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## Business

### Manufacturing survey: January-March 2006

#### Manufacturing Sales

In the first quarter 2006, total sales by manufacturing enterprises increased by Lm19.5 million or 9.0 per cent to Lm237.7 million from Lm218.2 million a year earlier.

During the period under review, sales by the Radio, TV and Communication equipment manufacturing sub-sector registered an increase of Lm25.8 million or 28.3 per cent to Lm116.9 million from Lm91.1 million last year. At the same time, increases in sales of Lm5.2 million and Lm2.2 million respectively were also registered by the Chemicals and chemical products and the Furniture and Manufacturing n.e.c. sub-sectors.

The Publishing and printing sub-sector registered a drop in its sales of Lm4.1 million or 30.1 per cent to Lm9.5 million from Lm13.6 million last year. Other drops in sales of Lm3.4 million and Lm2.7 million respectively were registered in the Textiles and textile products and the Electrical machinery and apparatus sub-sectors.

#### Employment, Wages & Salaries

In the course of the first quarter of 2006, employment in the sampled enterprises declined by a net of 1,337 employees to 18,370 when compared to 19,707 of the first quarter the year before. Most of the job losses were registered in the Textiles and textile products (625 employees), the Wearing apparel and clothes (346 employees), the Rubber and plastic products (252 employees) and the Leather and leather products (100 employees) manufacturing sub-sectors.

An increase in employment of 97 employees and 48 employees was recorded in the Chemicals and chemical products and in Furniture and Manufacturing n.e.c. manufacturing sub-sectors, respectively.

In the period under review an amount of Lm29.4 million was paid out in gross wages and salaries by the sampled enterprises.

#### Investment

During the January-March quarter 2006, overall investment in manufacturing industry increased by Lm4.4 million to Lm16.7 million compared to Lm12.3 million in the same period of the previous year ■

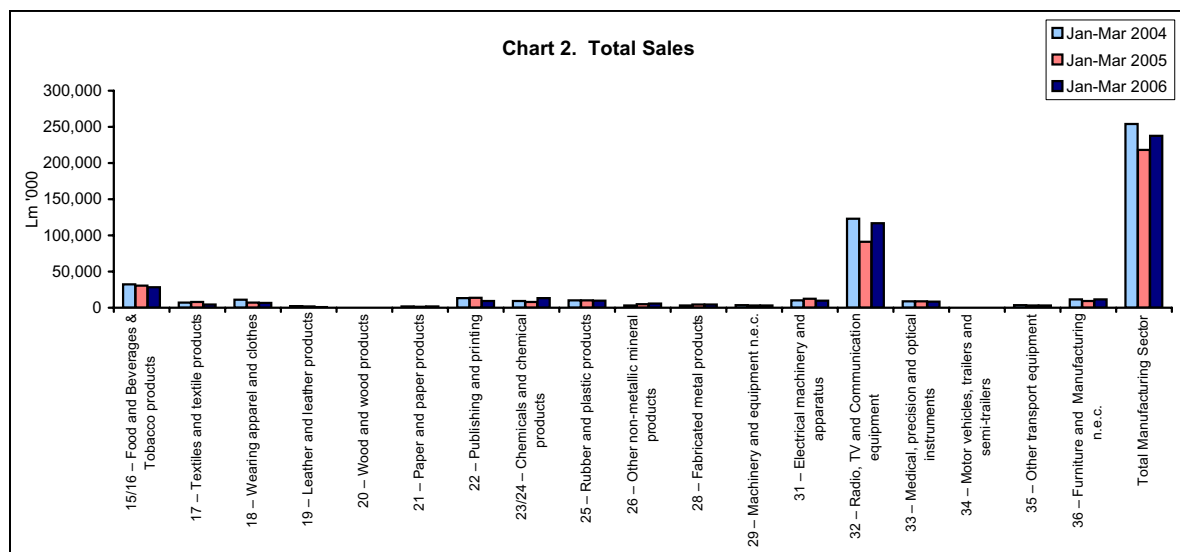
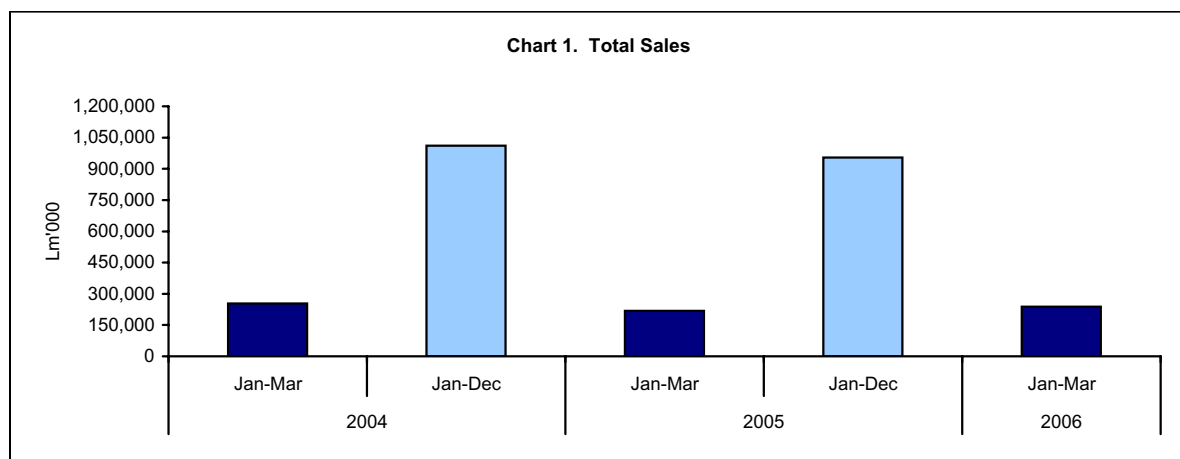
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Table 1. Total Sales

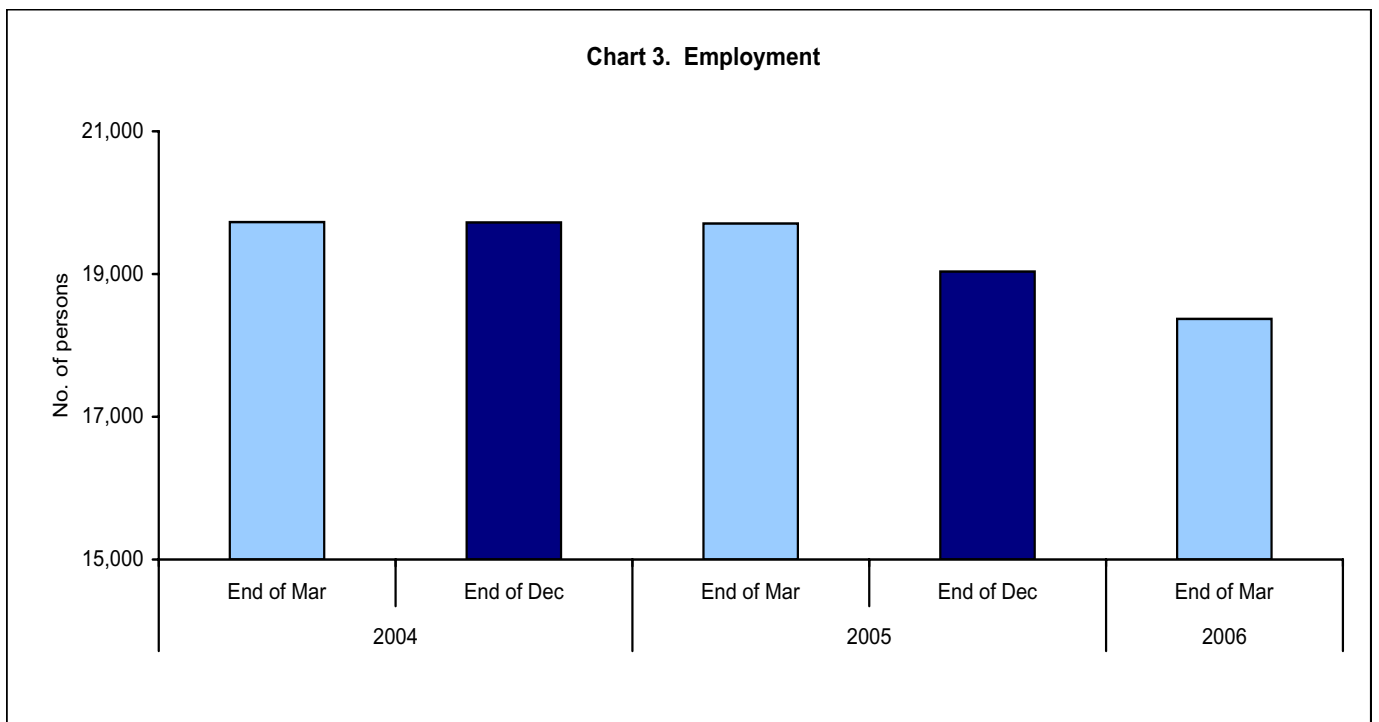
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Sector	2004		2005		2006
	Jan-Mar	Jan-Dec	Jan-Mar	Jan-Dec	Jan-Mar
15/16 – Food and Beverages & Tobacco products	32,416	149,688	30,733	145,822	28,343
17 – Textiles and textile products	6,939	26,923	7,956	33,787	4,553
18 – Wearing apparel and clothes	10,907	37,846	7,067	27,166	6,466
19 – Leather and leather products	2,409	7,871	1,724	5,424	909
20 – Wood and wood products	68	380	89	502	74
21 – Paper and paper products	1,759	7,502	1,446	6,760	1,720
22 – Publishing and printing	13,273	48,595	13,646	52,673	9,508
23/24 – Chemicals and chemical products	9,139	28,904	8,096	46,374	13,276
25 – Rubber and plastic products	10,386	38,914	10,075	38,303	9,932
26 – Other non-metallic mineral products	3,274	14,685	4,812	21,522	5,850
28 – Fabricated metal products	3,131	14,120	4,308	18,186	4,293
29 – Machinery and equipment n.e.c.	3,500	12,504	3,273	15,181	3,160
31 – Electrical machinery and apparatus	10,150	45,549	12,483	50,307	9,775
32 – Radio, TV and Communication equipment	122,971	484,081	91,099	397,404	116,902
33 – Medical, precision and optical instruments	8,743	35,458	8,775	35,931	8,423
34 – Motor vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers	145	638	170	604	159
35 – Other transport equipment	3,322	13,052	3,215	12,748	3,030
36 – Furniture and Manufacturing n.e.c.	11,337	45,047	9,246	45,457	11,380
<b>Total</b>	<b>253,868</b>	<b>1,011,757</b>	<b>218,214</b>	<b>954,151</b>	<b>237,754</b>



**Table 2. Employment**

Sector	2004		2005		2006
	End of Mar	End of Dec	End of Mar	End of Dec	End of Mar
15/16 – Food and Beverages & Tobacco products	3,217	3,064	3,055	3,122	3,047
17 – Textiles and textile products	958	1,189	1,095	851	470
18 – Wearing apparel and clothes	1,598	1,594	1,570	1,433	1,224
19 – Leather and leather products	456	394	350	277	250
20 – Wood and wood products	31	31	31	30	30
21 – Paper and paper products	284	283	284	267	262
22 – Publishing and printing	1,636	1,598	1,601	1,589	1,570
23/24 – Chemicals and chemical products	800	788	777	847	874
25 – Rubber and plastic products	1,749	1,877	1,867	1,654	1,615
26 – Other non-metallic mineral products	691	659	726	718	736
28 – Fabricated metal products	650	641	651	686	640
29 – Machinery and equipment n.e.c.	419	431	451	452	410
31 – Electrical machinery and apparatus	1,141	1,151	1,130	1,064	1,102
32 – Radio, TV and Communication equipment	2,998	3,060	3,054	3,013	3,094
33 – Medical, precision and optical instruments	1,212	1,153	1,184	1,105	1,164
34 – Motor vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers	51	54	60	43	38
35 – Other transport equipment	233	233	234	227	209
36 – Furniture and Manufacturing n.e.c.	1,606	1,522	1,587	1,656	1,635
<b>Total</b>	<b>19,730</b>	<b>19,722</b>	<b>19,707</b>	<b>19,034</b>	<b>18,370</b>



**Table 3. Wages and Salaries**

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Sector	2004		2005		2006
	Jan-Mar	Jan-Dec	Jan-Mar	Jan-Dec	Jan-Mar
15/16 – Food and Beverages & Tobacco products	4,448	18,149	4,259	18,084	4,276
17 – Textiles and textile products	1,273	5,346	1,493	5,740	761
18 – Wearing apparel and clothes	2,049	7,864	1,888	7,221	1,535
19 – Leather and leather products	520	1,878	395	1,459	284
20 – Wood and wood products	24	112	26	113	34
21 – Paper and paper products	444	1,820	446	1,723	426
22 – Publishing and printing	3,050	11,592	2,795	11,303	2,938
23/24 – Chemicals and chemical products	1,329	5,346	1,292	5,410	1,609
25 – Rubber and plastic products	2,831	11,107	2,831	10,525	2,606
26 – Other non-metallic mineral products	811	3,094	805	3,406	939
28 – Fabricated metal products	1,032	3,930	995	3,955	970
29 – Machinery and equipment n.e.c.	631	2,443	631	2,619	621
31 – Electrical machinery and apparatus	1,846	7,424	1,912	7,359	1,978
32 – Radio, TV and Communication equipment	5,405	21,866	5,408	21,162	5,499
33 – Medical, precision and optical instruments	1,932	7,199	1,782	6,820	1,722
34 – Motor vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers	53	213	59	207	38
35 – Other transport equipment	452	1,807	476	2,007	507
36 – Furniture and Manufacturing n.e.c.	2,590	9,699	2,559	10,215	2,636
<b>Total</b>	<b>30,720</b>	<b>120,891</b>	<b>30,050</b>	<b>119,328</b>	<b>29,379</b>

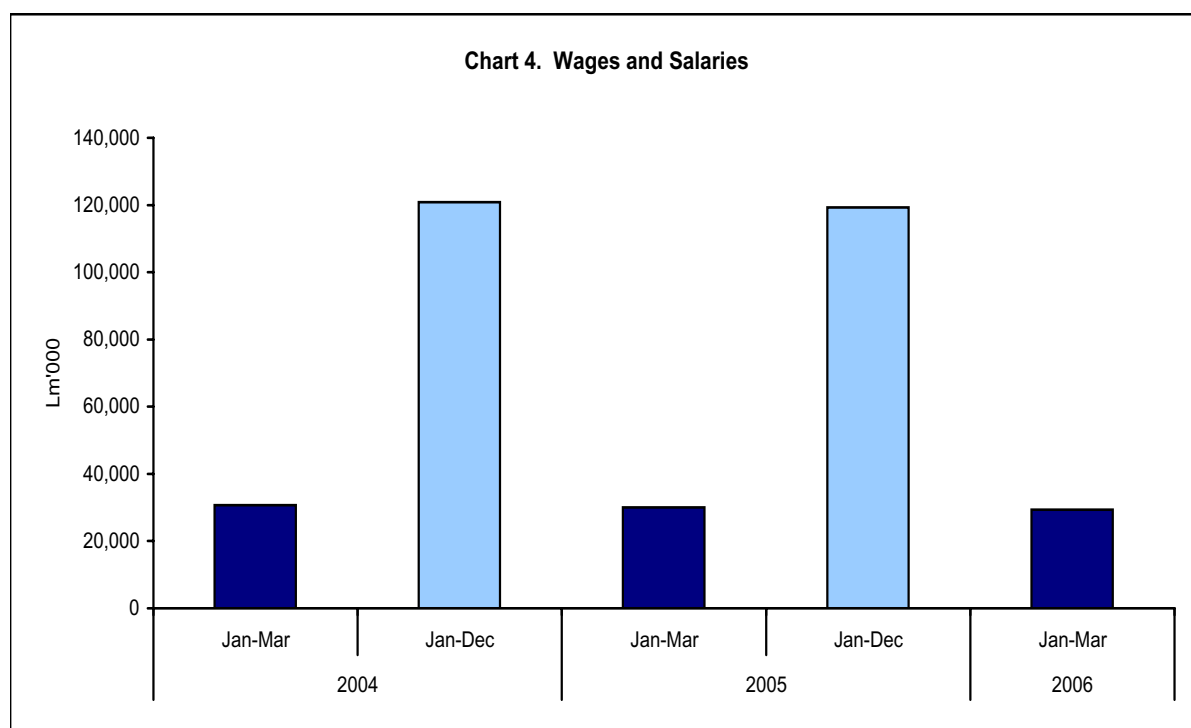
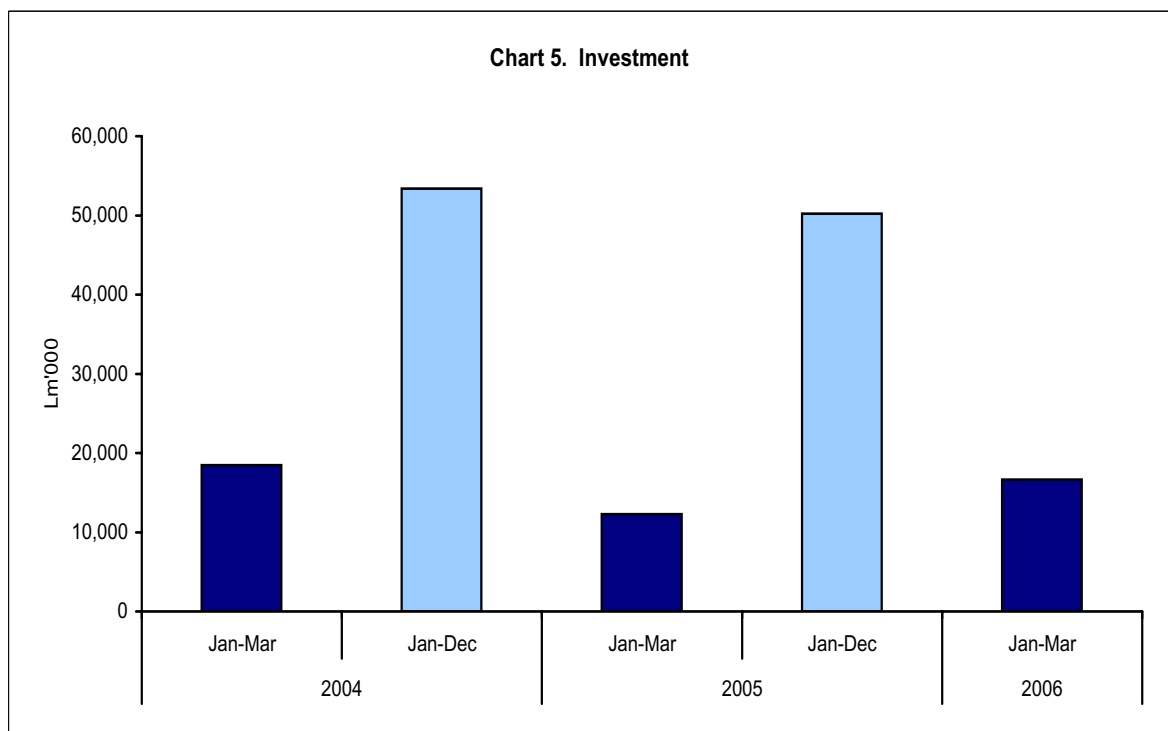


Table 4. Investment

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Sector	2004		2005		2006
	Jan-Mar	Jan-Dec	Jan-Mar	Jan-Dec	Jan-Mar
15/16 – Food and Beverages & Tobacco products	495	4,937	1,328	5,433	1,045
17 – Textiles and textile products	445	3,001	898	3,006	1,758
18 – Wearing apparel and clothes	18	140	6	98	9
19 – Leather and leather products	21	51	3	12	0
20 – Wood and wood products	0	0	0	1	0
21 – Paper and paper products	251	1,291	56	134	3
22 – Publishing and printing	4,409	5,638	1,140	2,949	606
23/24 – Chemicals and chemical products	5,088	10,083	1,963	6,766	1,925
25 – Rubber and plastic products	470	1,835	517	1,481	252
26 – Other non-metallic mineral products	45	99	200	1,176	194
28 – Fabricated metal products	45	407	110	1,078	4
29 – Machinery and equipment n.e.c.	20	159	18	219	1
31 – Electrical machinery and apparatus	227	1,727	702	1,263	127
32 – Radio, TV and Communication equipment	5,129	18,169	4,074	21,654	9,563
33 – Medical, precision and optical instruments	217	1,192	127	641	210
34 – Motor vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers	0	0	2	35	0
35 – Other transport equipment	19	116	23	120	10
36 – Furniture and Manufacturing n.e.c.	1,569	4,547	1,093	4,134	955
<b>Total</b>	<b>18,469</b>	<b>53,392</b>	<b>12,258</b>	<b>50,201</b>	<b>16,662</b>



## Methodological Notes:

It is important to note, that during the course of 2005 some enterprises have changed their main activity of production due to restructuring. A re-classification of these enterprises according to their new activity was carried out. This resulted in a shift of enterprises to and from different manufacturing sectors, the exclusion of some enterprises from the manufacturing activity and even in the amalgamation of sectors..

For the same reasons stated above, sector 16 was amalgamated with sector 15 to respect the confidentiality of the two remaining enterprises in this sector. Furthermore, the only enterprise which was in NACE 27 of sector 27/28 has changed activity, therefore there is no more activity in sector 27. Sector 28 will thus be reported on its own from this release onwards.

1. This release is based on a sample survey of 419 enterprises across all sectors of the manufacturing sector. All enterprises are classified in accordance with NACE Rev.1.1 (Nomenclature des Activités Economiques dans les Communautés Européennes).

2. **Employment** is inclusive of all full-time and part-time employees and outworkers. With regards to Table 3: Employment, the total employment in manufacturing sectors refers to the end-of-month figures marking the end of every quarter, i.e., March, June, September and December.

3. **Gross wages and salaries** are inclusive of all basic wages and salaries payable at regular intervals, overtime, night shift and other allowances, bonuses and commissions. Employers' social security contributions are excluded.

4. **Total Sales** are made up of all local sales, which are exclusive of VAT and exports on an FOB basis.

5. **Investment** refers to new investment during the reference period. These are tangible capital goods for own company use but not for speculative use. They have a useful life of more than one year. Any additions, alterations, improvements or renovations prolonging the service life or to increase the productive capacity of capital goods are taken into account. Excluded from the definition are current maintenance costs as well as investment in capital goods used under rental and lease contracts, intangible goods (patents, trade marks), financial assets and goods acquired through mergers. Computer software is regarded as investment if its life is over one year and if its amount is of a relatively considerable amount.

6. The data in this release is not seasonally adjusted and should be considered as provisional.

7. More information on Industry Statistics is available from NSO's website at [www.nso.gov.mt](http://www.nso.gov.mt)