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### **ALL forecasts business upsurge in 2006**

ALL – América Latina Logística, the rail network operator in the southern part of the country, forecasts an upsurge this year. The grain crop failure last year, an important sector in the composition of the company's freight movement, caused a reduction in the volume handled, which may stand between 6% and 7% for the year. The 2005 final figures will be released on February 22, and it is expected an income at least 16% higher.

Even with the fall in commodities movement, mainly in the State of Rio Grande do Sul, the gross operating income has already shown an increase of 16 % in the first nine months of last year compared to the same period of the previous year, reaching R\$ 957 million. “In 2006, we expect to have a positive result, as we hope for a good crop”, says ALL's CFO and investor relations officer, Sérgio Pedreiro. He believes that the staff will go through some changes during the year.

Investments in the amount of R\$ 200 million in new structures have already been confirmed, keeping the average of 40 new locomotives and 1,000 new rail cars per year. Another R\$ 180 million will be invested by partner companies in rail cars used in the rail network.