



## **For Immediate Release**

**Saes Getters: the Board of Directors approves fourth quarter 2005 results, drawn up on the basis of International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS)<sup>1</sup>.**

**Quarterly consolidated sales equal to €37.6 million, up by 14.3% with respect to €32.9 million in the fourth quarter 2004 and up by 23.7% net of activities disposed of<sup>2</sup>.**

**Consolidated operating income equal to €9.4 million more than doubled compared with €4.4 million in the fourth quarter 2004.**

**Consolidated net income up to €6 million compared with €1 million in the fourth quarter 2004.**

**Sales equal to €138.6 million in 2005 with respect to €141.6 million in 2004 (down by 2.2% and up to 3% net of activities disposed of<sup>3</sup>).**

**Consolidated operating income equal to €32.8 million with respect to €29.7 million in 2004.**

**Consolidated net income up to €21 million against €16.1 million in 2004.**

(February 14, 2006, Milan - Italy) Saes Getters S.p.A. today announced that the Board of the Directors approved consolidated results for the fourth quarter 2005 (October 1 – December 31).

For the fourth quarter ended December 31, 2005, **consolidated net sales** were €37.6 million compared with €32.9 million in the year-ago period, reflecting an increase by 14.3%. Consolidated sales increased by 23.7% net of activities disposed of within a program aimed at focusing on strategic and profitable activities. **Consolidated operating income** was equal to €9.4 million compared with €4.4 million in the fourth quarter 2004. Consolidated operating income excluding non recurring items would have been equal to €1.4 million against €6.3 million in the fourth quarter 2004. **Consolidated net income** was €6 million with respect to €1 million in the year-ago period. Consolidated net income excluding non recurring items would have been equal to €7.7 million against €2.6 million in the fourth quarter 2004. Net income per ordinary share and savings share was equal to €0.2673 compared with €0.0443 in the fourth quarter 2004.

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<sup>1</sup> 2005 quarterly reports were drawn up on the basis of International Financial Accounting Standards (IFRS). The balance sheet, income statement and financial position of the previous period were restated for comparison reasons, excluding the evaluation and disclosure of financial instruments. The Company adopted the possibility allowed by IFRS 1 to define the transition date to IAS 32 and 39 as from January 1, 2005.

<sup>2</sup> It should be recalled that on July 29, 2005 the Group sold the subsidiary FST Consulting International, Inc.

<sup>3</sup> It should be recalled that in 2004 and 2005 some semiconductor activities were sold within the strategy to exit non synergic activities and to focus on profitable business.

“We are quite satisfied with quarterly results that confirmed, as anticipated, the positive performance of previous quarters in terms of sales and margins, also thanks to the excellent trend in sales of components for flat panel displays” commented Dr. Massimo della Porta, Chief Executive Officer of the Saes Getters Group. “We have reaped benefits of strategic refocusing and significant rationalizations put in place during last years, besides first results from diversification. We will pursue our efforts aimed at launching new products and at rationalizing activities, also looking for productive optimizations to better cope with market trends”, added Dr. Massimo della Porta. “We are confident that 2006 will be a positive year and we will aim at maintaining the good operating margin of 2005.”

The Board of Directors, on the basis of the information provided by the relevant individuals, confirmed that the three independent directors still qualified as such up to date pursuant to the Code of Conduct.

### **Information Displays Business Unit**

**Consolidated revenues** of the Information Displays Business Unit were €25.4 million in the fourth quarter 2005, compared with €18.9 million in the same period one year-ago, representing an increase by 34.8%.

In particular, net sales of the Cathode Ray Tubes Business Area decreased by 18% to €8.6 million from €10.5 million in the same period one year-ago, because of the drop in the cathode ray tube market.

Revenues of the Flat Panel Displays Business Area were €16.8 million with respect to €8.3 million in the fourth quarter 2004, reflecting an increase by 101.2%. The rise was due to a stronger demand of mercury dispensers for cold cathode lamps used as back-lighting of liquid crystal displays.

**Gross profit** for the Information Displays Business Unit grew to €17.9 million in the fourth quarter of 2005 from €10.9 million in the same period of 2004.

**Operating income** for the Information Displays Business Unit rose to €3 million in the fourth quarter of 2005 from €6.8 million in the corresponding quarter of 2004. The rise was mainly due to the increase of sales and a better sales mix. It is to be noted that some non recurring expenses were charged with reference to personnel indemnities in the fourth quarter 2005.

### **Industrial Applications Business Unit**

**Consolidated revenues** of the Industrial Applications Business Unit were €1.9 million in the fourth quarter of 2005 with respect to €4 million in the same period one year-ago, reflecting a decrease by 15.2%.

Revenues of the Lamps Business Area were €3 million basically stable with respect to €3.1 million in the fourth quarter 2004.

Revenues from the Electronic Devices Business Area were €3 million in the fourth quarter 2005 stable if compared with the same period of 2004.

Net sales of the Vacuum Systems and Thermal Insulation Business Area were €1.9 million with respect to €1.1 million in the same period of the previous year. The increase by 70.7% was mainly due to higher sales of getters and panels for thermal insulation.

Net sales of the Semiconductors Business Area were equal to €3.9 million compared with €6.8 million in the same period of 2004. The decrease by 42.1% was mainly due to the sale of FST Consulting International, Inc. on July 29, 2005.

**Gross profit** for the Industrial Applications Business Unit was €3.6 million in the fourth quarter of 2005 compared with €5.4 million in the same period of 2004.

**Operating loss** for the Industrial Applications Business Unit was €0.6 million in the fourth quarter of 2005 compared with an operating income equal to €0.3 million in the corresponding quarter of 2004. It is to be noted that non recurring expenses equal to €1 million were charged in the fourth quarter 2005 because of the decision related to the stoppage of the manufacturing activities of gas distribution systems of the subsidiary Saes Getters Technical Service (Shanghai) Co. Ltd., China.

### **Advanced Materials Business Development Unit & Corporate Costs**

**Consolidated revenues** of the Advanced Materials Business Development Unit were €0.3 million in the fourth quarter of 2005.

Operating corporate costs and operating costs for the Advanced Materials Business Development Unit in the fourth quarter of 2005 were €2.8 million compared with €2.5 million in the correspondent quarter 2004.

**Consolidated gross profit** was equal to €21.4 million in the fourth quarter 2005, compared with €16.2 million in the same quarter of 2004. Consolidated gross profit in terms of sales increased to 57.1% from 49.2% in the fourth quarter 2004.

Total operating expenses were €12.5 million compared with €12.2 million in the fourth quarter 2004.

**Consolidated EBITDA** was €13.6 million in the fourth quarter 2005 compared with €8 million in the same quarter of 2004. Consolidated EBITDA in terms of sales was 36.3% against 24.4% in the fourth quarter 2004.

**Consolidated operating income** was €9.4 million in the three months ended December 31, 2005 from €4.4 million in the year-ago period. The R.O.S. (Return on Sales) ratio was equal to 25.1% in the fourth quarter 2005 compared with 13.4% in the same period of 2004. The increase was mainly due to the increase in sales and a better sales mix.

**Income taxes** were €4 million in the three months ended December 31, 2005, compared with €3.3 million in the three months ended December 31, 2004. As a percentage of income before taxes, income taxes were 39.8% in the fourth quarter of 2005, compared with 76.4% in the fourth quarter of 2004.

**Consolidated net income** was €6 million in the fourth quarter 2005 compared with €1 million in the correspondent quarter of 2004.

The Group's **net financial position** was equal to €85.9 million as of December 31, 2005, from €76 million as of September 30, 2005. Cash flows provided by operating activities were equal to €4 million. Net investments in fixed assets were equal to €3.1 million.

## 2005

**Consolidated net sales** were €38.6 million in 2005 down by 2.2% from €41.6 million in the year-ago period. Consolidated sales increased by 3% net of activities disposed of within a program aimed at focusing on strategic and profitable activities.

**Consolidated gross profit** grew to €76.4 million in 2005 from €71.9 million in 2004. The gross margin increased to 55.2% of net sales in 2005 from 50.8% in the previous year.

**Consolidated EBITDA** was €45.2 million in 2005 compared with €42 million in 2004.

**Consolidated operating income** grew to €32.8 million in 2005 from €29.7 million in the year-ago period. The R.O.S. ratio was 23.6% in 2005 compared with 20.9% in the year-ago period.

**Consolidated net income** was €21 million in 2005 (15.2% of net sales) with respect to €16.1 million in the same period of the previous year (11.4% of net sales).

Consolidated net income excluding non recurring items would have been equal to €23.7 million compared with €19.7 million in 2004.

Net income per ordinary share and savings share was €0.9315 and €0.9476 respectively, compared with €0.6979 per ordinary share and savings share in 2004.

## Business performance outlook

Expectations for 2006 are positive in particular with reference to the estimated ongoing growth in sales of components for liquid crystal displays: at this regard the Company is forecasting an adequate increase of the production capacity in the Far East. On the opposite, the cathode ray

tube market is expected to decrease because of the maturity of the business. The Company will evaluate possible rationalizations in terms of productive allocations, if necessary, to face market scenarios.

Other industrial markets in which the Group operates should confirm stability or growth. Finally, development activities will continue with reference to new products in the advanced materials, some of which are already in the stage of launch into the market.

The Group aims at maintaining 2005 consolidated operating margin in 2006.

*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 60 years its getter solutions have been supporting innovation in the information display and lamp industries, in technologies spanning from large vacuum power tubes to miniaturized silicon-based micromechanical devices, as well as in sophisticated high vacuum systems and in vacuum thermal insulation.*

*The Group also holds a leading position in ultra pure gas handling for the semiconductor and other hi-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, with the introduction of new optical crystal, shape memory alloy and metalorganic precursor product lines.*

*A total production capacity distributed at 8 manufacturing plants across 3 continents, a worldwide-based sales & service network, over 800 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) and has been listed on the Italian Stock Exchange Market, STAR segment, since 1986.*

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### **Forward-Looking Statements**

This news release contains forward-looking statements which are based upon current expectations and involve a number of risks and uncertainties. There are a number of important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those expressed in any forward-looking statements made by the Company. These factors include the Company's ability to introduce new products at planned costs and on planned schedules, the Company's ability to maintain key client relationships and the environments of the various economies in the countries the Company conducts business. The Company cautions that the foregoing list of important factors is not exclusive. The Company undertakes no obligation to publicly release the result of any revision to these forward-looking statements which may be made to reflect events or circumstances after the date hereof or to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events.

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**Saes Getters S.p.A. and Subsidiaries - Consolidated Net Sales per Business Area**

Thousands of euro (except %)

Business Area	2005 4 <sup>th</sup> qr.	2004 4 <sup>th</sup> qr.	Total difference (%)	Price-qty effect (%)	Exchange rate effect (%)
Cathode Ray Tubes	8,619	10,507	-18.0%	-18.1%	0.1%
Flat Panel Displays	16,796	8,349	101.2%	99.0%	2.2%
<b>Subtotal Information Displays</b>	<b>25,415</b>	<b>18,856</b>	<b>34.8%</b>	<b>33.3%</b>	<b>1.5%</b>
Lamps	3,038	3,130	-2.9%	-2.7%	-0.2%
Electronic Devices	2,987	2,981	0.2%	0.5%	-0.3%
Vacuum Systems and Thermal Insulation	1,944	1,139	70.7%	70.9%	-0.2%
Semiconductors	3,913	6,755	-42.1%	-42.0%	-0.1%
<b>Subtotal Industrial Applications</b>	<b>11,882</b>	<b>14,005</b>	<b>-15.2%</b>	<b>-15.0%</b>	<b>-0.2%</b>
<b>Subtotal Advanced Materials</b>	<b>253</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>n.a.</b>	<b>n.a.</b>	<b>n.a.</b>
<b>Total Net Sales</b>	<b>37,550</b>	<b>32,861</b>	<b>14.3%</b>	<b>13.3%</b>	<b>1.0%</b>

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<b>Information Displays Business Unit</b>	
Cathode Ray Tubes	Barium getters for cathode ray tubes
Flat Panel Displays	Getters and metal dispensers for flat panel displays
<b>Industrial Applications Business Unit</b>	
Lamps	Getters and metal dispensers used in discharge lamps and fluorescent lamps
Electronic Devices	Getters and metal dispensers for electron vacuum devices
Vacuum Systems and Thermal Insulation	Pumps for vacuum systems and products for thermal insulation
Semiconductors	Gas purifier systems for semiconductor industry and other industries and installations for the telecommunications industry
<b>Advanced Materials Business Development Unit</b>	
Advanced Materials	Getters for microelectronic and micromechanical systems, optical crystals, shape memory alloys and metalorganic precursors

**Saes Getters S.p.A. and Subsidiaries - Consolidated Net Sales by Geographic Location of Customer**

Thousands of euro

	2005 4 <sup>th</sup> qr.	2004 4 <sup>th</sup> qr.
Italy	231	285
Other EU and European countries	4,663	5,117
North America	4,599	5,614
Japan	9,483	7,831
Asia (excluding Japan)	18,225	13,460
Rest of the World	349	554
<b>Total Net Sales</b>	<b>37,550</b>	<b>32,861</b>

**Saes Getters S.p.A. and Subsidiaries - Consolidated Income Statement**

Thousands of euro

<b>Three months ended December 31</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2004</b>
<b>Total net sales</b>	<b>37,550</b>	<b>32,861</b>
Cost of sales	(16,104)	(16,708)
<b>Gross profit</b>	<b>21,446</b>	<b>16,153</b>
R & D expenses	(4,022)	(3,930)
Selling expenses	(4,112)	(4,327)
G&A expenses	(4,340)	(3,922)
Total operating expenses	(12,474)	(12,179)
Other income (expenses), net	455	432
<b>Operating income</b>	<b>9,427</b>	<b>4,406</b>
Interest and other financial income, net	401	698
Foreign exchange gains (losses), net	130	(757)
<b>Income before taxes</b>	<b>9,958</b>	<b>4,347</b>
Income taxes	(3,966)	(3,321)
<b>Net income</b>	<b>5,992</b>	<b>1,026</b>

**Saes Getters S.p.A. and Subsidiaries - Consolidated Income Statement per Business Unit**

Thousands of euro

	Information Displays		Industrial Applications		Advanced Materials & Corporate Costs	
	4 <sup>th</sup> qr. 2005	4 <sup>th</sup> qr. 2004	4 <sup>th</sup> qr. 2005	4 <sup>th</sup> qr. 2004	4 <sup>th</sup> qr. 2005	4 <sup>th</sup> qr. 2004
<b>Total net sales</b>	<b>25,415</b>	<b>18,856</b>	<b>11,882</b>	<b>14,005</b>	<b>253</b>	<b>0</b>
Cost of sales	(7,546)	(7,962)	(8,255)	(8,564)	(303)	(182)
<b>Gross profit (loss)</b>	<b>17,869</b>	<b>10,894</b>	<b>3,627</b>	<b>5,441</b>	<b>(50)</b>	<b>(182)</b>
Operating expenses and other income/expenses	(4,912)	(4,131)	(4,262)	(5,120)	(2,845)	(2,496)
<b>Operating income (loss)</b>	<b>12,957</b>	<b>6,763</b>	<b>(635)</b>	<b>321</b>	<b>(2,895)</b>	<b>(2,678)</b>

**Saes Getters S.p.A. and Subsidiaries - Consolidated Income per Share**

Euro

	2005 4 <sup>th</sup> qr.*	2004 4 <sup>th</sup> qr.**
Net income per ordinary share	0.2673	0.0443
Net income per savings share	0.2673	0.0443

\* Calculated with reference to a total number of shares equal to 22,731,969 shares

\*\* Calculated with reference to a total number of shares equal to 23,500,000 shares

**Saes Getters S.p.A. and Subsidiaries - Consolidated Income Statement**

Thousands of euro

<b>Twelve months ended December 31</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2004</b>
<b>Total net sales</b>	<b>138,580</b>	<b>141,649</b>
Cost of sales	(62,137)	(69,758)
<b>Gross profit</b>	<b>76,443</b>	<b>71,891</b>
R&D expenses	(14,629)	(13,557)
Selling expenses	(15,239)	(15,969)
G&A expenses	(14,094)	(13,327)
Total operating expenses	(43,962)	(42,853)
Other income (expenses), net	283	633
<b>Operating income</b>	<b>32,764</b>	<b>29,671</b>
Interest and other financial income, net	1,190	1,473
Foreign exchange gains (losses), net	1,157	(1,133)
<b>Income before taxes</b>	<b>35,111</b>	<b>30,011</b>
Income taxes	(14,104)	(13,864)
<b>Net income</b>	<b>21,007</b>	<b>16,147</b>

**Saes Getters S.p.A. and Subsidiaries – Consolidated Balance Sheet**

Thousands of euro

	Dec 31, 2005	Dec 31, 2004
Property, plant and equipment, net	60,493	59,769
Intangible assets, net	2,695	3,586
Other non current assets	10,141	10,063
Current assets	151,069	142,260
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>224,398</b>	<b>215,678</b>
Shareholders' equity	170,597	169,250
Non current liabilities	19,122	17,212
Current liabilities	34,679	29,216
<b>Total Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity</b>	<b>224,398</b>	<b>215,678</b>



**Saes Getters S.p.A. and Subsidiaries - Consolidated Net Financial Position**

Thousands of euro

	Dec 31, 2005	Sep 30, 2005	Jan 1, 2005*
<b><i>Financial assets</i></b>			
Cash and banks	93,243	82,698	87,511
Other current assets	0	23	1,637
<b>Total current assets</b>	<b>93,243</b>	<b>82,721</b>	<b>89,148</b>
<b>Total non current assets</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total financial assets</b>	<b>93,243</b>	<b>82,721</b>	<b>89,148</b>
<b><i>Financial liabilities</i></b>			
Bank overdraft	2,798	2,243	3,111
Current portion of long term debt	257	254	255
Other current financial debt	893	620	0
<b>Total current liabilities</b>	<b>3,948</b>	<b>3,117</b>	<b>3,366</b>
Long term debt, net of current portion	3,434	3,564	3,691
<b>Total non current liabilities</b>	<b>3,434</b>	<b>3,564</b>	<b>3,691</b>
<b>Total financial liabilities</b>	<b>7,382</b>	<b>6,681</b>	<b>7,057</b>
<b>Net financial position</b>	<b>85,861</b>	<b>76,040</b>	<b>82,091</b>

\* The Company has adopted the possibility allowed by the IFRS 1 to define the transition date to the IAS 32 and 39 as from January 1, 2005.