third quarter, and the new Chrysler Crossfire has had a very positive reception since deliveries started in June: 2,200 units have been sold in the United States so far. Market share in the United States decreased from 12.4% to 11.4% in the third quarter.
- Chrysler Group shipped 629,000 vehicles to dealers in the third quarter, a slight decrease compared with Q3 2002 (-3%). At the end of the period, dealers' inventories in the United States totaled 528,300 vehicles (end of Q3 2002: 492,200 vehicles), equivalent to 86 days supply (end of Q3 2002: 68 days).
- Chrysler Group's revenues amounted to €12.5 billion (Q3 2002: €14.3 billion), reflecting the appreciation of the euro against the US dollar. Measured in US dollars, revenues remained relatively constant. Slightly lower shipments and higher incentives were offset by a better product mix.
- After a significant second-quarter loss of €948 million, in the third quarter Chrysler Group again attained an operating profit of €147 million. This includes restructuring expenditures of €37 million related to the turnaround plan of 2001. The improvement over the second quarter is primarily due to the successful implementation of additional cost-reduction programs and lower increases in customer incentives than had originally been planned. However, earnings were lower than in the third quarter of last year due to lower shipments to dealers and increased incentives.

In September 2003, Chrysler Group concluded a new agreement on pay and conditions with over 60,000 employees in the UAW, the largest labor union for the US automotive industry. On the one hand, the new labor contract includes a pay increase for the workers, but on the other hand, it will allow the company more flexibility in staff deployment and to adapt to changing economic conditions.

Stronger competitive position as a result of new products

- Production of the new Dodge Durango sport-utility vehicle commenced successfully in September 2003 at the Newark Assembly Plant. The plant also introduced new flexible and environmently-friendly manufacturing methods. This vehicle will be available from dealerships by mid-November.
- In addition to Chrysler Group's North American product offensive that includes nine new model launches in the 2004 calendar year and 25 new models over the next three years, Chrysler Group premiered the new Chrysler 300C Touring Wagon concept at the Frankfurt Motor Show. This new vehicle will be sold in Europe and will complement sales of the 300C sedan. These new vehicles will start production early next year.
- With new leadership in its Sales & Marketing organization, the Chrysler Group is implementing various revenue-management improvements, including the more efficient and targeted use of incentives, price repositioning of several new vehicles, and improved fleet and dealer relationship management. Chrysler Group is also implementing additional cost-reduction actions, including accelerating plans for the use of common components and shorter launch curves.

	Q1-3 03	Q1-3 03	Q1-3 02	Change
Amounts in millions	US \$	€	€	in %
Operating profit (loss)	(756)	(649)	532	
Revenues	43,115	37,009	46,684	-21
Unit sales		1,998,246	2,171,306	-8
Production		1,970,807	2,135,456	-8
Employees (September 30)		94,571	97,445	-3

Unit sales			
	Q1-3 03	Q1-3 02	Change
			in %
Total	1,998,246	2,171,306	-8
NAFTA	1,872,828	2,044,452	-8
United States	1,630,568	1,779,815	-8
Other markets	125,418	126,854	-1

Commercial Vehicles

- Positive earnings trend continues in third quarter
- Great market success for new Actros
- Freightliner trucks and buses gain market shares

	Q3 03	Q3 03	Q3 02	Change
Amounts in millions	US \$	€	€	in %
Operating profit	276	237	115	+106
Revenues	8,355	7,172	7,137	+0
Unit sales		123,241	121,260	+2
Production		120,727	120,926	-0
Employees (September 30)		97,707	96,602	+1

Operating profit significantly higher than in prior year

- In the third quarter of 2003, the Commercial Vehicles division sold 123,200 vehicles (+2%). Revenues of €7.2 billion were at the same level as in Q3 2002.
- Operating profit increased to €237 million (Q3 2002: €115 million), due to the higher unit sales, but primarily as a result of the efficiency-improving programs that were initiated and consistently implemented in all business units.
- The Freightliner/Sterling/Thomas Built Buses business unit increased its unit sales to 33,400 vehicles (Q3 2002: 31,800 vehicles). Although markets overall declined, we increased our shares of the US market for Class 5 to 8 vehicles to 33.8% (Q3 2002: 30.3%) and of the NAFTA market to 32.1% (Q3 2002: 29.1%).
- Due in particular to the strong demand for the new Actros, unit sales at the Mercedes-Benz Trucks business unit increased by 14% to 28,800 vehicles.
- The Vans business unit sold 51,900 units, below the level of the third quarter of last year (56,300 units). The decrease was related to the generally difficult market situation in Western Europe and postponed purchases in anticipation of the launch of the new models, Vito and Viano, in September 2003.

Unit sales			
	Q3 03	Q3 02	Change
			in %
Total	123,241	121,260	+2
Western Europe	58,561	62,838	-7
Germany	26,246	25,197	+4
United States	29,090	27,661	+5
South America	10,660	8,891	+20
Other markets	24,930	21,870	+14

- Unit sales by the DaimlerChrysler Buses & Coaches business unit increased by 31% to 7,800 vehicles, with significant increases in exports from South America and Turkey. Unit sales and market share in the static markets of Western Europe also rose.
- At Mitsubishi Fuso Truck and Bus Corporation (MFTBC), in which DaimlerChrysler holds a 43% stake, developments so far this year have been very positive. New exhaust-emission regulations for trucks in Japan allowed MFTBC to increase unit sales in its domestic market by 51% in the first six months of its financial year, which began on April 1. As of April 2003, MFTBC has been included in the Commercial Vehicles division's accounts at equity with a time lag of one quarter.

More safety as standard equipment

As of October 1, 2003, DaimlerChrysler now supplies all Mercedes-Benz Travego coaches and all Setra coaches in the Top Class 400 and Comfort Class 400 model ranges with the Electronic Stability Program (ESP) - the first manufacturer to include this feature as standard equipment. With this move, DaimlerChrysler once again underscores its pioneering role in the fields of safety and leadingedge technology. The Mercedes-Benz Sprinter and the recently launched Vito and Viano are also fitted with ESP as standard equipment.

	Q1-3 03	Q1-3 03	Q1-3 02	Change
Amounts in millions	US \$	€	€	in %
Operating profit	538	462	23	
Revenues	23,575	20,236	20,642	-2
Unit sales		355,974	352,057	+1
Production		360,455	363,726	-1
Employees (September 30)		97,707	96,602	+1

Unit sales			
	Q1-3 03	Q1-3 02	Change
			in %
Total	355,974	352,057	+1
Western Europe	175,722	190,024	-8
Germany	70,402	70,130	+0
United States	82,417	73,724	+12
South America	28,750	28,506	+1
Other markets	69,085	59,803	+16

Services

- Strong rise in operating profit once again in the third quarter
- DaimlerChrysler Bank expands its range of services
- Extended start up phase for truck-toll system

	Q3 03	Q3 03	Q3 02	Change
Amounts in millions	US\$	€	€	in %
Operating profit	331	284	170	+67
Revenues	4,043	3,470	3,892	-11
Contract volume	119,063	102,200	114,649	-11
New business	15,299	13,132	15,388	-15
Employees (September 30)		10,857	10,513	+3

Third-quarter operating profit significantly higher than last year

- DaimlerChrysler Services' revenues of €3.5 billion in the third quarter were 11% lower than in Q3 2002 particularly due to the appreciation of the euro against the US dollar. After adjusting for currencytranslation effects the decrease was 4%.
- Operating profit increased from €170 million to €284 million. The result of the prior-year quarter included special charges for risk provisions of €113 million. Operating profit for the third quarter of 2003 remained at a high level as a result of improving margins and lower funding costs.
- New business of €13.1 billion in the third quarter did not reach the previous year's level particularly due to the appreciation of the euro against the US dollar. Adjusted to exclude currencytranslation effects it decreased by 6%.
- Contract volume decreased from €114.6 billion to €102.2 billion. Adjusted to exclude currency-translation effects, contract volume was at the previous year's level. Of the total contract volume, 61% was accounted for by the United States and 22% by Western Europe.

Completion of system integration in North America

In North America, DaimlerChrysler Services has standardized and simplified its routines for processing new contracts and maintaining contract volume. The number of systems in use has been reduced significantly. The result is a substantially improved cost position for DaimlerChrysler Services North America. Reorganization of the regional sales structure and even closer cooperation with sales partners will provide substantially stronger support for the sale of vehicles and increased penetration rates.

Fleet management supports Group brands

As a result of close cooperation with the fleet-sales activities of the Group's brands, DaimlerChrysler Services Fleet Management succeeded in gaining new customers and orders totaling more than 30,000 vehicles in Germany, France, Italy and the United Kingdom, thus further strengthening its leading position in Europe.

DaimlerChrysler Bank expands its product range

In Germany, DaimlerChrysler Bank has further expanded its range of products in its core business of vehicle financing and in its direct banking business. In the future, DaimlerChrysler Bank will make use of its customer base of more than 800,000 customers for more effective customer-relationship management. The bank is adding to its successful activities in the deposit business with a new range of automobile savings plans applicable to all of the DaimlerChrysler Group's passenger-car models, and with new investment funds.

Extension of start-up phase for electronic truck-toll system

- The eleven-month start-up phase for the electronic toll system for trucks on autobahns in Germany has proved to be too short. The German Ministry of Transport and the Toll Collect company agreed to extend the introductory phase of the toll system.
- The necessity to optimize the toll system's technical functionality and infrastructure is now a key focus in order to secure stable and user-friendly operations. In parallel, the required improvements to hardware and software are being made so that the system can go into full operation as soon as possible.

	Q1-3 03	Q1-3 03	Q1-3 02	Change
Amounts in millions	US \$	€	€	in %
Operating profit	1,208	1,037	2,952	-65
Revenues	12,333	10,586	11,805	-10
Contract volume	119,063	102,200	114,649	-11
New business	42,383	36,380	40,066	-9
Employees (September 30)		10,857	10,513	+3

Other Activities

Other Activities				
	Q3 03	Q3 03	Q3 02	Change
Amounts in millions	US \$	€	€	in %
Operating profit (loss)	(167)	(143)	207	

The Other Activities segment includes the MTU Aero Engines business unit as well as the Group's holdings in EADS and Mitsubishi Motors Corporation. The segment also includes Corporate Research, the Group's real-estate activities, and our holding and finance companies.

The operating-profit contributions generated by our holdings in EADS and Mitsubishi Motors are included in the operating profit of DaimlerChrysler with a time lag of one quarter. DaimlerChrysler's operating profit for the third quarter of 2003 therefore includes the contributions made by EADS and Mitsubishi Motors in the period of April through June 2003.

This segment's substantial decrease in earnings is primarily due to the negative contribution to earnings from Mitsubishi Motors Corporation.

MTU Aero Engines				
	Q3 03	Q3 03	Q3 02	Change
Amounts in millions	US \$	€	€	in %
Revenues	551	473	537	-12
Incoming orders	654	561	344	+63
Employees (September 30)		8,163	8,292	-2

Aero engine business still affected by troubled air-transport industry

- Market conditions in the civil-aviation business have not yet improved substantially. The ongoing strength of the euro against the US dollar is an additional burden for European engine manufacturers.
- The MTU Aero Engines business unit therefore posted a fall in revenues to €473 million (-12%). Significant decreases in revenues from the maintenance of civil-aircraft engines and from transactions with national governments were partially offset by higher sales of engines and spare parts for civil aircraft.
- However, incoming orders of €561 million were much higher than the level of the third quarter of last year. Order volumes increased significantly, not only for engines for both civil and military aircraft, but also for the maintenance of civil-aircraft engines.

Other Activities				
	Q1-3 03	Q1-3 03	Q1-3 02	Change
Amounts in millions	US \$	€	€	in %
Operating profit	221	190	618	-69

MTU Aero Engines				
	Q1-3 03	Q1-3 03	Q1-3 02	Change
Amounts in millions	US\$	€	€	in %
Revenues	1,615	1,386	1,571	-12
Incoming orders	2,710	2,326	1,685	+38
Employees (September 30)		8,163	8,292	-2

EADS

- The European Aeronautic Defence and Space Company (EADS) will publish its figures on the third quarter of 2003 on November 6, 2003.
- Despite the problems of the civil air-transport business, the aircraft manufacturer Airbus, in which EADS holds an 80% stake, has affirmed its forecast of 300 aircraft deliveries in full-year 2003. 129 firm orders and purchase commitments have now been received for the A380 wide-body aircraft.
- In the first nine months of 2003, Airbus delivered 199 aircraft (Q1-Q3 2002: 219 aircraft).
- EADS gained several major orders in the defense business in the third quarter of 2003. For example, in September the Spanish government approved the signing of a contract for the procurement of 24 Tiger combat helicopters. The Greek ministry of defense placed 20 firm orders and 14 options for the NH 90 military transport helicopter. Furthermore, the Austrian government approved a contract to purchase 18 Eurofighters in August.
- In the EADS Space division, restructuring and reorganization are progressing as planned. Turnaround is expected to be achieved during the year 2004.

Mitsubishi Motors Corporation

- Mitsubishi Motors (MMC) sold 391,300 vehicles worldwide in the months of July through September, equaling the result of the prior-year period.
- Unit sales in the Japanese market during this period increased by 3% to 92,200 vehicles, primarily due to the availability of various versions of the ek wagon mini car. MMC's market share for passenger cars including mini cars increased from 6.4% to 7.0%.
- In the North American market, unit sales by MMC decreased by 18% to 73,300 vehicles as a result of tougher competition and the company's credit-tightening policy in the vehicle-financing business.
- In Europe, unit sales in the third quarter increased by 11% to 51,200 vehicles. More than 6,000 of the Outlander sport-utility vehicle have already been sold since this model was launched in European markets in March 2003, exceeding MMC's own sales forecasts. Initial customer reactions to the Lancer and Lancer Wagon, both launched in September, are also very positive.
- Unit sales in Asia (excluding Japan) and in the other regions also improved, rising by 7% to 174,500 vehicles, with particularly strong growth in China.
- Due to difficult market conditions, increased price incentives and anticipated lower earnings in the current financial year, MMC has implemented a broad range of measures designed to improve its competitiveness, including further cost reductions, the sale of certain assets and the postponement by six months of capacity expansion in the United States. In order to stabilize the financial services business in the United States, responsibilities have been reassigned both locally as well as at headquarters, and organizational changes have been implemented. In addition, the range of financial services offered by MMC in North America has been reduced in line with its stricter credit policy.

Analysis of the Financial Situation

- Third-quarter Group operating profit of €1.2 billion compared with €1.5 billion in the previous year
- Positive operating results at Chrysler Group, but lower than prior-year quarter
- Significant improvement in earnings in the Commercial Vehicles and Services segment
- Negative earnings contribution from Mitsubishi Motors
- Group net loss impacted by write-down of equity investment in EADS

Operating Profit (Loss) by Segments			
	Q3 03	Q3 03	Q3 02
In millions	US\$	€	€
Mercedes Car Group	924	793	792
Chrysler Group	171	147	305
Commercial Vehicles	276	237	115
Services	331	284	170
Other Activities	(167)	(143)	207
Eliminations	(83)	(72)	(50)
DaimlerChrysler Group	1,452	1,246	1,539

Q1-3 03	Q1-3 03	Q1-3 02
US \$	€	€
2,728	2,342	2,290
(756)	(649)	532
538	462	23
1,208	1,037	2,952
221	190	618
(106)	(92)	(114)
3,833	3,290	6,301

Development of Group operating profit affected by various factors

- In the third quarter of 2003, DaimlerChrysler achieved an operating profit of €1.2 billion, compared with €1.5 billion in Q3 2002. The operating profit of the prior-year period reflected impairment charges on a portion of the Capital Services portfolio in the Services segment totaling €0.1 billion, other impairment charges totaling €48 million, as well as further restructuring activities.
- The decrease in Group operating profit was primarily related to the negative contribution to earnings from our investment in Mitsubishi Motors (MMC). This negative contribution was primarily the result of lower unit sales in North America and higher credit and residual value risk provisions in the financial services business of the MMC Group. Despite the continuation of very tough competitive pressure in the US market, Chrysler Group posted an operating profit of €0.1 billion for the third quarter, which was below its operating profit for Q3 2002. Compared with the second quarter of this year, Chrysler Group achieved a significant improvement in earnings. The Commercial Vehicles segment once again improved its profit contribution compared with the prior-year period, primarily due to the benefit of the continuation of the cost cutting and efficiency improvement programs which commenced in previous years. Also, the Services segment reported improved earnings compared with the prior-year level primarily due to the continuation of favorable refinancing conditions. The operating profit generated by the Mercedes Car Group approximated the prior-year level.
- In the first nine months of the year 2003, DaimlerChrysler posted an operating profit of €3.3 (Q1-Q3 2002: €6.3) billion. The prioryear result included income totaling €2.6 billion from the sale of shares in T-Systems ITS (formerly debis Systemhaus) and Conti Temic microelectronic (formerly TEMIC). On the other hand, prioryear results included charges totaling €0.8 billion relating to the restructuring activities at Chrysler Group and Commercial Vehicles, as well as charges in the Services segment in connection with the sale of a portion of the Capital Services portfolio (€0.1 billion) and from the Argentine government's reorganization of the country's finance and banking system (€0.1 billion). Aside from these prioryear's factors, operating profit decreased primarily due to Chrysler Group's operating loss of €0.9 billion in the second quarter of this year. Additional negative factors were the proportionate share of the operating loss from the Group's equity investment in Mitsubishi Motors and the lower contribution from EADS, which resulted primarily from a goodwill impairment charge at its aerospace business in the first quarter of 2003. On the other hand, operating profit increased at Commercial Vehicles and Services. Operating profit from the Mercedes Car Group segment for the first nine months of 2003 was slightly higher than the high level recorded in the prior year for the same period.

Operating Profit			
	Q3 03	Q3 03	Q3 02
In millions	US\$	€	€
Industrial Businesses	1,066	915	1,360
Financial Services	386	331	179
DaimlerChrysler Group	1,452	1,246	1,539

Q1-3 03	Q1-3 03	Q1-3 02
US \$	€	€
2,578	2,213	5,803
1,255	1,077	498
3,833	3,290	6,301

Mercedes Car Group's operating profit equals the high prioryear level

In a difficult market environment, the Mercedes Car Group segment achieved an operating profit of €0.8 billion in the current period, which equaled the high prior-year level. Expenditures for the products of the second model offensive impacted the operating profit of the period under review. However, strong unit sales of the E-Class, S-Class and SL-Class models improved the overall model mix and had a stabilizing effect on earnings.

Positive operating results at Chrysler Group in the third quarter of 2003

- Chrysler Group posted an operating profit of €0.1 billion in the third quarter of 2003 compared with an operating profit of €0.3 billion in the prior-year period. The decrease in operating results is primarily due to higher sales incentives and lower vehicle shipments reflecting the continuing intense price competition in the US market. This decline was partially offset by improvements from continuing cost reductions.
- Compared with an operating loss of €0.9 billion in the second quarter of 2003, Chrysler Group improved its operating results by €1.0 billion to €0.1 billion operating profit; in US dollars operating profit improved by \$1.2 billion to \$0.2 billion. This improvement primarily reflects lower than anticipated sales incentives due to more efficient, targeted revenue management strategies by the Chrysler Group, as well as incremental cost reductions.
- During the third quarter of 2003, Chrysler Group and Services agreed to adjusted rates charged on subsidized financing programs due to the increasingly competitive financing options. This agreement reduced marketing expenses by €0.1 billion at Chrysler Group.

Operating profit at Commercial Vehicles above prior-year level

The Commercial Vehicles segment increased its third-quarter operating profit to €0.2 billion, compared with €0.1 billion in the prior year. Although the market remained difficult, the segment succeeded in improving its earnings, largely due to progress with the implementation of the cost cutting and efficiency improvement programs in all its business units. Freightliner in particular was able to realize substantial cost reductions. In addition, the successful launch of the new Actros contributed to increased earnings at Mercedes-Benz Trucks.

Operating profit at Services remained at high level

- For the third quarter of the year 2003, the Services segment posted an operating profit of €0.3 billion, compared with €0.2 billion in Q3 2002. The result for the prior-year quarter included charges totaling €0.1 billion from allowances for doubtful accounts with respect to finance-lease receivables and from impairments of assets under operating leases related to the sale of a portion of the Capital Services portfolio.
- As a result of improving margins and lower funding cost, the operating profit for the period under review remained at a high level. A charge of €0.1 billion was taken in Q3 2003 due to an agreement between Services and Chrysler Group to adjusted rates charged on subsidized financing packages, resulting from the increasingly competitive financing options. Sales incentives in the new-vehicle business led to an unchanged difficult situation in the used-vehicle market, especially in North America. However, due to improved risk management, charges from provisions for risks were reduced compared with the prior-year quarter.

Reconciliation to Operating Profit			
	Q3 03	Q3 03	Q3 02
In millions	US\$	€	€
Income before financial income	1,021	876	1,444
+ Pension and postretirement benefit expenses other than service cost	262	225	(56)
Operating profit (loss) from affiliated and associated companies and financial income (loss) from related			
operating companies	(178)	(153)	130
+ Gains from the sale of operating businesses	-	-	-
+ Miscellaneous items	347	298	21
Operating profit	1,452	1,246	1,539

Q1-3 03	Q1-3 03	Q1-3 02
US \$	€	€
2,587	2,221	3,301
784	673	(213)
77	66	488
-	-	2,640
385	330	85
3,833	3,290	6,301

Operating loss for Other Activities

In the third quarter of this year, the Other Activities realized an operating loss of €0.1 billion, after an operating profit of €0.2 billion in the same quarter of 2002. The main reason for this decrease was the negative contribution to earnings from the Group's equity investment in Mitsubishi Motors (MMC), which was primarily attributed to lower revenues in North America and higher credit and residual value risk provisions in the US financial services business of the MMC Group. MTU Aero Engines reported a marginal operating loss mainly due to restructuring measures and was thus below the prior-year's level. The positive contribution to operating profit delivered by our equity investment in EADS could not reach the prior-year level as a result of increased development expenditures for the A380 Airbus and the general weakness of the airline business.

Reconciliation to operating profit

"Pension and postretirement benefit expenses other than service cost" is the sum of the interest cost, the expected return on plan assets and the amortization of unrecognized net actuarial gains or losses. Operating profit excludes these components of the pension costs, since they are driven by financial factors and do not reflect the operating performance of the segments. The change compared with the prior-year quarter was primarily a result of a declining expected return on plan assets due to stock market losses in the year 2002.

- "Operating profit (loss) from affiliated and associated companies and financial income (loss) from related companies" includes the contributions to earnings from our operating investments, which are reported as component of financial income in the statements of income. These contributions are allocated to the operating profit of the respective segments. In the third quarter of 2003 this resulted in a negative overall contribution to operating profit of €0.2 billion. The decrease compared with the prior-year quarter was primarily the result of a negative contribution to earnings from the Group's equity investment in Mitsubishi Motors.
- "Gains and losses from the sale of operating businesses", which are presented under financial income in the statements of income, are allocated to the respective segments' operating profits.
- Under "Miscellaneous items", income and expenses which do not relate to the operating business are excluded. The increase compared with the third quarter of last year was almost solely due to the settlement of a consolidated class action case, which has been pending in connection with the merger of Daimler-Benz and Chrysler to form DaimlerChrysler AG. In this regard, a charge of €275 million was recognized in the third quarter of 2003. Daimler-Chrysler has applicable insurance policies aggregating €200 million (approximately \$220 million) to which extent it is seeking reimbursement of the settlement payment. Such reimbursement will be recognized into earnings in the period received.

Financial income and net income both negative due to writedown of equity investment in EADS

- The financial loss for the third quarter of this year was €2.2 billion, compared with a financial loss of €0.2 billion in Q3 2002. The substantial decline in financial income was almost solely due to the €2.0 billion non tax deductable write-down of the Group's equity investment in EADS to its fair value at September 30, 2003. Although the Group believes that the value of the EADS investment is still higher than its carrying value, US GAAP and SEC rules require that an investment be written down to its fair value, with a charge taken to earnings, when an impairment in the carrying amount of an investment is considered to be other-than-temporary. The Group's proportionate share of the loss incurred at Mitsubishi Motors also had a negative impact on income from investments, compared with the prior year. Net interest income and other financial income added up to a loss of €0.1 billion at similar level compared to the prior-year period.
- Third-quarter income before income taxes decreased by €2.6 billion to a loss of €1.4 billion. This was primarily due to the aforementioned write-down of the Group's equity investment in EADS, but was also influenced by the other factors described under operating profit and financial income.

For the first nine months of the year 2003, the Group posted a loss before income taxes of €0.1 billion (Q1-Q3 2002: income of €5.7 billion). The figure for the prior year was influenced by major factors (restructuring expenditure at Chrysler Group and Commercial Vehicles, impairment charges on parts of the Capital Services portfolio, the impact of the Argentina crisis on the Services segment, as well as income from the sale of shares in T-Systems ITS and Conti Temic microelectronic) with a net positive effect of €1.6 billion.

Net loss and loss per share for the third quarter of this year amounted to €1.7 billion and €1.63, respectively (Q3 2002: net income of €0.8 billion and earnings per share of €0.77). The writedown of our equity investment in EADS impacted third-quarter net loss and loss per share by €2.0 billion and €1.94, respectively.

For the first nine months of the year 2003, net loss was €1.0 billion and loss per share was €0.94 (Q1-Q3 2002: net income of €4.4 billion and earnings per share of €4.36).

Total assets in the third quarter of 2003 still virtually unchanged

- Compared with December 31, 2002, total assets decreased by €1.9 billion to €185.4 billion. The decline was mainly due to currency translation effects from the continued depreciation of the US dollar against the euro. These currency translation effects were partially offset by higher receivables from financial services, higher inventories and increased trade liabilities. The development of receivables from financial services was primarily caused by reduced sales of finance receivables and a shift from operating lease contracts to sales financing and finance lease contracts. In addition, the higher level of cash and cash equivalents, which was partly attributable to higher customer deposits at DaimlerChrysler Bank, increased total assets. The decrease in financial assets was caused by the impairment of EADS. This impact was partially offset by the acquisition of Mitsubishi Fuso Truck and Bus Corporation.
- Stockholders' equity at September 30, 2003 decreased from €35.0 billion to €33.2 billion. The main reasons for the decrease in stockholder's equity were the Net Loss of €1.0 billion, the dividend distribution of €1.5 billion for 2002 that took place in the second quarter of 2003, as well as negative effects from currency translation. However, these effects were partially offset by unrealized gains from the mark-to-market valuation of the Group's derivative financial instruments.

The equity ratio, as of September 30, 2003 was 17.9%, unchanged compared to December 31, 2002. The equity ratio for the industrial business was 24.4 (December 31, 2002: 24.9)%. For the calculation of both ratios, a proportionate share of a dividend for the fiscal year 2003, which would reduce equity accordingly, was not included.

Statement of cash flows impacted by changes in working capital and by the acquisition of shares in Mitsubishi Fuso Truck and Bus Corporation

- Cash provided by operating activities of €14.1 billion in the first nine months of 2003 was on the same level as in the prior-year period. The decrease of cash inflows from operating results was primarily offset by higher changes in net working capital.
- Cash used for investing activities rose €4.3 billion to €11.9 billion in the period under review. The figure for the respective period of the year 2002 was affected by the proceeds from the sale of shares in T-Systems ITS, while cash outflows in 2003 include cash utilized for the purchase of shares in Mitsubishi Fuso Truck and Bus Corporation. Lower net increases in receivables from financial services and equipment on operating leases partially offset the effects from the sale and acquisition of participations.
- Financing activities provided cash of €0.5 billion. Beside cash inflows from the increase of financial liabilities, financing activities were affected by the payment of the dividend for the 2002 business year in April 2003 (€1.5 billion).
- Cash and cash equivalents with an original maturity of three months or less increased by €2.1 billion to €11.2 billion compared to December 31, 2002. Total liquidity, which also includes investments with a maturity over three months as well as securities, increased from €12.4 billion to €14.7 billion partly due to deposits from direct banking business of DaimlerChrysler Bank.

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Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Statements of Income (Loss) Q3

	Consolidate	Consolidated		Industrial Business		Financial Services	
	Q3 2003	Q3 2003	Q3 2002	Q3 2003	Q3 2002	Q3 2003	Q3 2002
(in millions, except per share amounts)	(Note 1) \$	€	€	€	€	€	€
Revenues	40,294	34,587	36,338	31,116	32,445	3,471	3,893
Cost of sales	(32,423)	(27,831)	(29,283)	(25,114)	(25,953)	(2,717)	(3,330)
Gross margin	7,871	6,756	7,055	6,002	6,492	754	563
Selling, administrative and other expenses	(5,403)	(4,638)	(4,415)	(4,299)	(4,029)	(339)	(386)
Research and development	(1,539)	(1,321)	(1,365)	(1,321)	(1,365)	-	-
Other income	135	116	175	103	154	13	21
Turnaround plan expenses – Chrysler Group	(43)	(37)	(6)	(37)	(6)	-	-
Income before financial expense, net	1,021	876	1,444	448	1,246	428	198
Impairment of investment in EADS	(2,283)	(1,960)		(1,960)	-	-	-
Other financial expense, net	(321)	(275)	(175)	(231)	(174)	(44)	(1)
Financial expense, net	(2,604)	(2,235)	(175)	(2,191)	(174)	(44)	(1)
Income (loss) before income taxes	(1,583)	(1,359)	1,269	(1,743)	1,072	384	197
Income taxes	(337)	(289)	(490)	(135)	(390)	(154)	(100)
Minority interests	(6)	(5)	1	(3)	1	(2)	-
Net income (loss)	(1,926)	(1,653)	780	(1,881)	683	228	97
Earnings (loss) per share							
Basic earnings (loss) per share	(1.90)	(1.63)	0.77	-	-	-	-
Diluted earnings (loss) per share	(1.90)	(1.63)	0.77	-	-	-	-

Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Statements of Income (Loss) Q1-3

	Consolidated		Industrial Bu	isiness	Financial Services		
	Q1-3 2003	Q1-3 2003	Q1-3 2002	Q1-3 2003	Q1-3 2002	Q1-3 2003	Q1-3 2002
(in millions, except per share amounts)	(Note 1) \$	€	€	€	€	€	€
Revenues	119,543	102,612	112,582	92,024	100,776	10,588	11,806
Cost of sales	(96,844)	(83,128)	(91,600)	(74,804)	(81,568)	(8,324)	(10,032)
Gross margin	22,699	19,484	20,982	17,220	19,208	2,264	1,774
Selling, administrative and other expenses	(15,616)	(13,404)	(13,263)	(12,375)	(12,085)	(1,029)	(1,178)
Research and development	(4,964)	(4,261)	(4,226)	(4,261)	(4,226)	-	-
Other income	517	444	502	410	455	34	47
Turnaround plan expenses – Chrysler Group	(49)	(42)	(694)	(42)	(694)	-	-
Income before financial income (expense), net	2,587	2,221	3,301	952	2,658	1,269	643
Impairment of investment in EADS	(2,283)	(1,960)	-	(1,960)	-	-	-
Other financial income (expense), net	(472)	(405)	2,382	(363)	2,395	(42)	(13)
Financial income (expense), net	(2,755)	(2,365)	2,382	(2,323)	2,395	(42)	(13)
Income (loss) before income taxes	(168)	(144)	5,683	(1,371)	5,053	1,227	630
Income taxes	(923)	(792)	(1,121)	(274)	(830)	(518)	(291)
Minority interests	(23)	(20)	(12)	(15)	(10)	(5)	(2)
Income (loss) before cumulative effect of change in accounting principle	(1,114)	(956)	4,550	(1,660)	4,213	704	337
Cumulative effect of change in accounting principle, net of tax	-	-	(159)	-	(124)	_	(35)
Net income (loss)	(1,114)	(956)	4,391	(1,660)	4,089	704	302
Earnings (loss) per share							
Basic earnings (loss) per share							
Income (loss) before cumulative effect of change in accounting principle, net of tax	(1.10)	(0.94)	4.52	_	_	_	_
Cumulative effect of change in accounting principle	-	-	(0.16)	_	_	_	-
Net income (loss)	(1.10)	(0.94)	4.36	_	_	_	_
Diluted earnings (loss) per share	()	()	50				
Income (loss) before cumulative effect of change in accounting principle, net of tax	(1.10)	(0.94)	4.50	_	_	_	_
Cumulative effect of change in accounting principle	-	-	(0.16)	_	_	_	_
Net income (loss)	(1.10)	(0.94)	4.34	_	_	_	_

Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets

	Consolidate	d		Industrial Bu	usiness	Financial Services	
	Sept. 30, 2003 (unaudited)	Sept. 30, 2003 (unaudited)	Dec. 31, 2002	Sept. 30, 2003 (unaudited)	Dec. 31, 2002 (unaudited)	Sept. 30, 2003 (unaudited)	Dec. 31, 2002 (unaudited)
(in millions)	(Note 1) \$	€	€	€	€	€	€
Assets							
Goodwill	2,301	1,975	2,071	1,916	2,009	59	62
Other intangible assets	3,066	2,632	2,855	2,531	2,755	101	100
Property, plant and equipment, net	40,276	34,572	36,269	34,408	36,111	164	158
Investments and long-term financial assets	10,186	8,743	9,291	8,392	8,922	351	369
Equipment on operating leases, net	29,830	25,605	28,243	3,339	3,313	22,266	24,930
Fixed assets	85,659	73,527	78,729	50,586	53,110	22,941	25,619
Inventories	19,285	16,554	15,642	15,314	13,965	1,240	1,677
Trade receivables	7,660	6,575	6,297	6,297	6,005	278	292
Receivables from financial services	61,786	53,035	52,088	2	10	53,033	52,078
Other receivables	18,927	16,247	17,573	10,713	11,159	5,534	6,414
Securities	3,944	3,385	3,293	2,881	2,911	504	382
Cash and cash equivalents	13,158	11,294	9,130	9,564	8,191	1,730	939
Non-fixed assets	124,760	107,090	104,023	44,771	42,241	62,319	61,782
Deferred taxes	4,442	3,813	3,613	3,697	3,496	116	117
Prepaid expenses	1,187	1,019	962	922	866	97	96
Total assets	216,048	185,449	187,327	99,976	99,713	85,473	87,614
Liabilities and stockholders' equity							
Capital stock	3,067	2,633	2,633				
Additional paid-in capital	9,190	7,888	7,819				
Retained earnings	32,248	27,681	30,156				
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(5,861)	(5,031)	(5,604)				
Treasury stock	_	-	_				
Stockholders' equity	38,644	33,171	35,004	24,423	26,384	8,748	8,620
Minority interests	532	457	432	438	414	19	18
Accrued liabilities	50,335	43,206	43,622	42,293	42,619	913	1,003
Financial liabilities	89,103	76,483	79,112	11,398	12,201	65,085	66,911
Trade liabilities	16,724	14,355	12,342	14,161	12,106	194	236
Other liabilities	10,983	9,428	8,843	6,747	6,152	2,681	2,691
Liabilities	116,810	100,266	100,297	32,306	30,459	67,960	69,838
Deferred taxes	3,201	2,748	2,312	(3,871)	(4,425)	6,619	6,737
Deferred income	6,526	5,601	5,660	4,387	4,262	1,214	1,398
Total liabilities	177,404	152,278	152,323	75,553	73,329	76,725	78,994
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	216,048	185,449	187,327	99,976	99,713	85,473	87,614

Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Statements of Changes in Stockholders' Equity

				Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)					
(in millions of €)	Capital stock	Additional paid-in capital	Retained earnings	Cumulative translation adjustment	Available- for-sale securities	Derivative financial instruments	Minimum pension liability	Treasury stock	Total
Balance at January 1, 2002	2,609	7,319	26,441	3,850	61	(337)	(906)	-	39,037
Net income	-	-	4,391	-	-	-	-	-	4,391
Other comprehensive income (loss)	-	-	-	(2,172)	(107)	1,143	5	-	(1,131)
Total comprehensive income									3,260
Stock based compensation	-	39	-	-	-	-	-	-	39
Issuance of shares upon conversion of notes	24	482	_	_	_	_	_	_	506
Purchase of capital stock	-	-	-	-		-	-	30	30
Re-issuance of treasury stock	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(30)	(30)
Dividends	-	-	(1,003)	-	-	-	-	-	(1,003)
Balance at September 30, 2002	2,633	7,840	29,829	1,678	(46)	806	(901)	-	41,839
Balance at January 1, 2003	2,633	7,819	30,156	600	(74)	1,065	(7,195)	-	35,004
Net loss	-	-	(956)	-	-	-	-	-	(956)
Other comprehensive income (loss)	-	-	-	(1,186)	208	1,041	510	-	573
Total comprehensive loss									(383)
Stock based compensation	-	68	-	-	-	-	-	-	68
Issuance of shares upon exercise of options	-	1	_	-	_	-	-	-	1
Purchase of capital stock	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(28)	(28)
Re-issuance of treasury stock	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	28	28
Dividends	-	-	(1,519)	-	-	-	-	-	(1,519)
Balance at September 30, 2003	2,633	7,888	27,681	(586)	134	2,106	(6,685)	-	33,171

Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows

	Consolidated		Industrial Business		Financial Services		
	Q1-3 2003	Q1-3 2003	Q1-3 2002	Q1-3 2003	Q1-3 2002	Q1-3 2003	Q1-3 2002
(in millions)	(Note 1) \$	€	€	€	€	€	€
Net income (loss)	(1,114)	(956)	4,391	(1,660)	4,089	704	302
Income applicable to minority interests	23	20	12	16	10	4	2
Cumulative effect of change in accounting principle	-	-	159	-	124	-	35
Gains on disposals of businesses	(94)	(81)	(2,610)	(81)	(2,610)	-	-
Impairment of investment in EADS	2,283	1,960	-	1,960	-	-	-
Depreciation and amortization of equipment on operating leases	4,914	4,218	5,316	438	273	3,780	5,043
Depreciation and amortization of fixed assets	5,084	4,364	4,601	4,288	4,531	76	70
Change in deferred taxes	(230)	(197)	1,012	(678)	314	481	698
Equity (income) loss from associated companies	247	212	(62)	222	(67)	(10)	5
Change in financial instruments	340	292	(96)	249	(217)	43	121
Gains on disposals of fixed assets/securities	(400)	(343)	(473)	(343)	(473)	-	-
Change in trading securities	45	39	404	44	404	(5)	-
Change in accrued liabilities	2,459	2,111	2,721	2,104	2,606	7	115
Turnaround plan expenses – Chrysler Group	49	42	694	42	694	-	-
Turnaround plan payments – Chrysler Group	(254)	(218)	(394)	(218)	(394)	-	-
Changes in other operating assets and liabilities:							
- Inventories, net	(1,579)	(1,355)	(1,358)	(1,643)	(1,168)	288	(190)
- Trade receivables	(557)	(478)	(902)	(490)	(872)	12	(30)
- Trade liabilities	3,344	2,870	1,434	2,909	1,567	(39)	(133)
- Other assets and liabilities	1,883	1,614	(776)	1,319	(1,290)	295	514
Cash provided by operating activities	16,443	14,114	14,073	8,478	7,521	5,636	6,552
Purchases of fixed assets:	,	,	·	,	·	,	,
- Increase in equipment on operating leases	(13,806)	(11,851)	(13,476)	(3,143)	(3,818)	(8,708)	(9,658)
- Purchases of property, plant and equipment	(5,484)	(4,707)	(4,889)	(4,649)	(4,827)	(58)	(62)
- Purchases of other fixed assets	(248)	(213)	(91)	(166)	(40)	(47)	(51)
Proceeds from disposals of equipment on operating leases	11,168	9,586	12,796	3,576	4,929	6,010	7,867
Proceeds from disposals of fixed assets	323	277	377	253	346	24	31
Payments for investments in businesses	(947)	(813)	(381)	(764)	(368)	(49)	(13)
Proceeds from disposals of businesses	270	232	5,573	185	5,106	47	467
(Increase) decrease in receivables from financial services, net	(4,870)	(4,180)	(7,350)	33	-	(4,213)	(7,350)
(Acquisition) disposition of securities (other than trading), net	(252)	(216)	(94)	(152)	79	(64)	(173)
Change in other cash	38	33	(18)	(38)	(179)	71	161
Cash provided by (used for) investing activities	(13,808)	(11,852)	(7,553)	(4,865)	1,228	(6,987)	(8,781)
Change in financial liabilities (including amounts for commercial paper borrowings, net of € (731) (\$ (852) and € (818) in 2003 and							
2002, respectively)	2,331	2,001	(6,364)	(159)	(6,104)	2,160	(260)
Dividends paid (incl. profit transferred from subsidiaries)	(1,788)	(1,535)	(1,011)	(1,522)	(972)	(13)	(39)
Proceeds from issuance of capital stock (incl. minority interests)	33	28	30	(11)	(116)	39	146
Purchase of treasury stock	(33)	(28)	(30)	(28)	(30)	-	-
Cash provided by (used for) financing activities	543	466	(7,375)	(1,720)	(7,222)	2,186	(153)
Effect of foreign exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents (maturing within 3 months)	(676)	(580)	(983)	(530)	(912)	(50)	(71)
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents (maturing within 3 months)	2,502	2,148	(1,838)	1,363	615	785	(2,453)
Cash and cash equivalents (maturing within 3 months)			,				
At beginning of period	10,602	9,100	10,715	8,161	7,344	939	3,371
At end of period	13,104	11,248	8,877	9,524	7,959	1,724	918

Notes to Unaudited Interim Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements

1. Presentation of Condensed Consolidated Financial **Statements**

The unaudited interim condensed consolidated financial statements ("interim financial statements") of DaimlerChrysler AG and subsidiaries ("DaimlerChrysler" or the "Group") have been prepared in accordance with Accounting Principles Generally Accepted in the United States of America ("U.S. GAAP"). All amounts herein are presented in millions of euros ("€") and, for amounts as of and for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2003, also in millions of U.S. dollars ("\$"), the latter being presented solely for the convenience of the reader, which is converted at the rate of €1= \$1.1650, the Noon Buying Rate of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York on September 30, 2003.

Certain prior period amounts have been reclassified to conform to the current period presentation.

All significant intercompany accounts and transactions have been eliminated. In the opinion of management, the interim financial statements reflect all adjustments (consisting only of normal recurring adjustments) necessary for a fair presentation of the financial position, results of operations and cash flows of the Group for the periods presented. Operating results for the interim periods presented are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be expected for any future period or the full fiscal year. The interim financial statements should be read in conjunction with the December 31, 2002 audited consolidated financial statements and notes thereto included in DaimlerChrysler's 2002 Annual Report and its Form 20-F which was filed with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission on February 20, 2003.

The preparation of the financial statements in conformity with U.S. GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts recorded in the interim financial statements and accompanying notes. Actual amounts could differ from those estimates.

Commercial practices with respect to the products manufactured by DaimlerChrysler necessitate that sales financing, including leasing alternatives, be made available to the Group's customers. Accordingly, the Group's consolidated financial statements are also significantly influenced by activities of the financial services business. To enhance the readers' understanding of the Group's interim financial statements, the accompanying financial statements present, in addition to the interim financial statements, information with respect to the financial position, results of operations and cash flows of the Group's industrial and financial services business activities. Such information, however, is not required by U.S. GAAP and is not intended to, and does not represent the separate U.S. GAAP financial position, results of operations or cash flows of

the Group's industrial or financial services business activities. Transactions between the Group's industrial and financial businesses principally represent intercompany sales of products, intercompany borrowings and related interest, and other support under special vehicle financing programs. The effects of transactions between the industrial and financial services businesses have been eliminated within the industrial business columns.

In November 2002, the Emerging Issues Task Force ("EITF") reached a final consensus on EITF 00-21, "Revenue Arrangements with Multiple Deliverables." The scope provisions of EITF 00-21 were slightly modified in May 2003. EITF 00-21 addresses certain aspects of the accounting of revenue arrangements with multiple deliverables by a vendor. EITF 00-21 outlines an approach to determine when a revenue arrangement that contains multiple deliverables should be divided into separate units of accounting and, if separation is appropriate, how the arrangement consideration should be allocated to the identified accounting units. EITF 00-21 became effective for DaimlerChrysler in its financial statements beginning July 1, 2003 and DaimlerChrysler applied the consensus prospectively to all transactions occurring after June 30, 2003. The adoption of EITF 00-21 did not have a significant impact on the Group's consolidated financial statements.

In November 2002, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") issued FASB Interpretation No. ("FIN") 45, "Guarantor's Accounting and Disclosure Requirements for Guarantees, Including Indirect Guarantees of Indebtedness of Others - an interpretation of FASB Statements No. 5, 57, and 107 and rescission of FASB Interpretation No. 34." FIN 45 elaborates on the disclosures to be made by a guarantor in its financial statements regarding obligations under certain guarantees that it has issued. FIN 45 also clarifies that a guarantor is required to recognize, at inception of a guarantee, a liability for the fair value of the non-contingent portion of the obligation due to the issuance of the guarantee or, if higher, a probable loss under Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. ("SFAS") 5, "Accounting for Contingencies." Disclosure requirements are effective for financial statements of interim and annual periods ending after December 15, 2002. The recognition and measurement provisions are effective for guarantees issued or modified after December 31, 2002.

DaimlerChrysler determines fair value of the non-contingent portion of guarantees issued primarily based on market information including third party offers. In the absence of reliable market information, the Group uses the present value of expected future cash flows. The offsetting entry made at the initial recognition of a guarantee liability depends on the nature of the guarantee, but generally would be to expense. A sys-

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tematic and rational method for subsequent measurement of the liability is determined in connection with information developed for initial measurement except for changes in the liability due to losses recognized under SFAS 5. DaimlerChrysler adopted the disclosure requirements in its 2002 consolidated financial statements. DaimlerChrysler adopted the recognition and measurement provisions prospectively beginning January 1, 2003 without significant impact on the Group's consolidated financial statements.

In December 2002, the FASB issued SFAS 148, "Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation - Transition and Disclosure an amendment of FASB Statement No. 123." SFAS 148 amends SFAS 123, "Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation," to provide alternative methods of transition for a voluntary change to the fair value based method of accounting for stock-based employee compensation. In addition, SFAS 148 requires disclosures in both interim and annual financial statements of the method of accounting used for stock-based employee compensation and the effect of the method used on reported results (see Note 12).

During the second quarter of 2003, DaimlerChrysler adopted the fair value recognition provisions of SFAS 123 prospectively to all employee awards granted, modified, or settled after January 1, 2003. Compensation expense for all awards granted prospectively from December 31, 2002 will be measured at the grant date based on the fair value of the equity award using a modified Black-Scholes option-pricing model. Compensation expense will be recognized over the employee service period with an offsetting credit to equity (paid-in capital). DaimlerChrysler options granted prior to January 1, 2003, will continue to be accounted for using the intrinsic value based approach under Accounting Principles Board Opinion No. ("APB") 25, "Accounting for Stock Issued to Employees" and related Interpretations. Compensation expense under APB 25 was measured at the grant date based on the difference between the strike price of the equity award and the fair value of the underlying stock as of the date of grant. The adoption of the fair value based method for awards granted in April 2003 resulted in additional compensation expense in the Group's statement of income (loss) of €12.3 million for the three month period ended September 30, 2003, (€7.5 million, net of taxes, or €0.01 per share, respectively) and €25.1 million (€15.4 million, net of taxes, or €0.02 per share, respectively) for the nine month period ended September 30, 2003. Note 12 includes a table that illustrates the effect on net income and earnings per share if the fair value based method had been applied to all outstanding and unvested awards in each period.

In January 2003, the FASB issued FIN 46, "Consolidation of Variable Interest Entities - an interpretation of ARB No. 51," which clarifies the application of the consolidation rules to certain variable interest entities. FIN 46 established a new multistep model for the consolidation of variable interest entities when a company has a controlling financial interest based either on voting interests or variable interests. Consolidation based on variable interests is required by the primary beneficiary if the equity investors lack essential characteristics of a controlling financial interest or if the equity investment at risk is not sufficient for the entity to finance its activities without additional subordinated financial support from other parties. FIN 46 also provides disclosure requirements related to significant investments in variable interest entities, whether or not those entities are consolidated.

On October 9, 2003, the FASB issued FASB Staff Position FIN 46-6 ("FSP FIN 46-6"), "Effective Date of FASB Interpretation No. 46, Consolidation of Variable Interest Entities." FSP FIN 46-6 defers the effective date for applying the provisions of FIN 46 for interests held by public entities in variable interest entities or potential variable interest entities created before February 1, 2003. Therefore, for all potential variable interest entities created prior to February 1, 2003, Daimler-Chrysler decided to adopt FIN 46 as of December 31, 2003. DaimlerChrysler is required to apply FIN 46 immediately for variable interest entities created subsequent to January 31, 2003, however, there were no significant variable interest entities created after this date that were required to be consolidated by DaimlerChrysler. See Note 2 for further information about the expected impact of FIN 46 on the DaimlerChrysler

In March 2003, the EITF reached consensuses on the remaining issues of EITF 02-9, "Accounting for Changes That Result in a Transferor Regaining Control of Financial Assets Sold." EITF 02-9 requires the transferor to recognize at fair value financial assets previously sold when control over the financial assets is regained as if the transferor had repurchased the assets, together with a corresponding liability to the transferee. Gain or loss recognition by the transferor will be precluded if control is regained over assets sold. EITF 02-9 also applies to any beneficial interest or to qualifying special purpose entities that become non-qualifying. Servicing assets or liabilities and other retained interests continue to be accounted for separately. Loan loss allowances may not be recognized as of the repurchase date. EITF 02-9 is applicable for changes occurring after April 2, 2003, that result in the transferor regaining control over financial assets previously sold. The application of EITF 02-9 did not have a material effect on the Group's consolidated financial statements.

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In April 2003, the FASB issued SFAS 149, "Amendment of Statement 133 on Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities." The Statement amends and clarifies accounting for derivative instruments and hedging activities under SFAS 133, "Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities." SFAS 149 is generally effective for contracts entered into or modified after June 30, 2003. However, the provisions of SFAS 149 that relate to SFAS 133 Implementation Issues that have been effective for fiscal quarters that began prior to June 15, 2003, shall continue to be applied in accordance with their respective effective dates. The application of SFAS 149 did not have a significant impact on the Group's consolidated financial statements.

In May 2003, the FASB issued SFAS 150, "Accounting for Certain Financial Instruments with Characteristics of both Liabilities and Equity." SFAS 150 amends the accounting and classification for certain financial instruments, such as those used in most stock buy-back programs that previously were accounted for and classified as equity. SFAS 150 requires that certain types of freestanding financial instruments that have characteristics of both liabilities and equity be classified as liabilities with, in most cases, changes in fair value flowing through the income statement. SFAS 150 could affect companies' ratios, performance measures and certain stock buy-back programs. DaimlerChrysler applies the provisions of SFAS 150 to all financial instruments entered into or modified after May 31, 2003. The adoption of SFAS 150 did not have an impact on the Group's consolidated financial statements.

In May 2003, the EITF reached a consensus on EITF 01-8, "Determining Whether an Arrangement Contains a Lease." EITF 01-8 clarifies certain provisions of SFAS 13, "Accounting for Leases," with respect to the identification of lease elements in arrangements that do not explicitly include lease provisions. Any lease element identified under the model of EITF 01-8 should be accounted for under current lease accounting literature. EITF 01-8 should be applied prospectively for lessees and lessors to arrangements newly agreed to, modified, or acquired in a business combination beginning with the first reporting period after May 28, 2003. DaimlerChrysler applied the provisions of EITF 01-8 beginning July 1, 2003. Initial adoption of EITF 01-8 did not have a significant impact on the Group's consolidated financial statements.

2. Potential Variable Interest Entities

As described in Note 1, for all potential variable interest entities created prior to February 1, 2003, DaimlerChrysler decided to adopt FIN 46 as of December 31, 2003. The initial impact of the adoption of FIN 46 for these entities will be reflected as the cumulative effect of a change in accounting

principle in DaimlerChrysler's December 31, 2003 consolidated statement of income. The implementation of FIN 46 for potential variable interest entities created prior to February 1, 2003, is expected to have the following impact on the Group's consolidated financial statements:

Leasing Arrangements

DaimlerChrysler identified several leasing arrangements that were previously off-balance-sheet and will be required to be consolidated under FIN 46. Under these arrangements, variable interest entities were established and owned by third parties. The variable interest entities raised funds by issuing either debt or equity securities to third party investors. The variable interest entities used the debt and equity proceeds to purchase property and equipment, which is leased by the Group and used in the normal course of business. At the end of the lease term, DaimlerChrysler generally has the option to purchase the property and equipment or re-lease the property and equipment under new terms. DaimlerChrysler will begin to consolidate these variable interest entities on December 31, 2003. The entities that have been identified for consolidation in accordance with FIN 46 have total assets and liabilities of approximately €500 million. The assets consist primarily of property, plant and equipment that generally serves as collateral for the entities' long-term borrowings and represents the Group's maximum exposure to loss as a result of its involvement with these entities. The creditors of these entities do not have recourse to the general credit of the Group, except to the extent of guarantees provided.

Arrangements with Bank Conduits

DaimlerChrysler sells automotive receivables to multi-seller and multi-collateralized bank conduits, which are considered variable interest entities, in the ordinary course of business. A bank conduit generally receive substantially all of its funding from issuing asset-backed securities that are cross collateralized by the assets held by the entity. DaimlerChrysler generally remains as servicer. DaimlerChrysler also retains residual beneficial interests in the receivables sold, which are designed to absorb substantially all of the credit, prepayment, and interest-rate risk of the receivables transferred to the conduits. Although its interest in these variable interest entities is significant, DaimlerChrysler has concluded that it is not the primary beneficiary of these bank conduits and therefore is not required to consolidate them under FIN 46. The outstanding balance of receivables sold to conduits and the corresponding retained interest balance as of September 30, 2003, are approximately €5.4 billion and €1.0 billion, respectively, which represents the Group's maximum exposure to loss as a result of its involvement with these variable interest entities.

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Significant Interests in Associated Companies

As described in more detail in Note 4 to the Group's 2002 annual consolidated financial statements, DaimlerChrysler first invested in Mitsubishi Motors Corporation ("MMC") in October 2000 and later increased its equity investment in June 2001. DaimlerChrysler is currently MMC's largest shareholder. MMC is a global company headquartered in Japan whose activities consist principally of development, design, manufacture, assembly, sales and purchase, importing and other transactions (including financing) relating to automobiles and to component parts and replacement parts. Approximately 30% of MMC outstanding common shares are publicly traded. Summary US GAAP financial information for MMC as of December 31, 2002 and 2001 is included in Note 3 to the Group's 2002 annual consolidated financial statements. DaimlerChrysler's involvement with MMC is comprised of its 37% equity ownership that is currently included in the Group's consolidated financial statements using the equity method of accounting, its shared ownership interests in Mitsubishi Fuso Truck and Bus Corporation ("MFTBC"), as well as other interests through various joint venture and similar arrangements, and technology sharing arrangements. DaimlerChrysler believes that its maximum exposure to loss as a result of its involvement with MMC is not unlimited, but could extend beyond the carrying value of its investments in MMC, which was €1.1 billion at September 30, 2003. DaimlerChrysler is currently evaluating the effects of the issuance of FIN 46 on the accounting for its interests in MMC.

In November 1995, DaimlerChrysler assumed a 45% equity ownership interest in debis AirFinance ("dAF"), an Amsterdam registered Private Limited Liability Company that was established for purposes of leasing aircraft and related technical equipment to airlines and financial intermediaries. Several banks hold the remaining ownership interests in dAF. dAF's consolidated total assets, financial liabilities, total liabilities, and net shareholders' equity at September 30, 2003 were €2.9 billion, €2.0 billion, €2.8 billion and €0.1 billion, respectively. dAF's consolidated revenues for the three-month period ending September 30, 2003, were €0.1 billion. DaimlerChrysler's involvement with dAF includes primarily its equity interest that is included in the Group's consolidated financial statements using the equity method of accounting, and also subordinated loans receivable and unsecured loans that have been provided to dAF. DaimlerChrysler believes that its maximum exposure to loss as a result of its involvement with dAF is primarily limited to the carrying value of its total investments (including loans) in dAF, which was €0.6 billion at September 30, 2003. DaimlerChrysler is currently evaluating the effects of the issuance of FIN 46 on the accounting for its interests in dAF.

In September 2002, DaimlerChrysler, Deutsche Telekom AG ("Deutsche Telekom"), and Compagnie Financiere et Industrielle des Autoroutes S.A. ("Cofiroute") entered into an agreement with the Federal Republic of Germany to develop and operate a toll collection system for the use of German roadways by certain commercial vehicles. These activities are conducted through the operating entity Toll Collect GmbH ("Toll Collect"), for which DaimlerChrysler has a 45% equity ownership interest. Deutsche Telekom also holds a 45% equity ownership interest and Cofiroute holds the remaining 10% equity ownership interest in Toll Collect. Toll Collect's total assets, financial liabilities, total liabilities, and net shareholders' equity at September 30, 2003 were €0.6 billion, €0.5 billion, €0.6 billion and €7 million, respectively. DaimlerChrysler's involvement with Toll Collect includes its equity interest that is included in the Group's consolidated financial statements using the equity method of accounting, receivables from cost transfers and certain guarantees. DaimlerChrysler believes its maximum exposure to loss as a result of its involvement with Toll Collect could extend beyond the carrying value of its investments in Toll Collect, including receivables from cost transfers, which together aggregated €121 million at September 30, 2003, because of the risks associated with certain guarantees that are described in more detail in Note 17. DaimlerChrysler is currently evaluating the effects of the issuance of FIN 46 on the accounting for its interests in Toll Collect, but does not expect that it will be required to consolidate Toll Collect as of December 31, 2003.

Other Significant Interests in Investments, Dealerships, and **Executory Contracts**

DaimlerChrysler has equity or other interests in entities that were created prior to February 1, 2003, including investments fully consolidated, accounted for under the equity method or cost method of accounting, dealerships, suppliers, and service providers. Entities in which DaimlerChrysler does not hold any voting equity interests, including most dealerships, suppliers or service providers, are generally not included in the Group's consolidated financial statements. Substantially all of these entities are substantive operating businesses and were not created for special or limited purposes. Due to the number of entities and the varying nature of the Group's involvement, DaimlerChrysler has not yet finalized its evaluation to determine if any of these entities would need to be consolidated or de-consolidated under FIN 46. Except to the extent of guarantees provided by the Group, DaimlerChrysler believes that any additional liabilities recognized as a result of consolidating under FIN 46 any previously unconsolidated entities would not represent additional claims on the Group's general assets;

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rather, they would represent claims against the additional assets recognized as a result of consolidating these entities. Conversely, DaimlerChrysler believes additional assets recognized as a result of consolidating under FIN 46 any previously unconsolidated entities would not represent additional assets that could be used to satisfy claims against the Group's general assets.

Individual associated companies included in the Group's consolidated financial statements using the equity method are also subject to the requirements of FIN 46 at the investee level. These associated companies are currently evaluating whether they are the primary beneficiary of certain variable interest entities created prior to February 1, 2003, and therefore would be required to consolidate them as of December 31, 2003. DaimlerChrysler accounts for its equity in the earnings and losses of certain associated companies such as EADS, MMC, and MFTBC on a three-month lag. The initial impact, if any, of adoption of FIN 46 at the investee level for these associated companies will be recognized as the cumulative effect of a change in accounting principle in the Group's consolidated statement of income for the three-month period ending March 31, 2004. Otherwise, the initial impact, if any, of adoption of FIN 46 at the investee level for associated companies not accounted for on a three-month lag will be recognized as the cumulative effect of a change in accounting principle in the Group's December 31, 2003 consolidated statement of income.

3. Turnaround Plan for the Chrysler Group

The DaimlerChrysler Supervisory Board approved a multi-year turnaround plan for the Chrysler Group in 2001. Key initiatives for the turnaround plan over the period 2001 through 2003 include a workforce reduction and an elimination of excess capacity. The workforce reduction affected represented and non-represented hourly and salary employees. To eliminate excess capacity, the Chrysler Group has or is in the process of idling, closing or disposing of certain manufacturing plants, eliminating shifts and reducing line speeds at certain manufacturing facilities, and adjusting volumes at component, stamping and powertrain facilities.

The net charges recorded for the plan in the year ended December 31, 2001 were €3,064 million (€1,934 million net of taxes), including €1,374 million related to workforce reductions, €984 million related to asset write-downs and €706 million related to other costs.

The charges recorded for the plan in the nine months ended September 30, 2002 were €694 million (€447 million net of taxes) and are presented as a separate line item on the accompanying consolidated statements of income (loss) (€689

million and €5 million would have otherwise been reflected in cost of sales and selling, administrative and other expenses, respectively). These additional charges and adjustments were for costs associated with the idling, closing or disposal of certain manufacturing facilities in 2002 and 2003 and ongoing workforce reduction measures as well as revisions of estimates based upon information currently available or actual settlements.

The charges recorded for the plan in the nine months ended September 30, 2003 were €42 million (€21 million net of taxes) and are presented as a separate line item on the accompanying consolidated statements of income (loss) (€30 million and €11 million would have otherwise been reflected in cost of sales and selling, administrative and other expenses, respectively). These additional charges and adjustments were recorded for workforce reductions and facility deactivation costs.

The pre-tax amounts for turnaround plan charges are comprised of the following:

		Asset		
	Workforce	write-	Others	
(in millions of €)	reductions	downs	costs	Tota
Reserve balance				
at January 1, 2002	506	-	510	1,016
Additional charges	353	267	87	707
Adjustments	(6)	17	(30)	(19)
Net charges	347	284	57	688
Payments	(133)	-	(123)	(256)
Amount charged				
against assets	_	(284)	_	(284)
Amount recognized by				
and transferred to the				
employee benefit plans	(48)	-	-	(48)
Currency trans-				
lation adjustments	(70)	-	(49)	(119)
Reserve balance				
at June 30, 2002	602	-	395	997
Additional charges	-	-	12	12
Adjustments	(17)	-	11	(6)
Net charges	(17)	-	23	6
Payments	(98)	-	(40)	(138)
Amount charged				
against assets	-	-	(1)	(1)
Amount recognized by				
and transferred to the				
employee benefit plans	(50)	-	-	(50)
Currency trans-				
lation adjustments	1	-	(2)	(1)
Reserve balance				
at September 30, 2002	438	-	375	813

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		Asset		
	Workforce	write-	Others	
(in millions of €)	reductions	downs	costs	Total
Additional charges	-	2	-	2
Adjustments	(18)	13	3	(2)
Net charges	(18)	15	3	-
Payments	(66)	-	(52)	(118)
Amount charged against assets	-	(15)	(5)	(20)
Amount recognized by and transferred to the employee benefit plans	(54)	-	-	(54)
Currency trans- lation adjustment	(20)	-	(16)	(36)
Reserve balance at December 31, 2002	280	-	305	585
Additional charges	26	-	_	26
Adjustments	5	-	(26)	(21)
Net charges	31	-	(26)	5
Payments	(73)	-	(99)	(172)
Amount charged against assets	-	-	(2)	(2)
Amount recognized by and transferred to the employee benefit plans	(47)	-	-	(47)
Currency trans- lation adjustment	(12)	-	(18)	(30)
Reserve balance at June 30, 2003	179	-	160	339
Additional charges	23	-	12	35
Adjustments	1	-	1	2
Net charges	24	-	13	37
Payments	(34)		(12)	(46)
Currency trans- lation adjustment	(2)	-	(6)	(8)
Reserve balance at September 30, 2003	167	-	155	322

Workforce reduction charges during the nine months ended September 30, 2003 and 2002, relate to involuntary severance benefits (€74 million and €215 million, respectively) and early retirement incentive programs (€(19) million and €115 million, respectively). The voluntary early retirement programs, accepted by 791 and 1,985 employees during the nine months ended September 30, 2003 and 2002, respectively, are formula driven based on salary levels, age and past service. In addition, 304 and 3,589 employees were involuntarily affected by the plan during the nine months ended September 30, 2003 and 2002, respectively. The amount of involuntary severance benefits paid and charged against the liability during the nine months ended September 30, 2003 and 2002 was €12 million and €151 million, respectively. The amount recognized by and transferred to the employee benefit plans represents the cost of the special early retirement programs and the curtailment of prior service costs actuarially recognized by the pension and postretirement health and life insurance benefit plans.

As a result of the planned idling, closing or disposal of certain manufacturing facilities, the ability to recover the carrying values of certain long-lived assets at these plants were determined to be impaired. Accordingly, the Chrysler Group recorded impairment charges of €284 million in the nine months ended September 30, 2002. The impairment charges represent the amount by which the carrying values of the property, plant, equipment and tooling exceeded their respective fair market values as determined by third party appraisals or comparative market analyses developed by the Chrysler Group.

Other costs primarily include supplier contract cancellation costs.

The Chrysler Group sold the Dayton Thermal Products facility on May 1, 2002, to a joint venture company with Behr America, Inc. and will maintain a minority interest for two years. In addition, the Chrysler Group sold the Graz, Austria, plant to Magna International Inc. on July 12, 2002. The exit costs of these two plant sales were previously provided for in the turnaround plan charges.

The Chrysler Group may recognize additional restructuring costs in the remaining three months of 2003 primarily relating to the divestiture of selected assets. The Chrysler Group expects cash payments of \$0.4 billion in 2003 for the previously recorded charges.

4. Impairment of Investment in EADS

At September 30, 2003, the carrying value of the Group's investment in EADS approximated €5.5 billion and its fair value (based on quoted market price) approximated €3.5 billion. U.S. GAAP and SEC rules require that an investment be written down to its fair value, with a charge taken to earnings, when an impairment in the carrying amount of an investment is considered to be other-than-temporary. As of September 30, 2003, the quoted market value of the investment in EADS was significantly below its carrying value for a sustained period of time. Accordingly, DaimlerChrysler recognized an impairment charge of approximately €1.96 billion in the Group's consolidated statement of income (loss) on September 30, 2003, to write-down its investment in EADS to its quoted market value on that date.

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5. Cumulative Effect of Change in Accounting Principle

Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets. DaimlerChrysler adopted SFAS 142 on January 1, 2002. The transitional goodwill impairment evaluation and the recognition of the transition impairment charge of €159 million (€0.16 per share) were completed in December 2002. However, because this transitional impairment charge relates to goodwill existing as of January 1, 2002, the cumulative effect of the change in accounting principle was recorded retroactively to DaimlerChrysler's first quarter 2002 consolidated financial statements.

6. Acquisitions and Dispositions

In the fourth quarter of 2002, DaimlerChrysler entered into an agreement to sell a controlling (51%) interest in VM Motori S.p.A., a wholly-owned subsidiary of DaimlerChrysler. The execution and closing of this transaction is still pending as of September 30, 2003. Accordingly, €109 million of total assets and €91 million total liabilities have been classified as held for sale at September 30, 2003. Once the sale is complete, Daimler-Chrysler expects to account for its remaining 49% interest in VM Motori S.p.A. using the equity method.

On March 14, 2003, DaimlerChrysler acquired from Mitsubishi Motors Corporation ("MMC") a 43% non-controlling interest of Mitsubishi Fuso Truck and Bus Corporation ("MFTBC") for approximately €710 million in cash, of which €674 million was paid in the first quarter of 2003. The total purchase price is subject to a post-closing adjustment specified in an agreement between DaimlerChrysler and MMC. Due to favorable euro-toyen exchange rate fluctuations since the announcement of the transaction, the purchase price is expected to be approximately €50 million less than the initially planned €760 million. Currently, approximately €30 million of the purchase price has been allocated preliminarily to investor-level goodwill (see Note 7). DaimlerChrysler accounts for its investment in MFTBC using the equity method. Because DaimlerChrysler is unable to obtain U.S. GAAP information on a timely basis from MFTBC, the Group includes its proportionate share of MFTBC's results of operations on a three month lag. Such results are included in the Group's Commercial Vehicles segment beginning as of April 1, 2003. Also, on March 14, 2003, ten Mitsubishi Group companies, including Mitsubishi Corporation, Mitsubishi Heavy Industries and Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi, entered into a separate share sale and purchase agreement with MMC pursuant to which they purchased from MMC a total minority interest of 15% of MFTBC's shares for approximately €245 million in cash, subject to a post-closing adjustment. As a result of the transactions described above, MMC now retains a 42% noncontrolling interest in MFTBC.

In December 2002, DaimlerChrysler exercised its option to acquire 50% of the commercial vehicle business of Hyundai Motor Company ("HMC") for approximately €400 million in cash. DaimlerChrysler originally expected to consummate the transaction by the end of February 2003. Due to ongoing negotiations between HMC and the labor unions, DaimlerChrysler now expects the transaction to be completed by the end of 2003 based primarily on its original terms.

7. Goodwill

During the nine months ended September 30, 2003, goodwill of €53 million was recorded in connection with the acquisition of dealerships in Europe and €16 million was recorded in connection with certain other acquisitions, each of which were immaterial individually and in the aggregate. The remaining changes in the carrying amount of goodwill primarily relate to currency translation adjustments.

As of September 30, 2003, goodwill relates to Mercedes Car Group (€143 million), Chrysler Group (€1,049 million), Commercial Vehicles (€670 million), Services (€59 million) and Other Activities (€54 million).

DaimlerChrysler's investor-level goodwill in companies accounted for using the equity method was €572 million at September 30, 2003. Such goodwill is not subject to the impairment tests required by SFAS 142. Instead, the total investment, including investor-level goodwill, will continue to be evaluated for impairment when conditions indicate that a decline in fair value of the investment below the carrying amount is other than temporary. Investor-level goodwill currently includes €30 million recorded in connection with the purchase of a 43% interest in MFTBC (see Note 6). As of September 30, 2003, valuations to determine the fair values of certain intangible assets of MFTBC had not yet been finalized. Consequently, the purchase price allocation is preliminary and currently assumes that the entire excess purchase price over DaimlerChrysler's proportionate share of the net assets acquired of €30 million represents investor-level goodwill. The amount currently assigned to investor-level goodwill is subject to change once the determination of a post-closing adjustment, if any, is finalized and the fair values are established for certain intangible and tangible assets and any related deferred tax effects. DaimlerChrysler believes that the effects of these purchase price allocation adjustments will not have a material impact on its consolidated net income.

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8. Other Intangible Assets

Other intangible assets comprise:

(in millions of €)	At Sept. 30, 2003	At Dec. 31, 2002
Other intangible assets subject to amortization		
Gross carrying amount	1,087	1,036
Accumulated amortization	(709)	(634)
Net carrying amount	378	402
Other intangible assets not subject to amortization	2,254	2,453
	2,632	2,855

DaimlerChrysler's other intangible assets subject to amortization primarily represent software. During the nine months ended September 30, 2003, additions of €130 million were recognized, primarily relating to software. The aggregate amortization expense for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2003, was €54 million and €124 million, respectively, and for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2002, €38 million and €120 million, respectively.

Amortization expense for the gross carrying amount of other intangible assets at September 30, 2003, is estimated to be €37 million for the remainder of 2003 and, for each of the next five years, is estimated to be, €115 million in 2004, €74 million in 2005, €39 million in 2006, €24 million in 2007 and €14 million in 2008.

Other intangible assets not subject to amortization represent intangible pension assets.

9. Inventories

Inventories are comprised of the following:

(in millions of €)	At Sept. 30, 2003	At Dec. 31, 2002
Raw materials and manufacturing supplies	1,934	1,900
Work-in-process	3,019	2,693
Finished goods, parts and products held for resale	12,162	11,567
Advance payments to suppliers	72	63
	17,187	16,223
Less: Advance payments received	(633)	(581)
·	16,554	15,642

10. Cash and Cash Equivalents

As of September 30, 2003 and December 31, 2002, cash and cash equivalents include €46 million and €30 million, respectively, of deposits with original maturities of more than three months.

11. Stockholders' Equity

During the nine-month period ended September 30, 2003, DaimlerChrysler purchased approximately 1.0 million of its Ordinary Shares for €28.3 million and re-issued these shares for €28.2 million in connection with an employee share purchase plan.

Under the German Stock Corporation Law (Aktiengesetz), the amount of dividends available for distribution to shareholders is based upon the unappropriated accumulated earnings of DaimlerChrysler AG (parent company only) as reported in its statutory financial statements determined in accordance with the German Commercial Code (Handelsgesetzbuch). For the year ended December 31, 2002, DaimlerChrysler AG made a distribution of €1,519 million (€1.50 per share). The dividend was paid on April 10, 2003 to investors owning DaimlerChrys-Ier shares on April 9, 2003.

On April 9, 2003, the annual meeting authorized the Board of Management through April 8, 2008, upon approval of the Supervisory Board, to increase capital stock by issuing new, no par value registered shares in exchange for cash contributions totaling €500 million as well as by issuing new, no par value registered shares in exchange for non-cash contributions totaling €500 million and to increase capital stock by issuing Ordinary Shares to employees totaling €26 million. In addition, DaimlerChrysler AG is authorized through October 9, 2004, to acquire treasury stock for certain defined purposes up to a maximum nominal amount of €263 million of capital stock, representing approximately 10% of issued and outstanding capital stock.

During 1996, DaimlerChrysler Luxembourg Capital S.A., a wholly-owned subsidiary of DaimlerChrysler, issued 4.125% bearer notes with appertaining warrants due July 5, 2003, in the amount of €613 million (with nominal value of €511 each), which entitled the bond holders to subscribe for a total of 12,366,324 shares (7,728,048 of which represents newly issued shares totaling €383 million) of DaimlerChrysler. According to the note agreements the option price per share was €42.67 in consideration of exchange of the notes or €44.49 in cash. In the first six months of 2003, 20,698 options for the subscription of newly issued DaimlerChrysler Ordinary Shares were exercised. The repayment for the remaining options was made on July 5, 2003.

Total comprehensive income (loss) of the Group for the three-month periods ended September 30, 2003 and 2002, was €(1,542) and €1,225 million, respectively.

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12. Stock-Based Compensation

In April 2000, the Group's shareholders approved the DaimlerChrysler Stock Option Plan 2000, which provides for the granting of stock options for the purchase of DaimlerChrysler Ordinary Shares to eligible employees. Options granted under the Stock Option Plan 2000 are exercisable at a reference price per DaimlerChrysler Ordinary Share determined in advance plus a 20% premium. The options become exercisable in equal installments on the second and third anniversaries from the date of grant. All unexercised options expire ten years from the date of grant. If the market price per DaimlerChrysler Ordinary Share on the date of exercise is at least 20% higher than the reference price, the holder is entitled to receive a cash payment equal to the original exercise premium of 20%.

In May 2000, certain shareholders challenged the approval of the Stock Option Plan 2000 at the stockholders' meeting on April 19, 2000. In October 2000, the Stuttgart District Court (Landgericht Stuttgart) dismissed the case and the Stuttgart Court of Appeals (Oberlandesgericht Stuttgart) dismissed an appeal in June 2001. The shareholders appealed the decision of the Stuttgart Court of Appeals to the Federal Supreme Court (Bundesgerichtshof) in July 2001. In March 2002, the Federal Supreme Court decided not to admit the appeal. In April 2002, a constitutional appeal was filed against this decision. After that the Federal Constitutional Court (Bundesverfassungsgericht) decided in May 2003 not to admit the constitutional appeal.

During the nine months ended September 30, 2003, the Group issued 20.5 million new options at a reference price of €28.67 to eligible employees.

The following table illustrates the rollforward of the stock options granted to the management during the nine-month period ended September 30:

Nin	Nine months ended September 30				
	2003	2002			
(in millions of stock options)					
Outstanding as of January 1	53.1	33.6			
Granted	20.5	20.0			
Forfeited	(1.5)	(0.2)			
Outstanding as of September 30	72.1	53.4			
Exercisable as of September 30	23.8	7.6			

As discussed in Note 1, DaimlerChrysler adopted the provisions of SFAS 123 prospectively to all awards granted after December 31, 2002. Awards granted in previous periods will continue to be accounted for using the provisions of APB 25 and related Interpretations. The fair value of DaimlerChrysler stock options issued in 2003 was calculated at the grant date with a modified Black-Scholes option pricing model, which considers the terms of issuance.

The cost related to stock based employee compensation included in the determination of the net loss for the three and nine month periods ended September 30, 2003, is less than that which would have been recognized if the fair value based method had been applied to all awards since the original effective date of Statement 123. The following underlying assumptions were used in calculating the fair value of DaimlerChrysler stock options granted in 2003: expected dividend yield: 5.6%; expected volatility: 35.0%; risk free interest rate: 2.9%; and expected life: 3 years. The total fair value of DaimlerChrysler stock options granted in 2003 was €123 million (€6.00 per

The following table illustrates the effect on net income (loss) and earnings (loss) per share for the three-month periods ended September 30, 2003 and 2002, as if the fair value method of SFAS 123 had been applied to all outstanding and unvested stock options when they were issued.

Three i	months ended : 2003	September 30, 2002
Net income (loss) (in millions of €):		
Net income (loss)	(1,653)	780
Add: Stock-based employee compensation expense included in reported net income, net of related tax effects	18	6
Deduct: Stock-based employee compensation expense determined under fair value based method for all awards, net of related tax effects	(35)	(37)
Pro forma net income (loss)	(1,670)	749
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Earnings (loss) per share (in €):		
Basic	(1.63)	0.77
Basic - pro forma	(1.65)	0.74
Diluted	(1.63)	0.77
Diluted - pro forma	(1.65)	0.74

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The following table illustrates the effect on net income (loss) and earnings (loss) per share for the nine-month periods ended September 30, 2003 and 2002, as if the fair value method of SFAS 123 had been applied to all outstanding and unvested stock options when they were issued.

Nine i	months ended 2003	September 30, 2002
Net income (loss) (in millions of €):	2000	
Net income (loss), as reported before cumulative effect of change in accounting principle	(956)	4,550
Add: Stock-based employee compensation expense included in reported net income (loss), net of related tax effects	44	36
Deduct: Stock-based employee compensation expense determined under fair value based method for all awards, net of related tax effects	(111)	(121)
Pro forma net income (loss)	(1,023)	4,465
Earnings (loss) per share (in €):		
Basic – as reported before cumulative effect of change in accounting principle	(0.94)	4.52
Basic - pro forma	(1.01)	4.44
Diluted – as reported before cumulative effect of change in accounting principle	(0.94)	4.50
Diluted - pro forma	(1.01)	4.42

Because the Group reported a loss respectively a loss before cumulative effect of change in accounting principle for the three and nine-month periods ended September 30, 2003, the diluted loss per share does not include antidilutive effects.

Unearned compensation expense for all outstanding and unvested stock options as of September 30, 2003 and 2002, totals to €150 million and €122 million, respectively.

13. Accrued Liabilities

Accrued liabilities are comprised of the following:

(in millions of €)	At Sept. 30, 2003	At Dec. 31, 2002
Pension plans and similar obligations	15,423	15,909
Income and other taxes	3,483	3,621
Other accrued liabilities	24,300	24,092
	43,206	43,622

The Group issues various types of contractual product warranties under which it generally guarantees the performance of products delivered and services rendered for a certain period or term. In addition, the accrued liability for product warranties covers expected costs for policy coverage, recall campaigns and buyback commitments. The changes in provisions for those product warranties are summarized as follows:

	
(in millions of €)	
Balance at January 1, 2003	9,014
Currency change	(457)
Utilizations and transfers	(3,465)
Changes from product warranties issued in 2003	3,836
Changes from prior period product warranties issued	(41)
Balance at September 30, 2003	8,887

14. Segment Reporting

Segment information for the three-month periods ended September 30, 2003 and 2002, is as follows:

	Mercedes	Chrysler	Commercial		Other		
(in millions of €)	Car Group	Group	Vehicles	Services	Activities	Eliminations	Consolidated
Three months ended September 30, 2003							
Revenue	11,848	12,496	6,815	2,913	515	-	34,587
Intersegment sales	894	-	357	557	65	(1,873)	_
Total revenues	12,742	12,496	7,172	3,470	580	(1,873)	34,587
Operating Profit (Loss)	793	147	237	284	(143)	(72)	1,246
Three months ended September 30, 2002							
Revenues	11,595	14,250	6,607	3,332	554	_	36,338
Revenues Intersegment sales	11,595 665	14,250 44	6,607 530	3,332 560	554 94	(1,893)	36,338
			· ·				36,338 - 36,338

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Segment information for the nine-month periods ended September 30, 2003 and 2002, is as follows:

	Mercedes	Chrysler	Commercial		Other		
(in millions of €)	Car Group	Group	Vehicles	Services	Activities	Eliminations	Consolidated
Nine months ended September 30, 2003							
Revenues	35,968	37,009	19,078	9,069	1,488	-	102,612
Intersegment sales	2,419	-	1,158	1,517	196	(5,290)	-
Total revenues	38,387	37,009	20,236	10,586	1,684	(5,290)	102,612
Operating Profit (Loss)	2,342	(649)	462	1,037	190	(92)	3,290
Nine months ended September 30, 2002							
Nine months ended September 30, 2002 Revenue	35,089	46,216	19,275	10,343	1,659	_	112,582
<u> </u>	35,089 2,174	46,216 468	19,275 1,367	10,343 1,462	1,659 237	(5,708)	112,582
Revenue							112,582 - 112,582

In the first quarter of 2003, the Chrysler Group and Services segments agreed to a new arrangement regarding the sharing of risks associated with the residual values of certain leased vehicles, which were previously expensed by the Group in years prior to 2001, between the Chrysler Group and Services. The non-cash effect of transferring such risks in the first quarter of 2003 resulted in €70 million of additional revenue and operating profit for the Chrysler Group and €70 million of additional cost of sales and reduced operating profit for Services.

During the third quarter of 2003, the Chrysler Group and Services negotiated reduced pricing on certain retail financing programs offered by the Chrysler Group as sales incentives. The adjusted pricing reflects the current favorable funding environment as well as Services becoming the exclusive provider of selected discount consumer financing for the Chrysler Group. The pricing adjustment reduced marketing costs at the Chrysler Group by €0.1 billion and reduced finance revenue at Services by the same amount. The pricing adjustment had no effect on the Group's consolidated operating results. The significant reconciling items between the Group's consolidated income before financial income and the Group's consolidated operating profit are as follows:

(in millions of €)	Th end 2003	Nine months, ded Sept. 30, 2002		
Income before financial income (expense), net	876	1,444	2,221	3,301
Pension and postretire- ment benefit expenses other than				
service cost	225	(56)	673	(213)
Operating profit (loss) from affiliated and associ- ated companies and fi- nancial income (loss) from related operating compa-				
nies	(153)	130	66	488
Gain from the sale of operating businesses	_	-	_	2,640
Miscellaneous items	298	21	330	85
Consolidated operating profit	1,246	1,539	3,290	6,301

"Miscellaneous items" for the three and nine month periods ended September 30, 2003, includes €0.3 billion related to the proposed settlement of a class action lawsuit, which was pending in connection with the merger of Daimler-Benz and Chrysler to form DaimlerChrysler AG (see Note 16). Daimler-Chrysler has applicable insurance policies aggregating €200 million (approximately \$220 million) to which extent it is seeking reimbursement of the settlement payment. Such reimbursement will be recognized into earnings in the period received.

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15. Earnings (Loss) per Share

The computation of basic and diluted earnings (loss) per share for "Income (loss) before cumulative effect of change in accounting principle" is as follows:

in millions of € or millions of		ree months, ed Sept. 30,		ine months, ed Sept. 30,
shares, except earnings per share	2003	2002	2003	2002
Income (loss) before cumulative effect of change in accounting principle – basic	(1,653)	780	(956)	4,550
Interest expense on convertible bonds and notes (net of tax)	_	1	-	12
Income (loss) before cumulative effect of change in accounting principle – diluted	(1,653)	781	(956)	4,562
Weighted average number of shares outstanding – basic	1,012.8	1,012.8	1,012.7	1,006.9
Dilutive effect of convertible bonds and notes	_	1.2	_	7.0
Weighted average number of shares outstanding – diluted	1,012.8	1,014.0	1,012.7	1,013.9
Earnings (loss) per share before cumulative effect of change in accounting prin- ciple				
Basic	(1.63)	0.77	(0.94)	4.52
Diluted	(1.63)	0.77	(0.94)	4.50

Because the Group reported a loss before cumulative effect of change in accounting principle for the three and nine month periods ended September 30, 2003, the diluted loss per share does not include the antidilutive effects of convertible bonds and notes. Had the company reported income before cumulative effect of change in accounting principles for the three and nine month periods ended September 30, 2003, the weighted average number of shares outstanding would have potentially been diluted by 1.1 million shares resulting from conversion of bonds and notes.

Options issued in connection with the 2000 Stock Option Plan in 2000, 2001, 2002 and 2003 were not included in the computation of diluted earnings per share for 2002 and 2003 because the options' underlying exercise price was greater than the average market price for DaimlerChrysler Ordinary Shares for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2003 and 2002.

16. Litigation and Claims

DaimlerChrysler's subsidiary, DaimlerChrysler Services North America LLC "DCSNA" is subject to various legal proceedings in federal and state courts, some of which allege violations of state and federal laws in connection with financing motor vehicles. Some of these proceedings seek class action status, and may ask for compensatory, punitive or treble damages and attorneys' fees. In October 2003, the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice and the United States Attorney's Office for the Northern District of Illinois advised that they are initiating an investigation of DCSNA's credit practices that focuses on DCSNA's Chicago Zone Office. The investigation follows a lawsuit filed in February, 2003, against DCSNA in Chicago with the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois that alleges that the DCSNA Chicago Zone Office engaged in racially discriminatory credit and collection practices in violation of federal and state laws. In that lawsuit, six individuals filed a purported class action complaint on behalf of African-Americans in the region alleging that they were denied vehicle financing based on race. They seek compensatory and punitive damages, and injunctive relief barring discriminatory practices. The lawsuit was later amended to include Hispanic-Americans. DCSNA believes that its practices are fair and not discriminatory. DSCNA intends to defend itself vigorously against these claims.

As previously reported, the Antitrust Division of the U.S. Department of Justice, New York Regional Office, opened a criminal investigation in connection with the allegations made in a lawsuit filed in 2002 in the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey against DaimlerChrysler's subsidiary Mercedes-Benz USA, LLC "MBUSA" and its wholly-owned subsidiary Mercedes-Benz Manhattan, Inc. The Department of Justice has advised those companies that it has closed the investigation and will take no further action. The lawsuit, subsequently certified as a class action, alleges that those companies participated in a price fixing conspiracy among Mercedes-Benz dealers. MBUSA and Mercedes-Benz Manhattan will continue to defend themselves vigorously.

As previously reported, in the fourth quarter of 2000, Tracinda Corporation filed a lawsuit in the United States District Court for the District of Delaware against DaimlerChrysler AG and some of the members of its supervisory board and board of management (Messrs. Kopper, Schrempp and Gentz). Shortly thereafter, other plaintiffs filed a number of actions against the same defendants, making similar claims to those in the Tracinda complaint. Thus two individual lawsuits and one consolidated class action lawsuit were pending. The plaintiffs, current or former DaimlerChrysler shareholders, alleged that the defendants violated U.S. securities law and committed

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fraud in obtaining approval from Chrysler stockholders of the business combination between Chrysler and Daimler-Benz in 1998. The consolidated class action complaint contained additional allegations that were later dismissed. In March 2003, the Court granted Mr. Kopper's motion to dismiss each of the complaints against him on the ground that the Court lacked jurisdiction over him. In February 2003, the defendants filed motions seeking summary judgment on all claims in the cases on several grounds, including that the claims are barred by the statute of limitations. In June 2003, the Court denied the defendants' motion relating to the statute of limitations and deferred decision on the remaining grounds. In August 2003, DaimlerChrysler agreed to settle the consolidated class action case. Subject to final approval by the court, DaimlerChrysler will pay the class action plaintiffs \$300 million (approximately €275 million). Shortly thereafter, DaimlerChrysler concluded a settlement with Glickenhaus, one of the two individual plaintiffs, as a result of which that case has been dismissed with prejudice and is no longer pending. DaimlerChrysler believes that the settlements will have no bearing on the Tracinda case which is presently scheduled for trial in the fourth quarter of 2003 and parts of which are still awaiting summary judgment. Tracinda claims to have suffered damages in the range of \$856 million to \$1.28 billion. DaimlerChrysler denies Tracinda's allegations of wrongdoing and further denies that Tracinda suffered any damages. DaimlerChrysler believes all claims against it relating to the 1998 merger, including those in the Tracinda case, are without merit and the company remains committed to a vigorous defense of this case. Daimler-Chrysler has applicable insurance policies aggregating €200 million (approximately \$220 million) to which extent it is seeking reimbursement of the settlement payment. Such reimbursement will be recognized into earnings in the period received.

As reported in DaimlerChrysler's Annual Report as of December 31, 2002, Freightliner LLC, DaimlerChrysler's North American commercial vehicles subsidiary, acquired in September 2000 Western Star Trucks Holdings Ltd., a Canadian company engaged in the design, assembly, and distribution of heavy duty trucks and transit buses. Prior to its acquisition by Freightliner, Western Star had completed the sale of ERF (Holdings) plc, a company organized in England and Wales and engaged in the assembly and sale of heavy duty trucks, to MAN AG and MAN Nutzfahrzeuge AG for CAD195 million. In September 2002, MAN filed a claim against Freightliner Ltd. (formerly Western Star) with the London Commercial Court for breach of representations and warranties in the share purchase agreement, alleging that ERF's accounts and financial statements were misstated. MAN seeks damages in excess of

GBP300 million. Freightliner Ltd. intends to defend itself vigorously against such claims and has filed a contribution claim against Ernst & Young, ERF's auditors, with the London Commercial Court in the second quarter of 2003.

As previously reported, in the first quarter of 2003, forty purported class action lawsuits alleging violations of antitrust law were filed against DaimlerChrysler, six other motor vehicle manufacturers, operating subsidiaries of those companies in both the United States and Canada, the National Automobile Dealers Association and the Canadian Automobile Dealers Association. Additional lawsuits were filed during the second quarter of 2003 containing similar allegations, bringing the total number of such lawsuits to approximately 70. Some complaints were filed in federal courts in various states and others were filed in state courts. The complaints allege that the defendants conspired to prevent the sale to U.S. consumers of vehicles sold by dealers in Canada in order to maintain new car prices at artificially high levels in the U.S. The plaintiffs seek treble damages on behalf of everyone who bought or leased a new vehicle in the U.S. since January 1, 2001. DaimlerChrysler believes the complaints against it are without merit and plans to defend against them vigorously.

17. Commitments and Contingencies

Obligations from issuing guarantees as a guarantor (excluding product warranties) are as follows:

		num potential ure obligation		nt recognized as a liability
	At Sept. 30,	At Dec. 31,	At Sept. 30,	At Dec. 31,
(in millions of €)	2003	2002	2003	2002
Guarantees for third party liabilities	2,233	2,119	319	370
Guarantees under buy-back commitments	2,085	2,663	604	724
Performance guarantees and				
environmental risks	838	581	343	370
Other	682	830	236	246
	5,838	6,193	1,502	1,710

The parent company of the Group (DaimlerChrysler AG) provides guarantees to third parties of certain obligations of its consolidated subsidiaries. At September 30, 2003, these guarantees amounted to €49.4 billion. To a lesser extent, consolidated subsidiaries provide guarantees to third parties of obligations of other consolidated subsidiaries. All intercompany guarantees are eliminated in consolidation and therefore are not reflected in the above table.

On March 11, 2003, DaimlerChrysler signed an agreement with the City of Hamburg, Germany, a holder of 6% of the common shares of DaimlerChrysler Luft- und Raumfahrt Hold

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ing Aktiengesellschaft ("DCLRH"), a majority-owned subsidiary of the Group. The agreement was approved by the Parliament of the Free and Hanseatic City of Hamburg on May 21, 2003. Pursuant to the terms of the agreement, DaimlerChrysler holds a call option and the City of Hamburg holds a put option which, upon exercise by either party, will require the shares of DCLRH held by the City of Hamburg to be transferred to DaimlerChrysler. In consideration for these shares, DaimlerChrysler will pay the City of Hamburg a minimum of €450 million in cash or shares of EADS or a combination of both. DaimlerChrysler's call option would become exercisable at January 1, 2005. The City of Hamburg's put option would become exercisable at the earlier of October 1, 2007, or upon the occurrence of certain events which are solely within the control of DaimlerChrysler. DaimlerChrysler believes the likelihood that these certain events will occur is remote.

As described in more detail in Note 2, the Group holds a 45% equity ownership interest in Toll Collect and has guaranteed, on a joint and several basis with the other equity holders (collectively the "Consortium", individually the "Partners"), certain current and future obligations of Toll Collect.

Pursuant to the Operating Agreement, the Partners have guaranteed, on a joint and several basis, the successful completion and operation of the toll collection system by Toll Collect until August 31, 2004.

In addition, the partners of Toll Collect, on a joint and several basis, have the obligation to fund Toll Collect in order to maintain an equity ratio of Toll Collect of 20 percent (based on German GAAP) until August 31, 2004, and 15 percent thereafter ("Equity Maintenance Undertaking") until the Operating Agreement expires. These funding requirements would be triggered by, among other events, losses incurred by Toll Collect due to penalties for delays in the start of the operation of the toll collection system. The start of operations was initially scheduled for August 31, 2003, but is delayed. In the event the toll collection system is not operational by December 1, 2003, Toll Collect will become liable for contractual penalties of €250,000 per day until the end of February 2004 and €500,000 per day thereafter. Beside these penalties, further penalties or liability for fault is excluded.

Further funding requirements could arise during the operational phase after having obtained the preliminary operating permit through additional penalties or revenue reductions Toll Collect may be exposed to in the event that in a particular case certain contractual obligations are violated or the toll collection system does not operate effectively after the completion of the system. The penalties are limited during the first nine months following the issuance of the preliminary operating permit, to an aggregate of €56.25 million, then to €150

million per annum until the issuance of the final operating permit, and thereafter to €100 million per annum, with these amounts increased by 3% per business year of operation. For revenue reductions the same system of limitations does apply. In case of a culpable violation of contractual duties within the operational phase, the Federal Republic of Germany will not be prevented to claim - without any limitation - further damages from Toll Collect. If such penalties, revenue reductions and other events eventually result in an equity ratio below the ratio agreed upon in the Equity Maintenance Undertaking, the partners are obligated to fund operations to an extent that is sufficient to reach those equity levels.

The operating agreement can be terminated from both sides in case of violation of defined substantial contractual obligations (e.g.: deadlines, non-performance of specific requirements or duties of cooperation). The violating party has the right to remove the reasons for termination within appropriate

Until funds become available through the operating performance of the toll collection system, Toll Collect will continue to require capital through bridge loans provided by various banks. These loans are guaranteed by DaimlerChrysler AG on a several and independent basis to the extent of the Group's 45% equity interest in Toll Collect. For these guarantees, DaimlerChrysler AG receives market equivalent remuneration from Toll Collect.

Only the guarantee for the bridge loan is included in the above table. The maximum potential future obligations resulting from the remaining guarantees provided for Toll Collect's obligations have not been included in the above table because those amounts cannot be reasonably estimated.

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