



PRESS RELEASE
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SAES ANNOUNCED THE SIGNATURE OF AN AGREEMENT FOR THE SALE OF ITS GAS PURIFICATION BUSINESS

SAES Group announces that it has reached an agreement with the US company **Entegris, Inc.** (*NasdaqGS: ENTG*) for the sale of the gas purification business (*Systems for Gas Purification & Handling*), part of SAES' Industrial Applications Business Unit, which principally operates through SAES Group's US subsidiary SAES Pure Gas, Inc. ("SPG"). SPG's registered office is in San Luis Obispo (California). SPG manufactures and sells a complete range of purifiers for processes gas and specialty gases.

The agreement provides for the sale of the US subsidiary SPG, as well as the commercial operations of the SAES Group controlled company SAES Getters (Nanjing) Co., Ltd. ("Nanjing"), that provides support to SPG for its sales in the Asian market.

Entegris, Inc., headquartered in Billerica, Massachusetts (USA) and with manufacturing plants, laboratories, sales and support facilities around the world, is a leader in specialty chemicals and advanced materials solutions for the microelectronics industry and other high-tech industries.

For the sale of the above described business, SAES will collect approximately 355 million US dollars. The final price will be subject to possible adjustments, based on a calculation mechanism typical of this type of transactions and linked to the actual accounting figures at the date of the closing.

SAES believes that the closing of the transaction will be finalized by the end of June 2018, following the conclusion of the legal, corporate reorganizational process of the US entities required to effect the sale. The current controlling company of SPG is SAES Getters USA, Inc. ("SUSA"). Shortly in advance of the sale of the equity of SPG and Nanjing to Entegris, SUSA will sell all of its assets and liabilities, excluding the investment in SPG, to a newly established company that will continue to be owned by the SAES Group. Immediately thereafter, the equity of SUSA, which will retain its controlling stake in SPG, will be sold to Entegris, together with the purification business operations of Nanjing.

"This transaction is part of the strategy of the Group aimed at focusing its evolutionary strategy on the strengthening of those strategic sectors where SAES has beard the largest investments in the last few years, enabling the Group to secure the financial resources necessary to start an important process of growth, inorganic and not only, in the Nitinol business for medical applications and in the advanced packaging business" - Mr **Massimo della Porta, President** of **SAES Getters S.p.A.** said. "This operation, together with our future investments, is going to support the Group's growth as well as to guarantee stability, with a smaller dependence on the exchange rate fluctuations. Entegris is considered the ideal partner to continue developing the purification business, thanks to its leadership in microelectronics and semiconductors, its well-established presence in the US and its financial and capital strength".

The sale concerns a total staff of 186 people as of March 31, 2018 (174 employees, as well as 3 temporary workers, at SAES Pure Gas, Inc. and 9 employees of the Chinese subsidiary SAES Getters (Nanjing) Co., Ltd.).

The net assets subject to the sale were equal to €36.4 million as at December 31, 2017 and €42.7 million at the end of March 2018.

The business under sale recorded revenues equal to €81 million and an EBITDA¹ of €29.3 million (36.2% as a percentage of revenues) in 2017; in the first quarter of 2018, revenues amounted to €25.5 million, with an EBITDA of €7.8 million (30.5% as a percentage of revenues).

SAES Group

A pioneer in the development of getter technology, the SAES® Group is the world leader in a variety of scientific and industrial applications where stringent vacuum conditions or ultra-pure gases are required. In more than 70 years of activity, the Group's 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 refinement for the semiconductor and other high-tech markets.

Starting in 2004, by leveraging the core competencies in special metallurgy and in the materials science, the SAES Group has expanded its business into the advanced material markets, in particular the market of shape memory alloys, a family of materials characterized by super elasticity and by the property of assuming predefined forms when subjected to heat treatment. These special alloys, which today are mainly applied in the biomedical sector, are also perfectly suited to the realization of actuator devices for the industrial sector (domotics, white goods industry, consumer electronics and automotive sector).

More recently, SAES has expanded its business by developing a technological platform that integrates getter materials in a polymeric matrix. These products, initially developed for OLED displays, are currently used in new application sectors, among which implantable medical devices and solid-state diagnostics imaging. Among the new applications, the advanced food packaging is a significantly strategic one, in which SAES aims to compete with an offering of new solutions for active packaging.

A total production capacity distributed in eleven facilities, a worldwide-based sale & service network and more than 1,100 employees allow the Group to combine multicultural skills and expertise to form a truly global enterprise.

SAES Group is headquartered in the Milan area (Italy).

SAES Getters S.p.A. is listed on the Italian Stock Exchange Market, STAR segment, since 1986.

More information on the SAES Group are available in the website www.saesgetters.com.

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¹ EBITDA is not deemed as an accounting measure under International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRSs); however, we believe that EBITDA is an important parameter for measuring the Group's performance and therefore it is presented as an alternative indicator. Since its calculation is not regulated by applicable accounting standards, the method applied by the Group may not be homogeneous with the ones adopted by other Groups. EBITDA is calculated as "Earnings before interests, taxes, depreciation and amortization".