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Saes Getters announces the signature of a letter of intent for the acquisition of 50% shareholding in Memory-Metalle GmbH

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The purchase price for the shareholding will be €1.7 million.*

(March 1, 2006, Milan - Italy) Saes Getters S.p.A. announces the execution of a binding letter of intent for the acquisition of 50% shareholding in Memory-Metalle GmbH with Dr. Matthias Mertmann, major shareholder of the company.

Memory-Metalle, located in Weil am Rhein, Germany, supplies shape memory alloys semifinished shapes and components for medical and industrial applications.

The transaction is subject to customary due diligence, which is already in progress, and negotiation of the definitive stock purchase contract and ancillary agreements. The closing is estimated to take place within the end of April 2006.

The purchase price will be equal to €1.7 million, net of possible adjustments, and will be paid in cash at closing.

After the acquisition Dr. Mertmann will remain shareholder and Managing Director of Memory-Metalle.

In 2005 Memory-Metalle sales were €1.1 million, operating income was €0.1 million, net income was €0.1 million.

“The acquisition of the shareholding allows the Group to widen its presence in a promising area in the new advanced materials business development unit. Memory-Metalle is successful in the medical field, which is complementary to our activity” commented Dr. Massimo della Porta, Chief Executive Officer of Saes Getters Group. “Dr. Mertmann’s entrepreneurial and scientific capabilities will contribute to our expansion in the shape memory alloys for industrial applications”, added Dr. Massimo della Porta.

“We are very satisfied with this opportunity: Saes Getters’ scientific and technical resources, together with its sales and manufacturing worldwide presence, will be strategic for the future growth of the company”, added Dr. Mertmann, Managing Director of Memory-Metalle.

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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