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SAES Getters: the Shareholders' Meeting approves the 2005 consolidated financial statements.

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Consolidated operating income up to €32.8 million from €29.7 million in 2004.

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

Dividend equal to €1.30 per ordinary share and €1.316 per savings share compared with €1 per ordinary share and €1.0161 per savings share in the previous year.

The Shareholders' Meeting appoints the Board of Directors and the Board of Statutory Auditors for the three-year period 2006-2008.

The Shareholders' Meeting renews the authorization to purchase treasury shares pursuant to articles 2357 and 2357-ter of the Italian Civil Code.

(April 27, 2006, Milan - Italy) SAES Getters S.p.A. today announced that the Ordinary Shareholders' Meeting, held today at the registered office in Lainate (Milan) and chaired by Mr. Massimo della Porta, approved the 2005 consolidated financial statements.

In 2005 **consolidated net sales** were €138.6 million compared with €141.6 million in 2004, representing a decrease by 2.2%. Consolidated sales would have increased by 3% excluding the effect of the exit from some activities within a program aimed at focusing on profitable business.

Consolidated operating income increased to €32.8 million from €29.7 million in the previous year. Excluding non recurring items consolidated operating income would have been equal to €36.7 million compared with €34 million in 2004.

Consolidated net income was equal to €21 million, compared with €16.1 million in the year-ago period. Excluding non recurring items consolidated net income would have been equal to €23.7 million with respect to €19.7 million in 2004.

The Shareholders' Meeting approved a dividend for the 2005 fiscal year of €1.30 for each outstanding ordinary share and €1.316 for each outstanding savings share, by means of the distribution of the net income and withdrawal of a portion of the "Retained earnings reserve" of SAES Getters S.p.A., compared with €1 per ordinary share and €1.0161 for savings share in the previous year.

Dividends will be paid on May 11, 2006 to Shareholders of record as of May 8, 2006 (coupon n. 22).

The Shareholders' Meeting appointed the Board of Directors for the three-year period 2006-2008, consisting of 14 members. The Board of Directors is made up of Stefano Baldi, Roberto Berger, Giulio Canale, Evelina Christillin, Giuseppe della Porta, Massimo della Porta, Paolo della Porta, Adriano De Maio, Andrea Dogliotti, Andrea Gilardoni, Giuseppe Rolando, Andrea Sironi, Gianluca Spinola and Renato Ugo. Adriano De Maio, Andrea Sironi and Renato Ugo qualify as independent Directors.

Paolo della Porta has been confirmed as President, Massimo della Porta has been confirmed as Vice President, Managing Director and Group Chief Executive Officer, Giulio Canale has been confirmed as Managing Director and Deputy Group Chief Executive Officer and appointed as Group Chief Financial Officer. Emilio Christillin has been confirmed as Honorary President.

The Audit Committee (Committee for Internal Control and Corporate Governance), in majority made up of independent Directors, is composed of Adriano De Maio, Giuseppe Rolando and Renato Ugo. The Compensation Committee is made up of Stefano Baldi, Adriano De Maio and Giuseppe della Porta.

The Oversight Committee, composed of a member of the Board of Statutory Auditors, the Chief for Internal Control and an independent Director, is made up of Vincenzo Donnataria, Giuseppe Rolando and Renato Ugo.

Vincenzo Donnataria, Maurizio Civardi and Alessandro Martinelli have been appointed as effective Statutory Auditors, Piero Angelo Bottino and Andrea Patarnello have been appointed as alternate Statutory Auditors.

Directors' and Statutory Auditors' curricula vitae are available on the corporate website (www.saesgetters.com, Investor Relations section, Corporate Governance, Corporate Profile).

Shareholders authorized the Board of Directors to buy-back shares, pursuant to article 2357 of the Italian Civil Code, on one or more occasions, up to a limit of 2 million shares (of any category), including treasury shares held as of today, for a period of 18 months from the date of authorization.

The purchase price, including ancillary charges, shall be no greater than 5% and no lower than 5% of official share price of the day before each operation. With reference to the sale of treasury shares, the selling price shall be no lower than the weighted average of official share prices for the relevant category in the ten days preceding the sale and in any case not less than the lowest purchase price.

The authorization is due to the opportunity of intervening in company stocks in light of contingent market situations, favoring liquidity and the regular course of trading, or favoring investment requirements, besides to the opportunity to use treasury shares as payment in extraordinary operations or to obtain funding necessary to realize projects and/or company goals.

As of today the company holds 302,028 ordinary shares (1.978% of ordinary shares) and 10,013 savings shares (0.13% of non convertible savings shares) issued by the company.

Finally the Ordinary Shareholders' Meeting approved the institution of Directors' termination indemnity.

In the first two months of 2006 the Group's consolidated net revenues were €26.2 million, compared with €20.7 million in the same period of 2005, reflecting an increase by 26.2%. On a comparable consolidation basis the rise in sales would have been equal to 29.7%.

Consolidated sales of the Information Displays Business Unit increased by 41.9% to €17.3 million in the first two months of 2006 from €12.2 million in the same period of 2005. The growth was mainly due to higher sales of mercury dispensers for cold cathode lamps used as back-lighting of liquid crystal displays.

Consolidated sales for the Industrial Applications Business Unit were €8.6 million compared with €8.4 million in the same period of 2005.

Consolidated sales for the Advanced Materials Business Development Unit were €0.3 million in the first two months of 2006.

The following tables set forth main data from Consolidated Financial Statements drawn up on the basis of International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS).

Abstract from Consolidated Financial Statements

Millions of euro

| Consolidated Income Statement Data | 2005 | 2004 |
|------------------------------------|-------|-------|
| Net sales | 138.6 | 141.6 |
| R&D expenses | 14.6 | 13.6 |
| Depreciation and amortization | 10.9 | 12.1 |
| Operating income | 32.8 | 29.7 |
| Net income | 21.0 | 16.1 |

Millions of euro

| Consolidated Balance Sheet Data | 31 Dec. 2005 | 31 Dec. 2004 |
|---|-----------------|-----------------|
| Shareholders' equity | 170.6 | 169.3 |
| Property, plant and equipment, net | 60.5 | 59.8 |
| Net financial position | 85.9 | 82.1* |
| Purchase of property, plant and equipment | 9.6 | 7.9 |

* As of January 1, 2005

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

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