



# Press release

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Production, orders, sales and inventory indices in the secondary sector for the 4th quarter 2009

## Continued fall in production and sales number in industry

Neuchâtel, 18.03.2010 (FSO) – **In the 4th quarter of 2009, the course of business of Swiss industry was once again negative, although less markedly than in the previous quarters. Compared with the same quarter a year earlier, production sank by 1.1% and sales dropped by 4.3%. In contrast, orders received increased slightly (+1.4%). Both orders on hand (-11.1%) and finished goods inventories (-11.2%) declined sharply.**

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