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SAES Getters: the Shareholders' Meeting approves the 2008 consolidated financial statements.

Consolidated sales amount to €157.1 million, compared to €167.2 million in 2006 (-6%) penalized by the negative exchange rate effect equal to 5%.

Consolidated operating income amounts to €30.4 million, compared to €49.1 million in the previous fiscal year. Consolidated net income equals €20.3 million, compared to €34.9 million in 2007.

Dividend of €0.800 per ordinary share and €0.816 per savings share.

The Shareholders' Meeting renews the authorization to purchase treasury shares pursuant to article 2357 of the Italian Civil Code.

The Shareholders' Meeting appoints the new Board of Directors and the new Board of Statutory Auditors and their related compensations. Defined the compensations of the Audit Committee and of the Compensation Committee.

The Shareholders' Meeting approves the amendment of Article 9 of the Company by-Laws in the paragraph concerning article 154-ter of D. Lgs. 58/98.

Founder Dr Ing. Paolo della Porta was granted a special award in acknowledgement to his career.

Massimo della Porta appointed President of the Board and Group Chief Executive Officer; Giulio Canale Vice President of the Board, Managing Director, Deputy Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer.

(April 21 2009, 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 2008 consolidated financial statements.

In 2008, SAES Getters Group achieved a consolidated turnover equal to €157.1 million, down by 6% compared to €167.2 million achieved in 2007.

The negative exchange rate effect was equal to 5%; it affected 2008 revenues and was mainly caused by the devaluation of the U.S. dollar and of the Korean won against the euro and only partially corrected by the revaluation of the Japanese yen. Net of the exchange rate effect, the consolidated turnover decreased only by 1%.

Consolidated turnover does not include the sales of the polymer division of Memry Corporation, whose results were reclassified under "Income (loss) from assets held for sale and discontinued operations". By adding such revenues, the Group's consolidated turnover would have been €160.2 million.

The change in the scope of consolidation¹ led to an increase in revenues equal to 12.3%. At the same scope of consolidation, consolidated turnover would have been €136.6 million.

Consolidated gross profit in the fiscal year 2008 was equal to €90.1 million, against €102.5 million in 2007.

Consolidated operating income was equal to €30.4 million, compared to €49.3 in 2007.

Consolidated net income was €20.3 million compared to €34.9 million in 2007.

A dividend will be paid for the 2008 fiscal year, equal to €0.800 per each outstanding ordinary share and €0.816 per each outstanding savings share, through the distribution of the net income of the year. This amount will be cashable starting from April 30, 2009; the share will be quoted ex-dividend from April 27, 2009 against the coupon no. 26.

Shareholders authorized the Board of Directors to buy-back or dispose shares, pursuant to article 2357 of the Italian Civil Code. The request is linked to the possibility to intervene in company's stocks in contingent market situations, favoring liquidity and the regular course of trading, or in relation to the need for investment and for an efficient use of the company's liquidity. The authorization is also required for other possible purposes, such as the opportunity to use treasury shares as payment in extraordinary operations, in stock options plans, in operations of acquisition or in order to obtain loans for the realization of projects and/or the achievement of the company's purposes.

The authorization for the buy-back is approved for a period of 18 months, on one or more occasions, up to a limit of no. 2 million ordinary and/or savings shares, considering the treasury shares held as of today, according to the law.

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, they could occur without time limit, at a selling price which shall be no lower than the weighted average of official share prices for the relevant category in the twenty days preceding the sale.

As of today the company holds no. 700,000 ordinary shares (equal to 4.58% of total ordinary shares) and no. 82,000 savings shares (equal to 1.10% of total non convertible savings shares).

The Shareholders' Meeting also decided that the number of the members of the Board of Directors will be 11 (eleven); the Board of Directors will be in charge until the approval of the financial statements for the year ending December, 31 2011. The Directors, pursuant to the one and only list presented by the majority shareholder S.G.G. Holding S.p.A., are: **Stefano Baldi, Giulio Canale, Giuseppe della Porta, Massimo della Porta, Adriano De Maio, Andrea Dogliotti, Andrea Gilardoni, Pietro Alberico Mazzola, Roberto Orecchia, Andrea Sironi and Gianluca Spinola.** The c.v. of the Directors are available on the corporate website. The Shareholders' Meeting, pursuant to the article 18 of the Company by-

¹ The change in the scope of consolidation includes:

- the acquisition of the SMC's SMA Division (January 3, 2008) by SAES Smart Materials, Inc.;
- the acquisition of Spectra-Mat, Inc. (February 22, 2008);
- the acquisition of Memry Corporation (September 29, 2008);
- the full consolidation of the results of Memry GmbH (ex Dr.-Ing Mertmann Memory-Metalle GmbH, previously 50% consolidated with the proportional method).

Laws, has also defined the yearly overall compensation of the Board of Directors, amounting to €120,000.

Following is the shareholding held by the Directors in the Company voting stock:

Surname and first name	Company	Number	Notes
Stefano Baldi	SAES Getters S.p.A.	13,411	Ordinary shares
		6,008	Savings shares
Giulio Canale	SAES Getters S.p.A.	-	Ordinary shares
		-	Savings shares
Giuseppe della Porta	SAES Getters S.p.A.	10,000	Ordinary shares
		-	Savings shares
Massimo della Porta	SAES Getters S.p.A.	5,000	Ordinary shares
		-	Savings shares
Adriano De Maio	SAES Getters S.p.A.	-	Ordinary shares
		-	Savings shares
Andrea Dogliotti	SAES Getters S.p.A.	99,141	Ordinary shares
		-	Savings shares
Andrea Gilardoni	SAES Getters S.p.A.	15,755	Ordinary shares
		16,200	Savings shares
Pietro Alberico Mazzola	SAES Getters S.p.A.	-	Ordinary shares
		-	Savings shares
Roberto Orecchia	SAES Getters S.p.A.	-	Ordinary shares
		-	Savings shares
Andrea Sironi	SAES Getters S.p.A.	-	Ordinary shares
		-	Savings shares
Gianluca Spinola	SAES Getters S.p.A.	-	Ordinary shares
		-	Savings shares

The Ordinary Shareholders' Meeting also decided that the yearly compensation for each individual member of the Audit Committee will be equal to €9,000, increased by an additional amount of €7,000 assigned to the Chairman of the Audit Committee; again, that the yearly compensation for each member of the Compensation Committee will be €3,000, increased by an additional amount of €4,000 to be assigned to the Chairman of the Compensation Committee.

On the basis of the one and only list presented, proposed by the majority shareholder S.G.G. Holding S.p.A., the Shareholders' Meeting appointed the Statutory Auditors, in charge until the approval of the financial statements of the fiscal year ending December 31, 2011: as effective Statutory Auditors **Vincenzo Donnataria**, Chairman, **Maurizio Civardi** and **Alessandro Martinelli**; as alternate Statutory Auditors **Fabio Egidi** and **Piero Angelo Bottino**; the compensation for each year is based on the minimal professional fee of Certified Professional Accounting Advisors.

The Shareholders' Meeting has also decided to assign no.100,000 ordinary shares of SAES Getters S.p.A. currently held in the portfolio of SAES Getters S.p.A., free of charge, to the founder Dr Ing. Paolo della Porta as an acknowledgement to his career, in addition to a cash amount that can enable Dr Ing. Paolo della Porta to pay the related taxes, in order to relieve the beneficiary from any cost resulting from the acceptance of the award, as described in the Informative Document delivered on March 25, 2009.

On the same date and time, the Extraordinary Shareholders' Meeting decided to approve the amendment of article 9 of the Company by-Laws in the paragraph concerning Article 154-ter of D. Lgs. 58/98, by eliminating from the statutory text the reference related to the possibility of convening the Ordinary Shareholders' Meeting to approve the annual report within one hundred and eighty days from the close of the fiscal year, when required by special needs and after the notification of the reasons for the delay in the report of the Directors accompanying the annual report.

The newly appointed Board of Directors of SAES Getters S.p.A., gathered immediately after the end of the Shareholders' Meeting, verified the conditions of independence related to independent Directors Adriano De Maio, Roberto Orecchia and Andrea Sironi, based on the information provided by them. The Board of Directors, in accordance with Consolidated Finance Act, article 148, paragraph 3 (also reminded in the Consolidated Finance Act, article 147-ter, paragraph 4) and in accordance with all the rules contained in the Code of Conduct of SAES Getters S.p.A., confirmed the qualified "independence" of those Directors, having found no evidence of any situation connected with "lack of independence", according to the hypotheses specified in the Code of Conduct.

The Board of Directors has also named **Massimo della Porta** President of the Company and Group Chief Executive Officer; **Giulio Canale** Vice President, Managing Director, Deputy Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer.

The founder Dr Ing. **Paolo della Porta** was named Honorary President of the Company; such honorary title does not imply any remuneration and will enable Dr Ing. Paolo della Porta only to be invited to the Company's Board Meetings as well as to Shareholders' Meetings.

Furthermore, the Board also has named: **Adriano De Maio** Lead Independent Director; **Adriano De Maio, Andrea Sironi, and Andrea Dogliotti** members of the Audit Committee; **Adriano De Maio, Andrea Sironi and Stefano Baldi** members of the Compensation Committee.

Finally, **Roberto Orecchia** (independent Director), **Vincenzo Donnataria** (Statutory Auditor) and **Claudio Vitacca** (responsible of the Internal Audit and Chief of Internal Control) were named members of the Oversight Committee.

The Board of Directors has also confirmed **Michele Di Marco**, Head of Group's Administration, Finance and Control, as the Officer Responsible for the preparation of corporate financial reports of SAES Getters S.p.A., in accordance with the article 154-bis of Legislative Decree no. 58/1998. Such appointment occurred in accordance with the favourable opinion of the Board of Statutory Auditors and it is pursuant to the legal requirements of professional skills stated by the Company by-Laws.

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

Abstract from Consolidated Financial Statements

(Millions of euro)

Consolidated Income Statement Data	2008	2007
Net sales	157.1	167.2
R&D expenses	17.7	17.8
Depreciation and amortization	10.8	11.6
Operating income	30.4	49.3
Net income	20.3	34.9

(Millions of euro)

Consolidated Balance Sheet Data	31 Dec. 2008	31 Dec. 2007
Shareholders' equity	143.4	146.8
Property, plant and equipment, net	71.7	60.3
Net financial position	(20.3)	69.1
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	11.0	12.0

It is worth to be noticed that, in order to improve the comprehension of the Financial Statements, some balance sheet and income statement items as of December 31, 2007, presented in these Financial Statements for comparative purposes have been reclassified with respect to the Consolidated Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2007. In further detail, the reclassifications affected:

- the offsetting of receivables from and payables to the Controlling Company under the tax consolidation agreement;
- the offsetting of long-term assets with long-term liabilities of like amount and nature;
- the presentation in a single line item, "Net income (loss) on assets held for sale and discontinued operations", of income statement items pertaining to the discontinued operations disclosed as of December 31, 2007.

The Officer Responsible for the preparation of corporate financial reports of SAES Getters S.p.A. certifies that, in accordance with the second subsection of art. 154bis, part IV, title III, second paragraph, section V-bis, of Legislative Decree February 24, 1998, no. 58, the financial information included in the present document corresponds to book of account and book-keeping entries.

The Officer Responsible for the preparation of corporate financial reports
Michele Di Marco

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 70 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 13 manufacturing plants across 3 continents, a worldwide-based sales & service network, some 1,300 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.