



For Immediate Release

SAES Getters announces the acquisition of 51% shareholding in Huadong Electronic Vacuum Material Co. Ltd. and the following establishment of a sino-foreign contractual joint venture under the name Nanjing SAES Huadong Electronic Vacuum Material Co. Ltd.

SAES Getters acquires 20% shareholding for a purchase price of RMB 4,000 thousand and subscribes a RMB 12,650 thousand registered capital increase.

Immediately after Huadong Electronic Vacuum Material Co. Ltd. shall be converted into a Sino-foreign Contractual Joint Venture Company.

(August 29, 2006, Milan - Italy) SAES Getters S.p.A. announces that its controlled company SAES Getters International Luxembourg S.A. acquired today the 51% shareholding in Huadong Electronic Vacuum Material Co. Ltd. ("HEVM") by purchasing 12.2% and 7.8% of the ownership interest in HEVM respectively from Nanjing Huadong Electronic Information Technology Company Limited and Nanjing Dingjiu Electronic Co., Ltd., previous HEVM Shareholders, for a purchase price of RMB 2,440 thousand and RMB 1,560 thousand respectively, and by mean of subscription of a RMB 12,650 thousand registered capital increase. Immediately after, HEVM Shareholders shall convert HEVM into a Sino-foreign Contractual Joint Venture Company, by executing a Joint Venture agreement. The Joint Venture company, located in Nanjing, China, will be named Nanjing SAES Huadong Electronic Vacuum Material Co. Ltd.

Nanjing Huadong Electronic Information Technology Company Limited was the former partner in the Joint Venture Nanjing Saes Huadong Getters Co. Ltd.

HEVM produces and supplies components for displays and industrial applications.

The Joint Venture will allow synergies and further strengthens the presence in one of the most important markets for the SAES Getters Group.

The closing will be subject to the prescribed authorizations by the competent Chinese authorities.

The purchase price of the shareholdings and the subscription of capital increase will be paid in cash within 30 days of the issuance of the business license of the Joint Venture Company.

In 2005 HEVM sales were RMB 15 million. In 2005 the Company substantially broke even at net level.

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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