



PRESS RELEASE

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SAES Getters announces the signature of a binding agreement for the transfer of its equity holding in the Chinese joint venture Nanjing SAES Huadong Vacuum Material Co., Ltd.

The agreement provides for the transfer of the shares held by SAES Getters, equal to 51% of the registered capital, to the third party shareholders for a transfer price equal to 2 Chinese Renminbis (RMB) and, simultaneously, the payment by the Group of RMB 30 million, to honor the obligation already accrued in the 2009 financial statements.

SAES Getters S.p.A. announces that today its subsidiary SAES Getters International Luxembourg S.A. has signed a binding agreement for the transfer of its shareholding (51% of the total shares) in the Chinese joint venture Nanjing SAES Huadong Vacuum Material Co., Ltd. to the Chinese minority shareholders Nanjing Huadong Electronics Information Technology Co., Ltd. ("Huadong") and Nanjing DingJiu Electronics Co., Ltd. ("DingJiu). The shares will be transferred to the Chinese partners in proportion to their respective shareholdings. Once completed, Huadong and DingJiu will hold respectively 61% and 39% of the shares of the Chinese company.

The agreement, in addition to the sale of the stake for a symbolic transfer price equal to 2 Chinese Renminbis, envisages also the payment by SAES Getters of a sum equal to RMB 30 million, which will be distributed to the minority shareholders in proportion to their shareholdings, to honor the obligation deriving from the agreement signed at the time of the acquisition with the third party shareholders of the joint venture, which called for a fixed remuneration for them through the fiscal year 2013. The total disbursement is in line with what foreseen and accrued yet in the 2009 financial statements.

The agreement will be final, valid and binding only after the approval of the Administrative Authorities which is expected for the end of November or the beginning of December. The payment will be in cash just after the approval from the Authorities.

The Chinese joint venture was established in August 2006 and is active in the production and distribution of components for LCD displays and other industrial applications. The sale of its stake by SAES Getters is part of the plan to rationalize non-strategic investments, resulting from the strong changes occurred in some sectors and markets of reference. After the completion of the agreement, SAES Getters will not hold any more stake in Nanjing SAES Huadong Vacuum Material Co., Ltd. and all the commitments and agreements, including the trading ones, signed for the duration of the joint venture, will cease to be valid. SAES Getters Group will continue to operate in China through its 100% owned subsidiary SAES Getters (Nanjing) Co., Ltd.

Nanjing SAES Huadong Vacuum Material Co., Ltd. closed the year 2009 with revenues of RMB 27.2 million and a net profit of RMB 3.1 million. As at June 30, 2010, the net equity value of the Chinese joint venture was equal to RMB 44 million, while revenues and the net profit for the first six months of the year amounted respectively to RMB 16 million and RMB 3.9 million. The net financial position of the Chinese company as at June 30, 2010 was positive and equal to RMB 29 million.

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 nearly 70 years its getter solutions have been supporting innovation in the information display and lamp industries, in sophisticated high vacuum systems and in vacuum thermal insulation, in technologies spanning from large vacuum power tubes to miniaturized silicon-based microelectronic and micromechanical devices. The Group also holds a leading position in ultra pure gas handling for the semiconductor and other high-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, in particular the market of shape memory alloys, a family of advanced materials characterized by super elasticity and by the property of assuming predefined forms when subjected to heat treatment; they are applied in the biomedical sector and, more in general, in niche industrial fields.

A total production capacity distributed in twelve manufacturing plants across 3 continents, a worldwide-based sales & service network, more than 1,000 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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