



**For Immediate Release**

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**SAES Getters announces the signature of an agreement for the acquisition of the control of Dr.-Ing Mertmann Memory-Metalle GmbH and, to follow, for the full acquisition of the company's share capital, currently owned with a 50% shareholding. The German company will change its corporate name into Memry GmbH.**

*The company operates in the shape memory alloys market.  
SAES Getters acquired 50% of its shares on May, 30<sup>th</sup> 2006.*

SAES Getters S.p.A., the Italian Group world leader in a variety of scientific and industrial applications where stringent vacuum conditions or ultra-pure gases are required, announces the signature of an agreement with Matthias Mertmann, founder and owner of 50% of shares and current Managing Director of Dr.-Ing Mertmann Memory-Metalle GmbH, for the acquisition of 10% shareholding and for the acquisition of the entire capital in two following tranches by June, 30<sup>th</sup> 2014. SAES Getters S.p.A. acquired 50% shareholding on May, 30<sup>th</sup> 2006.

The purchase price agreed for the acquisition of 10% shareholding of Dr.-Ing Mertmann Memory-Metalle GmbH is equal to €250,000. The agreement includes the acquisition of the remaining German company's share capital in two tranches to follow, each equal to 20% shareholding, which will be finalized in the first half of 2012 and in the first half of 2014. The pricing formula of the transaction includes sales of the previous year and grants Matthias Mertmann a minimum amount of €375,000 per each tranche. At the same time, the agreement states the right for Mattias Mertmann to exercise a put option for the entire 40% residual company's share capital. The corresponding value of such option, which can be exercised from April 1 until April 30, 2012, is €500,000.

Dr.-Ing Mertmann Memory Metalle GmbH, located in Weil am Rhein (Germany), supplies shape memory alloys (SMA) semifinished and components for medical and industrial applications.

As of September, 30<sup>th</sup> the company reported in nine months a turnover equal to €1.2 million; operating income and net income were substantially at break even level. Dr.-Ing Mertmann Memory-Metalle GmbH closed 2007 fiscal year with a turnover of €1.7 million; the operating income and the net income equaled €0.1 million.

The German company will change its corporate name from Dr.-Ing Mertmann Memory-Metalle GmbH into **Memry GmbH** and, following an agreement which states a strong operating and commercial integration with Memry Corporation, it will become an European centre of excellence for the development of shape memory alloys for medical applications market and for the distribution of Memry products in Europe.

*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 14 manufacturing plants across 3 continents, a worldwide-based sales & service network, some 1,500 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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