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SAES Getters: the Board of Directors approves the 2006 consolidated financial statements.

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Consolidated operating income up to €54.3 million from €32.8 million in 2005.

Consolidated net income up to €31.4 million from €21 million in 2005.

Proposal of a dividend equal to €1.40 per ordinary share and €1.416 per savings share compared with €1.30 per ordinary share and €1.316 per savings share in the previous year.

(April 6, 2007, Milan - Italy) SAES Getters S.p.A. today announced that the Board of Directors approved the 2006 consolidated financial statements.

In 2006 **consolidated net sales** were €165.6 million compared with €138.6 million in 2005, representing an increase by 19.5%. The rise on a comparable consolidation basis was equal to 20.6% including the effect of the sale of the subsidiary FST Consulting International, Inc. in July 2005 and the acquisition of the 35% shareholding in SAES Getters (Nanjing) Co. Ltd. (previously called Nanjing SAES Huadong Getters Co. Ltd.) in January 2006.

Consolidated operating income increased to €54.3 million from €32.8 million in the previous year.

Consolidated net income was equal to €31.4million, compared with €21 million in the year-ago period.

Sales of SAES Getters S.p.A., the parent company, were equal to €30.2 million in 2006 (€21.2 million in 2005). In 2006 net income was equal to €24.2 million (€17.9 million in the previous year).

SAES Getters S.p.A. Shareholders' Ordinary Meeting will be held on May 7, 2007 at first call (and May 9, 2007 at second call) to approve 2006 consolidated financial statements and SAES Getters S.p.A.'s financial statements.

The Board of Directors decided to avail itself of the extension option, granted by article 2364 of the Italian civil code as permitted by the Company by laws (article 9), to hold the Shareholders Meeting within 180 days as from the year-end.

¹ It is to be recalled the sale of the subsidiary FST Consulting International, Inc. in July 2005 and the acquisition of the 35% shareholding in SAES Getters (Nanjing) Co. Ltd. (previously called Nanjing SAES Huadong Getters Co. Ltd.) in January 2006.

The reason behind the decision to convene the Shareholders' meeting within the longer period of 180 days was related to the need to receive the documentation required to complete the consolidation with reference to accurate intercompany fiscal relationship and to calculate the 2006 tax burden.

Thanks to the postponement, it has been possible to take into account the response of the tax authorities to the ruling filed by the Company in order to get assurance on the correct tax treatment applicable to dividends of Korean source following the changes introduced in the Italian tax legislation by law decree n. 223 dated July 4, 2006, converted into law 248 dated August 4, 2006. Based on the result of the ruling, the Company has calculated the precise current and deferred corporate income tax burden for the year 2006, which turned to be lower than the one included in the Consolidated Quarterly Report as at December 31, 2006, and it will be able to calculate the precise tax burden also for the coming years.

Shareholders will also vote on the Board of Directors' proposal to declare a 2006 dividend of €1.40 for ordinary share and €1.416 for savings share, through the distribution of the net income and a portion of the "Retained earnings reserve", compared with €1.30 per ordinary share and €1.316 for savings share in the previous year. Dividends will be paid on May 17, 2007 to Shareholders of record as of May 14, 2007.

Shareholders will also vote on the proposal to authorize the Board of Directors to buy-back shares, 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 twenty days preceding the sale.

The request 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.

The Shareholders' Meeting is convened to assume decisions following the resignation of an alternate Statutory Auditors and to approve the proposal as to the audit assignment for the period 2007-2015 or 2007-2012.

"2006 was the record year in the Group history and we are really satisfied with the results achieved" said Mr. Massimo della Porta, Chief Executive Officer of the SAES Getters Group. "New applications largely offset the decline of cathode ray tube televisions that represented our main market for many years. The LCD market is growing fast but with strong erosion in prices. We have replied to this trend introducing innovative products into the market. In the industrial applications we have maintained and defended our leadership with clear benefits on the business unit profitability" Mr. della Porta added. "The excellent results and the strong financial position enable us, once again, to reward Shareholders that always trust our Company with an attractive dividend policy. We are particularly satisfied with the response of the tax authorities to the ruling filed by the Company, which provides guidelines for the calculation of the precise tax burden also for the coming years."

Information Displays Business Unit

Consolidated revenues of the Information Displays Business Unit grew by 24% to €109.5 million in 2006 from €88.4 million in 2005 (+24.9% excluding the exchange rate effect).

In particular, revenues of the Flat Panel Displays Business Area were €80.4 million with respect to €56.2 million in 2005, reflecting an increase by 43.2%. The rise was due to a stronger demand of mercury dispensers for cold cathode lamps used as back-lighting of liquid crystal displays.

Net sales of the Cathode Ray Tubes Business Area decreased by 9.6% to €29.1 million from €32.2 million in 2005. Sales decreased by 16.5% on a comparable consolidation basis, including the effect of the acquisition of the 35% shareholding in SAES Getters (Nanjing) Co. Ltd. in January 2006, because of the reduction in the cathode ray tubes market.

Gross profit for the Information Displays Business Unit increased to €81.7 million in 2006 from €58.6 million in 2005. The rise was due to higher sales and a more favorable sales mix.

Operating income for the Information Displays Business Unit grew to €58.2 million in 2006 from €41.8 million in the previous year. The growth was due to higher gross profit, only partially offset by higher operating expenses. It is to be noted that restructuring expenses, equal to €4 million, were charged in 2006 with reference to a rationalization and reorganization of manufacturing activities of getters for cathode ray tubes.

Industrial Applications Business Unit

Consolidated revenues of the Industrial Applications Business Unit were €54.5 million in 2006 with respect to €49.5 million in 2005, reflecting an increase by 10.2% (+11.4% excluding the exchange rate effect).

Revenues of the Lamps Business Area were €13 million with respect to €11.1 million in 2005 (+16.9%). The rise was due to higher sales of components for fluorescent lamps.

Revenues from the Electronic Devices Business Area grew by 12.8% to €13.9 million from €12.4 million in the previous year, mainly thanks to higher sales of porous getters for electronic tubes.

Net sales of the Vacuum Systems & Thermal Insulation Business Area were €7.6 million with respect to €7.1 million in 2005 (+7%). The increase was mainly due to higher sales of getter pumps and getter products for particle accelerators and components for thermal insulation.

Net sales of the Semiconductors Business Area were equal to €20 million compared with €18.9 million in 2005, representing an increase by 5.7%. Sales rose by 33% on a comparable consolidation basis, including the effect of the sale of the subsidiary FST Consulting International, Inc. in July 2005, thanks to higher sales of gas purifiers.

Gross profit for the Industrial Applications Business Unit grew to €25.3 million in 2006 from €18.4 million in the previous year. The increase was due to higher sales and a more favorable sales mix.

Operating income for the Industrial Applications Business Unit grew to €9.4 million from €1.7 million in 2005. The increase was mainly due to higher gross profit.

Advanced Materials Business Development Unit & Corporate Costs

Consolidated revenues of the Advanced Materials Business Development Unit were €1.6 million in 2006 (€0.7 million in 2005) thanks to sales of getter films for MEMS applications and crystals for laser applications.

Operating corporate costs and operating costs for the Advanced Materials Business Development Unit were €13.2 million in 2006 compared with €10.1 million in 2005. The rise was mainly due to the increase of G&A expenses.

Consolidated gross profit grew to €106.8 million in 2006 from €76.4 million in 2005. Consolidated gross profit, as percentage of net sales, was 64.5% in 2006 with respect to 55.2% in 2005, thanks to higher sales and a more favorable sales mix.

Total operating expenses were €49.2 million against €44 million in 2005.

Consolidated EBITDA (operating income + depreciation and amortization + write down of property, plant and equipment) was €65.6 million in 2006 compared with €45.2 million in the previous year. Consolidated EBITDA, as percentage of net sales, was 39.6% in 2006 with respect to 32.6% in 2005.

Consolidated operating income was €54.3 million in 2006 against €32.8 million in the year-ago period. The R.O.S. (Return on Sales) ratio increased to 32.8% in 2006 from 23.6% in 2005, mainly because of the rise of consolidated gross profit only partially offset by the increase of operating expenses, in particular G&A.

Income taxes were €22.9 million in 2006, compared with €14.1 million in 2005. As a percentage of income before taxes, income taxes were 42.1% in 2006, compared with 40.2% in 2005. The increase was mainly due to a different contribution of the economic results from the Group Companies in 2006.

Consolidated net income was €31.4 million in 2006 (19% as percentage of net sales) compared with €21 million in 2005 (15.2% as percentage of net sales).

The Group's **net financial position** increased to €90.4 million as of December 31, 2006, from €85.9 million as of December 31, 2005. Cash provided by operating activities, equal to €56.7 million, were partially used in the dividend payment (€29.3 million) and in acquisition of shareholdings and purchase of property plant and equipment (€22.1 million).

It is to be noticed that Financial Statements are currently under review and audit by the Board of Statutory Auditors and the independent Audit Firm.

Events subsequent to the end of the period and business performance outlook

In the first two months of 2007 the Group's consolidated net revenues were €25.1 million, compared with €26.2 million in the same period of 2006, reflecting a decrease by 3.9% (+3% excluding the exchange rate effect).

Consolidated sales of the Information Displays Business Unit were €16 million in the first two months of 2007 from €17.3 million in the same period of 2006 (-7.5%). Excluding the exchange rate effect sales were stable because the growth of the Flat Panel Displays Business Area was offset by a strong decrease in the Cathode Ray Tubes Business Area

Consolidated sales for the Industrial Applications Business Unit were €8.8 million compared with €8.6 million in the same period of 2006, reflecting an increase by 2.2% (+8.1% excluding the exchange rate effect).

Consolidated sales for the Advanced Materials Business Development Unit were €0.3 million in the first two months of 2007, stable compared with the first two months 2006.

On April 3, 2007 SAES Opto Materials S.r.l., headquartered in Cagliari, Italy, was incorporated with corporate purpose the production, manufacturing and marketing of crystals for industrial and research laser applications, besides components related to laser sources.

90% of SAES Opto Materials stock capital was underwritten by SAES Getters S.p.A.

Following the execution of the procedure having regard to art. 47 Law n. 428/1990 and the adoption of necessary corporate resolutions, SAES Opto Materials will acquire the going concern related to the production, manufacturing and marketing of crystals for industrial and research laser applications, besides components related to laser sources, from Scientific Materials Europe S.r.l. at a price equal to €2.8 million. Simultaneously SAES Getters S.p.A. will transfer the actual 30% shareholding in Scientific Materials Europe at a price equal to €0.2 million, exiting from the company, which will continue to operate in the field of ophthalmic activities and research.

The operation will allow SAES Getters to strengthen its presence in the field of advanced materials.

The Company expects the Information Display market to grow in the first part of 2007 less than in the past and a higher fluctuation in the demand trend, due to a greater seasonality and continuous stock adjustments, typical of home televisions that represent the segment with higher growth rate.

Other industrial markets in which the Group operates should confirm stability or slight growth.

The Group's economic results for the period will continue to be influenced by the exchange rates of the euro against the major currencies. With a view to protecting the Group's margins against fluctuations in exchange rates, transactions have been concluded to hedge the US dollar and the Japanese yen against the exchange rate risk.

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 and shape memory alloy.

A total production capacity distributed at 10 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	2006	2005	Total difference (%)	Price-qty effect (%)	Exchange rate effect (%)
Flat Panel Displays	80,429	56,158	43.2%	44.5%	-1.3%
Cathode Ray Tubes	29,112	32,217	-9.6%	-9.8%	0.2%
Subtotal Information Displays	109,541	88,375	24.0%	24.9%	-0.9%
Lamps	13,011	11,128	16.9%	18.2%	-1.3%
Electronic Devices	13,946	12,367	12.8%	13.8%	-1.0%
Vacuum Systems and Thermal Insulation	7,573	7,079	7.0%	8.4%	-1.4%
Semiconductors	19,969	18,885	5.7%	6.9%	-1.2%
Subtotal Industrial Applications	54,499	49,459	10.2%	11.4%	-1.2%
Subtotal Advanced Materials	1,560	746	109.1%	110.0%	-0.9%
Total Net Sales	165,600	138,580	19.5%	20.5%	-1.0%

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Information Displays Business Unit	
Flat Panel Displays	Getters and metal dispensers for flat panel displays
Cathode Ray Tubes	Barium getters for cathode ray tubes
Industrial Applications Business Unit	
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
Advanced Materials Business Development Unit	
Advanced Materials	Getters for microelectronic and micromechanical systems, optical crystals, shape memory alloys

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

Thousands of euro

	2006	2005
Italy	1,008	760
Other EU and European countries	19,697	19,289
North America	17,971	20,976
Japan	41,631	36,442
South Korea	34,980	23,593
Rest of Asia	47,899	35,170
Rest of the World	2,414	2,350
Total Net Sales	165,600	138,580

SAES Getters S.p.A. and Subsidiaries - Consolidated Income Statement

Thousands of euro

Twelve months ended December 31	2006	2005
Total net sales	165,600	138,580
Cost of sales	(58,801)	(62,137)
Gross profit	106,799	76,443
R&D expenses	(15,609)	(14,629)
Selling expenses	(14,882)	(15,239)
G&A expenses	(18,736)	(14,094)
Total operating expenses	(49,227)	(43,962)
Restructuring expenses	(4,000)	0
Other income (expenses), net	679	283
Operating income	54,251	32,764
Interest and other financial income, net	1,626	1,296
Income (expenses) from activities held for sale	498	(106)
Foreign exchange gains (losses), net	(2,115)	1,157
Income before taxes	54,260	35,111
Income taxes	(22,869)	(14,104)
Net income	31,391	21,007

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

Thousands of euro

	Information Displays		Industrial Applications		Advanced Materials & Corporate Costs	
	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005
Total net sales	109,541	88,375	54,499	49,459	1,560	746
Cost of sales	(27,831)	(29,808)	(29,247)	(31,034)	(1,723)	(1,295)
Gross profit (loss)	81,710	58,567	25,252	18,425	(163)	(549)
Operating expenses and other income/expenses	(23,498)	(16,795)	(15,806)	(16,755)	(13,244)	(10,129)
Operating income (loss)	58,212	41,772	9,446	1,670	(13,407)	(10,678)

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

Euro

	2006	2005
Net Income per Ordinary Share	1.3948	0.9315
Net Income per Savings Share	1.4108	0.9476

SAES Getters S.p.A. and Subsidiaries – Consolidated Balance Sheet

Thousands of euro

	Dec 31, 2006	Dec 31, 2005
Property, plant and equipment, net	61,303	60,493
Intangible assets, net	4,674	2,695
Other non current assets	13,852	10,141
Current assets	153,744	151,069
Total Assets	233,573	224,398
Shareholders' equity	169,055	170,597
Non current liabilities	22,831	19,122
Current liabilities	41,687	34,679
Total Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity	233,573	224,398

SAES Getters S.p.A. and Subsidiaries - Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows

Thousands of euro

	2006	2005
Net income	31,391	21,007
Current income taxes	22,513	9,586
Change in deferred income tax expense	355	2,010
Depreciation, amortization and write down of non current assets	10,801	12,437
Net loss (gain) on disposal of property, plant and equipment and investments in share capital	44	224
Interest and other financial income, net	(1,626)	(1,190)
Accrual for termination indemnities	3,650	1,808
Accrual (utilization) for risks and contingencies	4,427	(832)
	71,555	45,050
Change in operating assets and liabilities	270	1,878
Payments of termination indemnities	(2,927)	(1,274)
Financial income received, net of payment of interest	1,805	1,488
Payment of income taxes	(13,997)	(9,891)
Net cash provided by operating activities	56,706	37,251
Purchase of property, plant and equipment, net of proceeds from sales	(10,842)	(9,432)
Purchase of intangible assets	(666)	(334)
Change in investing activities from purchase and sales of investments in share capital	(10,637)	(204)
Cash flows provided by (used by) investing activities	(22,145)	(9,970)
Dividends paid	(29,265)	(22,548)
Purchase of treasury shares	0	(121)
Proceeds from debt, net of repayments	137	(257)
Net cash provided by (used by) financing activities	(29,128)	(22,926)
Effect of exchange rate differences	(2,066)	1,690
Increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	3,367	6,045
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the year	90,445	84,400
Cash and cash equivalents at end of the period	93,812	90,445

SAES Getters S.p.A. - Income Statement

Thousands of euro

Twelve months ended December 31	2006	2005
Total net sales	30,175	21,197
Cost of sales	(25,145)	(17,525)
Gross profit	5,030	3,672
R&D expenses	(12,013)	(12,090)
Selling expenses	(4,639)	(4,579)
G&A expenses	(10,494)	(6,943)
Total operating expenses	(27,146)	(23,612)
Restructuring expenses	(4,000)	0
Other income (expenses), net	4,864	3,887
Operating income	(21,252)	(16,053)
Interest and other financial income, net	41,714	30,260
Foreign exchange gains (losses), net	(316)	153
Income before taxes	20,146	14,360
Income taxes	4,081	3,562
Net income	24,227	17,922

SAES Getters S.p.A. - Balance Sheet

Thousands of euro

	Dec 31, 2006	Dec 31, 2005
Property, plant and equipment, net	22,983	23,032
Intangible assets, net	1,045	1,265
Investments in share capital and other financial assets	58,320	47,730
Other non current assets	2,236	1,983
Current assets	88,253	83,523
Total Assets	172,837	157,533
Shareholders' equity	113,845	118,598
Non current liabilities	11,915	8,639
Current liabilities	47,077	30,296
Total Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity	172,837	157,533

SAES Getters S.p.A. - Statement of Cash Flows

Thousands of euro

	2006	2005
Net income	24,227	17,922
Current income taxes	(3,667)	(3,753)
Change in deferred income tax expense	(250)	137
Depreciation, amortization and write down of non current assets	4,849	5,255
Dividends	(41,200)	(29,414)
Interest and other financial income, net	(457)	(1,502)
Accrual for termination indemnities	1,658	776
Accrual (utilization) for risks and contingencies	4,156	(227)
	(10,684)	(10,806)
Change in operating assets and liabilities	5,298	8,066
Payments of termination indemnities	(673)	(748)
Financial income received	1,053	855
Payment of income taxes	(502)	(677)
Net cash provided by operating activities	(5,508)	(3,310)
Purchase of property, plant and equipment, net of proceeds from sales	(3,809)	(3,835)
Dividends received	41,200	29,414
Purchase of intangible assets	(518)	(322)
Change in investing activities from purchase and sales of investments in share capital	(10,850)	(450)
Cash flows provided by (used by) investing activities	26,023	24,807
Dividends paid	(29,265)	(22,548)
Purchase of treasury shares	0	(121)
Proceeds from debt, net of repayments	12,442	(2,959)
Net cash provided by (used by) financing activities	(16,823)	(25,628)
Increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	3,692	(4,131)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the year	66,702	70,833
Cash and cash equivalents at end of the period	70,394	66,702