



**For Immediate Release**

**SAES Getters: the Shareholders' Meeting approves the 2006 consolidated financial statements.**

**Consolidated sales equal to €165.6 million, up by 19.5% compared with €138.6 million in 2005.**

**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.**

**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.**

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

**The Shareholders' Meeting appoints an alternate Auditor and awards the audit assignment to Reconta Ernst & Young S.p.A. for the period 2007-2012.**

(May 9, 2007, 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 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 €31.4 million, compared with €21 million in the year-ago period.

The Shareholders' Meeting approved a dividend for the 2006 fiscal year of €1.40 for each outstanding ordinary share and €1.416 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. Dividends will be paid on May 17, 2006 to Shareholders of record as of May 14, 2006 (coupon n. 23).

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 twenty days preceding the sale.

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.

The Shareholders' Meeting appointed Mr. Fabio Egidi as alternate Auditor, in replacement of the resigning alternate Auditor, until the end of office of the Board of Statutory Auditors currently in charge (approval of the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2008). Mr. Egidi's curriculum vitae is available on the corporate website ([www.saesgetters.com](http://www.saesgetters.com), Investor Relations section, Corporate Governance, Corporate Profile).

The Shareholders' Meeting awarded the audit assignment to Reconta Ernst & Young S.p.A. for the period 2007-2012.

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.

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

#### **Abstract from Consolidated Financial Statements**

Millions of euro

<b>Consolidated Income Statement Data</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2005</b>
Net sales	165.6	138.6
R&D expenses	15.6	14.6
Depreciation and amortization	10.8	10.9
Operating income	54.3	32.8
Net income	31.4	21.0

Millions of euro

<b>Consolidated Balance Sheet Data</b>	<b>31 Dec. 2006</b>	<b>31 Dec. 2005</b>
Shareholders' equity	169.1	170.6
Property, plant and equipment, net	61.3	60.5
Net financial position	90.4	85.9
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	10.9	9.6

*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.*

*More information is available at [www.saesgetters.com](http://www.saesgetters.com)*

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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.