



**PRESS RELEASE**  
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**Proposal for granting the Founder Dr Ing. Paolo della Porta  
an award for his career**

*The decision follows the will expressed by the founder to retire from the operating offices.  
The award will be paid partially in cash and partially through the assignment of a number of SAES  
Getters ordinary shares free of charge, following the related Shareholders' Meeting resolution.*

The Board of Directors of SAES Getters S.p.A., upon a proposal of the Compensation Committee, met today, considers it worth to propose to the Shareholders' Meeting granting a recognition to the career to the founder Dr Ing. Paolo della Porta, who has expressed his willingness to retire from the operating offices and not accept any future candidacy for its Board.

The year 2009 coincides with the 70 years' anniversary of SAES Getters S.p.A. and the 60 years' one of the extraordinary corporate life of Paolo della Porta. The Board considers the award as due and largely deserved to an ingenious inventor who developed the first laboratories of SAES Getters in a basement after the Second World War, a scientist who has succeeded in combining the values of entrepreneurship and business with those of research and innovation. It is primarily due to the vision and capabilities of Paolo della Porta that SAES Getters Group has reached a global size in such a wide range of businesses, becoming a leader in its reference markets. This award wants to be at least a valuable recognition to the commitment, the scientific approach towards entrepreneurship, the contribution to innovation proved over the years, which made him a point of reference for customers, partners and employees.

More specifically, the Board of Directors has proposed to the Shareholders' Meeting to give Dr Ing. Paolo della Porta no. 100,000 ordinary shares of SAES Getters free of charge, 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 that could reduce its effectiveness.

The cost of the free assignment of the shares will be equal to the number of ordinary shares as determined above multiplied by the ordinary share price of the day before the assignment, in addition to the settling amount in cash equal to the tax burden deriving to Dr Ing. Paolo della Porta.

The Board proposes to determine the award on April 28, 2009, so that it occurs after the date of the stripping of the coupon no. 26 and at the date by which the shares will be trading ex-dividend.

The free assignment of shares to Dr Ing. Paolo della Porta is subject to confirmation that Dr Ing. Paolo della Porta is not currently in any list for the election of the new Board or is elected in the Board; to the approval of this proposal by the Ordinary Shareholders' Meeting and to acceptance by Dr Ing. Paolo della Porta of the assignment as well as the lock up obligation. The shares will be assigned free of charge, with a binding obligation related to their transfer of the duration of 1 year from the grant date with respect to 50,000 shares and two years from the grant date with reference to the remaining 50,000 shares. This constraint is intended to prevent that an immediate sale of the granted shares could

have a negative impact on the prices of the securities in a period which is already difficult for the financial markets.

It has to be reported that, as of today, the Company holds no. 700,000 (seven hundred thousand) ordinary shares (representing 4.58% of the ordinary shares issued by the Company) and 82,000 (eighty-two thousand) savings shares (equal to 1.10% of the non-convertible savings shares issued by the Company), each having an implicit accounting par value of €0.537569.

According to the procedures and timing based to the existing regulations, the Board of Directors' Report in accordance with art. 114-bis TUF and the Informative Report prepared in accordance with art. 84-bis Consob's Issuers Regulation will be made available.

*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, over 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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