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SAES Getters: the Shareholders' Meeting approved the 2010 financial statements

Consolidated revenues of the year equal to €140.6 million, an increase of 10.4% compared to €127.4 million in 2009

Consolidated gross profit equal to €60.7 million (43.2% of consolidated revenues), an increase of 18.5% compared to €51.2 million in 2009 (40.2% of consolidated revenues)

Consolidated operating income equal to €10.9 million, compared to an operating loss of €11.8 million in 2009

EBITDA equal to €23.5 million (16.7% of consolidated revenues)

Consolidated net income equal to €3.1 million, compared to a net loss of €26.3 million in the previous year

Approved a dividend of €0.20 both per ordinary share and per savings share through the distribution of part of the available reserve "Retained earnings"

The Shareholders' Meeting renewed the authorization to purchase and dispose of treasury shares

The Extraordinary Shareholders' Meeting approved amendments to articles no. 8, 9, 10, 19, 22, 25 and the introduction of a new article no. 31 of the Company By-laws, aiming at aligning the By-laws to the new provisions envisaged by the Legislative Decree dated January 27, 2010, no. 27, on the implementation of the Directive on shareholders' rights.

The Special Savings Shareholders' Meeting appointed the Common Representative of the Savings Shareholders for the period 2011-2013

The Shareholders' Meeting of SAES Getters S.p.A., held today at the registered office in Lainate (Milan) and chaired by Mr. Massimo della Porta, approved the 2010 financial statements.

In 2010, the SAES Getters Group achieved a consolidated net turnover equal to €140.6 million, increasing by 10.4% compared to €127.4 million achieved in 2009[1]. The exchange rate effect was positive and equal to 5.2%, mainly due to the strengthening of the US dollar in the second half 2010 compared to the previous year. In terms of revenues, the scope of consolidation is unchanged compared to 2009.

[1] On November 9, 2010 the Group, through its subsidiary SAES Getters International Luxembourg S.A., signed a binding agreement for the transfer of its stake (equal to 51%) in the Chinese joint venture Nanjing SAES Huadong Vacuum Material Co., Ltd. to its Chinese minority-interest shareholders. Following this agreement, which will be definitive only after obtaining the approval and registration by the local Administrative Authorities (expected within the first half 2011), both the 2010 figures of the joint venture and the other costs of the controlling company SAES Getters International Luxembourg S.A. related to the disposal have been classified in a separate income statement item "Income (loss) from assets held for sale and discontinued operations" in accordance with IFRS 5. Also 2009 revenues and expenses were reclassified to enable a homogeneous comparison with 2010.

In 2010, the consolidated gross profit amounted to €60.7 million, up from €51.2 million in 2009. The gross margin, as a percentage of revenues, increased from 40.2% in 2009 to 43.2% in 2010.
In 2010, the consolidated operating income was positive and equal to €10.9 million, compared to a consolidated operating loss of €11.8 million in 2009.
Also the consolidated net income was positive and amounted to €3.1 million, compared to a consolidated net loss of €26.3 million in 2009.

In 2010, consolidated EBITDA[2] was equal to €23.5 million, compared to €12.6 million in 2009. As a percentage of revenues, EBITDA was equal to 16.7% in 2010, with a significant improvement compared to the previous year where it was equal to 9.9%.
Please note that the income statement of this period was not affected by non-recurring items; instead, 2009 EBITDA included one-off costs of €6.6 million, net of which the adjusted EBITDA[3] was equal to 15% (€19.2 million).

2010 results show that the SAES Getters Group has managed to overcome the crisis that, starting from the end of 2008, hit the Information Displays business (for many years the leading business of the Group), strongly penalizing the economic performance of the previous year. The ability to innovate and the strategy of business diversification, implemented with the acquisitions completed in 2008, have allowed SAES Getters to face the challenges deriving from the general economic recession and from the attacks of the competition, and to look at the future with optimism, despite the strong changes occurred in the sectors and markets of reference.
Despite the drop in sales in the Information Displays sector, a business now immaterial for SAES Getters, 2010 turnover shows a balanced growth in all the other areas of business, thanks to the introduction of new products that are achieving positive results. This growth, combined with the action to contain costs and the strict policies introduced by the management, has allowed coming back to profitability.

The Shareholders' Meeting, in consideration of the 2010 results and of the strengthening of the recovery, and as well as the high level of the Group's net equity, approved the distribution of slightly higher dividends than the 2010 consolidated net profit; therefore the Shareholders' Meeting decided the payment of a total dividend of €0.20 both per ordinary and per savings share, through the distribution of part of the available reserve "Retained earnings". This amount can be collected starting from next April 29, 2011 and the share will trade ex-dividend starting from April 26, 2011 following the detachment of the coupon no. 27.
In accordance with article no. 26 of the Company By-laws, please note that, since neither in 2009 nor in 2010 any dividend deriving from yearly net income of the Parent Company SAES Getters S.p.A. was paid, and consequently there was no allocation of privileged dividend, in the first coming year when the Shareholders' Meeting will decide to distribute net profits of SAES Getters S.p.A., a share of the amount distributed will be secured to savings shares to recover the privilege not allocated in the previous two years.

Since the Parent Company SAES Getters S.p.A. ended the year 2010 with a net loss of €3.8 million, the Shareholders' Meeting also approved the proposal to cover the loss using part of the reserve "Previous year's earnings brought forward".

[2] EBITDA is not deemed a measure of performance under IFRS principles and must not be considered as an alternative indicator of the Group's results; however, we believe that EBITDA is an important parameter for measuring the Group's performance. Since the calculation of EBITDA is not regulated by applicable accounting standards, the method applied by the Group may not be homogeneous with methods adopted by other Groups. EBITDA is defined as "Earnings before interests, taxes, depreciation and amortization".
[3] For adjusted EBITDA we intend EBITDA rectified in order not to include non-recurring items and in any case items considered by the management as not meaningful with reference to the current operating performance.

The Shareholders' Meeting also approved the request of the authorization to buy back and dispose of treasury shares.
The request is related to the opportunity to allow to operate on the Company's shares in relation to contingent market situations, encouraging their liquidity and their regular trading, or to investment requirements and an efficient use of the corporate liquidity. The authorization is also granted for any other purposes, such as the opportunity to use treasury shares as payment in extraordinary transactions or acquisitions, or to obtain the necessary funding to implement projects and/or to achieve business objectives or, finally, for share-based incentive schemes (stock options) in favour of Company's directors and/or employees and/or consultants.
The authorization to buy is approved for a period of 18 months starting from the date of authorization, in one or more occasions, up to a maximum of no. 2 million ordinary or savings shares, without par value, taking into account the shares already held in the portfolio and in any case within the legal limit. The purchase price including additional charges will have to be no more than 5% and not less than 5% of the official share price recorded by the share in the trading session preceding each individual transaction.
With regard to disposals of treasury shares, they can be executed for a minimum price equal to the weighted average of official price of the shares of their related category in the twenty trading days preceding the sale. The authorization for the disposal of the shares is approved by the Shareholders' Meeting without any time limit.
Please note that, following the implementation on May 26, 2010 of the resolution of the Extraordinary Meeting dated April 27, 2010 which approved the cancellation of no. 600,000 ordinary shares and no. 82,000 savings shares in the portfolio, the Company does not own any treasury share to date.

Convened at the same date and time, the Extraordinary Shareholders' Meeting approved the amendments to articles no. 8, 9, 10, 19, 22, 25 and the introduction of a new article no. 31 of the Company By-laws, aiming at aligning the By-laws to the new provisions envisaged by the Legislative Decree dated January 27, 2010, no. 27, on the implementation of the Directive on shareholders' rights. In particular the amendments relate to:
- the introduction of a statutory provision intended to allow the opportunity to exclude, for example through an indication contained in the call of the related Shareholders' meeting, the recourse to additional calls after the first one, thus avoiding uncertainty about the date of the meeting and useless costs arising from the possibility, if not excluded by a By-laws provision, to have more than one meeting (article 8);
- the possibility of convening the annual meeting later than the one hundred and twentieth day of each financial year, in order to fully exploit the power granted by the law to make available the draft financial statements to the public within one hundred and twenty days starting from the end of the year (article 9), without neglecting the obligation of respecting the deadline for the filing of the annual financial report and its related documents (article 25);
- the inclusion in the By-laws of a provision that gives the company the right to decide whether to appoint a person to be granted with voting proxies during each meeting (article 10);
- a better clarification regarding the scope of delegation of the Board of Directors, also in coordination with the procedures already adopted by the company relating to transactions with related parties: the Board of Directors may delegate some of its functions to one or more of its members not only to the extent of the law, but also within the regulations (article 19);
- the additional deadline for the submission of additional lists in case of submission of one list only, or of lists that are linked each other, until the third (instead of the fifth) day following the expiration of the original terms (article 22).

Finally, it was approved to include a By-laws provision (new article 31) that allows the exclusion of urgent transactions from the scope of application of the procedures for related party transactions.

The Special Savings Shareholders' Meeting appointed the lawyer Mr. Massimiliano Perletti as the Common Representative of the Savings Shareholders for the fiscal years 2011-2013. His annual fee was determined for the amount of €1,100.

The following tables set forth main data from Consolidated Financial Statements.

Abstract from Consolidated Financial Statements
(Millions of euro)

Consolidated Income Statement Data	**2010**	**2009**
Net sales	140.6	127.4
R&D expenses	13.9	.15.6
Depreciation and amortization	11.9	14.5
Operating income (loss)	10.9	(11.8)
Net income (loss)	3.1	(26.3)

(Millions of euro)

Consolidated Balance Sheet Data	**31 Dec. 2010**	**31 Dec. 2009**
Shareholders' equity	180.6	98.9
Property, plant and equipment, net	63.8	65.9
Net financial position	(22.6)	(20.4)
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	5.8	7.2

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The Officer responsible for the preparation of corporate financial reports of SAES Getters S.p.A. certifies that, in accordance with the second subsection of article 154-*bis*, part IV, title III, second paragraph, section V-*bis*, of Legislative Decree February 24, 1998, no. 58, the financial information included in the present document corresponds to book of account and book-keeping entries.

The Officer responsible for the preparation of corporate financial reports
Michele Di Marco

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Pioneering the development of getter technology, the SAES Getters Group is the world leader in a variety of scientific and industrial applications where stringent vacuum conditions or ultra-pure gases are required. For 70 years its getter solutions have been supporting innovation in the information display and lamp industries, in sophisticated high vacuum systems and in vacuum thermal insulation, in technologies spanning from large vacuum power tubes to miniaturized silicon-based microelectronic and micromechanical devices. The Group also holds a leading position in ultra pure gas handling for the semiconductor and other high-tech markets.
Starting in 2004, by leveraging the core competencies in special metallurgy and materials science, the SAES Getters Group has expanded its business into advanced material markets, in particular the market of shape memory alloys, a family of advanced materials characterized by super elasticity and by the property of assuming predefined forms when subjected to heat treatment, that are applied in the biomedical sector and, more in general, in niche industrial fields.
A total production capacity distributed in eleven manufacturing plants across 3 continents, a worldwide-based sales & service network, about 1,100 employees allow the Group to combine multicultural skills and expertise to form a truly global enterprise.
SAES Getters is headquartered in the Milan area (Italy). SAES Getters is listed on the Italian Stock Exchange Market since 1986, STAR segment. More information on the Saes Getters Group is available in the website www.saesgetters.com.

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