



PRESS RELEASE
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SAES Getters announces the closing of the transfer of its equity holding in the Chinese joint venture Nanjing SAES Huadong Vacuum Material Co., Ltd.

SAES Getters S.p.A. obtained the approval from the Chinese Administrative Authorities to finalize the operation already announced in the press release dated November 9, 2010. Specifically, the subsidiary SAES Getters International Luxembourg S.A. has finalized the process 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 have been transferred to the Chinese partners in proportion to their respective shareholdings and Huadong and DingJiu currently 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, included also the payment by SAES Getters International Luxembourg S.A. of a sum equal to RMB 30 million to be distributed to the minority shareholders in proportion to their shareholdings, to honor the contractual obligation already accrued in the 2009 financial statements. The disbursement, as announced in the 2010 financial statements, was already paid in cash on December 1, 2010.

The Chinese joint venture, already established in August 2006, worked 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 does 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, have ceased 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 2010 with revenues of RMB 20.9 million and a net profit of RMB 2.3 million. As at December 31, 2010 the net financial position of the Chinese company was positive and equal to RMB 28.5 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 eleven manufacturing plants across 3 continents, a worldwide-based sales & service network, about 1,100 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.

More information on the Saes Getters Group is available in the website www.saesgetters.com.

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