# The SAES® Getters Group 2006 Consolidated Results

STAR Conference

Milan - March 1, 2007



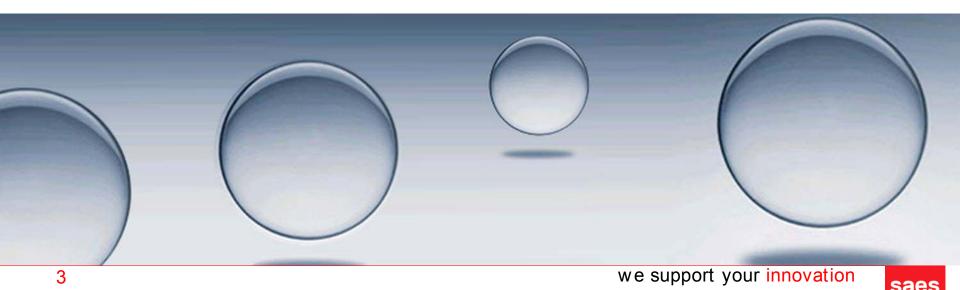
## The SAES Getters Group

- Group Overview
- ☐ Financial Results
- □ Business Outlook



#### **Core Business**

The SAES® Getters Group is the world leader in a variety of scientific and industrial applications where stringent vacuum conditions or ultra-high pure gases are required.



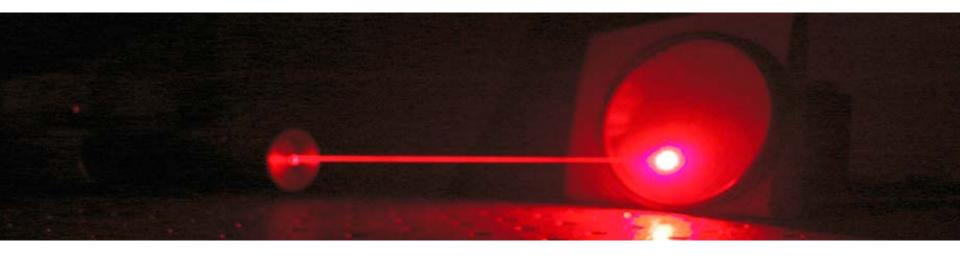
#### **Core Business**

For nearly 60 years, our getter solutions have been supporting technological innovation in:

- ☐ The information display industry
- ☐ The lamp industry
- □ Ultra-high vacuum systems
- ☐ A wide range of electronic device-based applications
- Vacuum thermal insulation
- Semiconductors



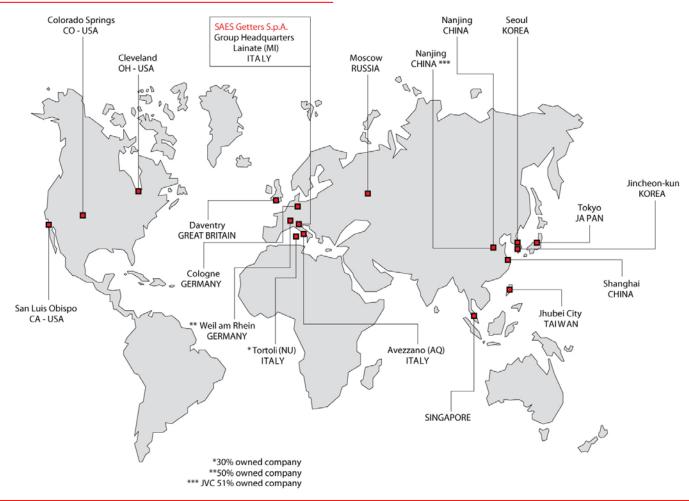
#### Research & Innovation



- ☐ Average of 8% of net consolidated sales allocated to R&I activities every year
- State-of-the-art corporate laboratories covering a surface of over 3,300 sq.mt.
- Nearly 100 people committed to investigating problems, developing proposals and testing solutions



#### **Global Presence**



### The SAES Getters Group

- ☐ Group Overview
- **■** Financial Results
- □ Business Outlook



## 2006 Highlights

- ☐ Excellent year in terms of sales
- □ Record operating and net profitability, even if affected by restructuring costs and high tax rate
- ☐ Strong cash generation
- ☐ Finalized acquisitions:
  - buy out of 35% of SAES Getters (Nanjing) Co. Ltd. (previously a Joint Venture under the name Nanjing SAES Huadong Getters Co. Ltd.)
  - 50% of Memory-Metalle GmbH
  - 51% of Joint Venture Nanjing SAES Huadong Vacuum Material Co. Ltd.

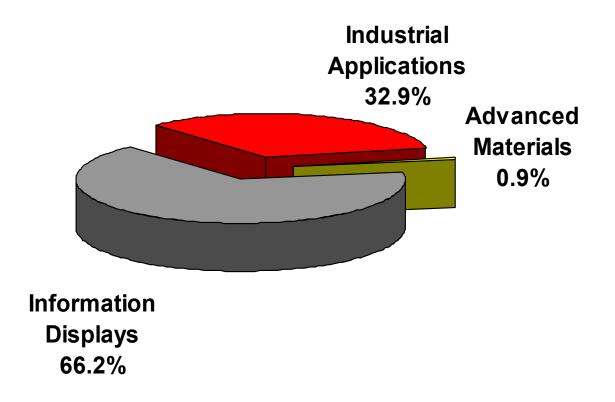


## **Highlights**

	2006	2005
		-
NET SALES	165.6	138.6
EBITDA	66.2	45.2
OPERATING INCOME	54.9	32.8
NET INCOME	28.6	21.0
RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT EXPENSES	15.6	14.6
TOTAL ASSETS	232.3	224.4
PURCHASE OF PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT	10.8	9.6
NET FINANCIAL POSITION (December 31)	90.4	85.9
NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES (December 31)	832	825
•	1	

#### 2006 Consolidated Sales

by Business Unit



## Sales per Business Areas

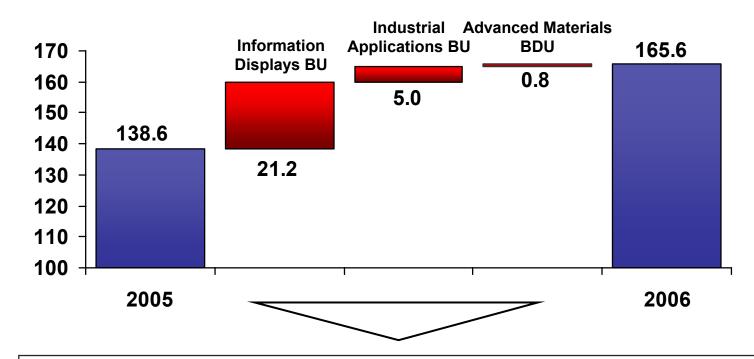
- ☐ Flat Panels (+43%\*): strong rise in sales of Hg dispensers for backlighting of LCD
- □ Cathode Ray Tubes (-17%\*\*): decrease in a mature market
- Lamps (+17%\*): higher sales of Hg dispensers for fluorescent lamps
- Electronic Devices (+13%\*): increase in sales of getters for electronic tubes
- Vacuum Systems and Thermal Insulation (+7%\*): higher sales for scientific projects and thermal insulation
- □ Semiconductors (33%\*\*): higher sales of large and small gas purifiers
- Advanced Materials (+109%\*): increase in sales of business development unit



<sup>\* 2006</sup> vs. 2005 sales difference

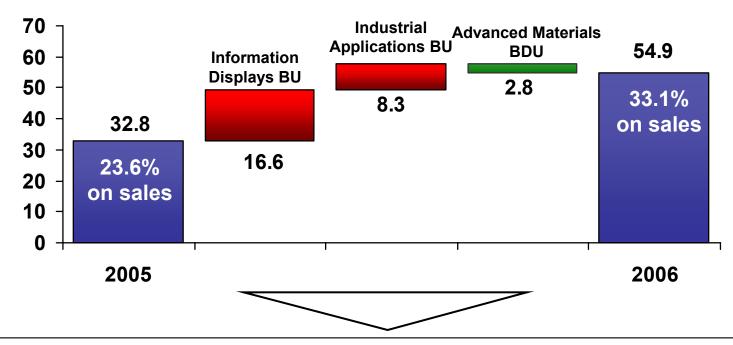
<sup>\*\* 2006</sup> vs. 2005 sales difference on a comparable consolidation basis

#### **Consolidated Sales**



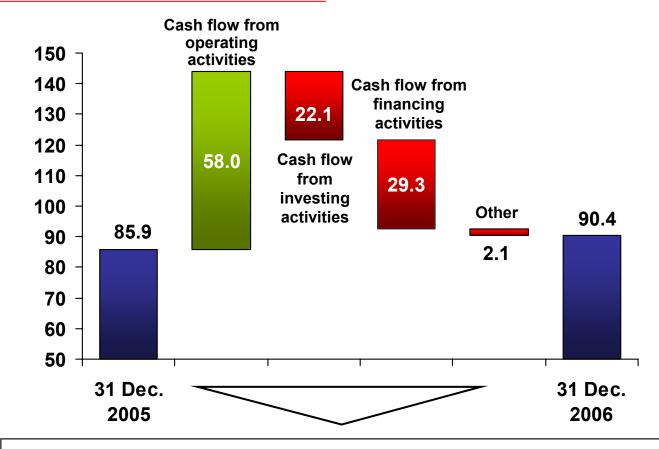
Strong growth in Flat Panels BA and good performance of all BAs in Industrial Applications, particularly Semiconductors

## Consolidated Operating Profit



Outstanding Information Displays margin, despite restructuring costs of manufacturing activities of getters for CRT, and sharp recover for Industrial Applications thanks to higher sales and a more favorable sales mix

#### **Net Financial Position**



Strong cash generation and rewarding dividend policy

## The SAES Getters Group

- ☐ Group Overview
- ☐ Financial Results
- Business Outlook



#### **Business Outlook**

- □ LCD market expected to continue growing but with higher fluctuations for greater seasonality and continuous stock adjustments
- □ Current introduction into the market of high yield mercury dispenser protected by IP and providing cost advantages for customers: good tool to minimize the impact of growing pricing pressure
- □ LED technology not supposed to be a threat in the short and medium term
- □ Expected a further slowdown in CRT market due to the penetration of flat panels
- ☐ Estimated an overall slight growth for other industrial markets
- □ Continuing efforts in the field of Advanced Materials
- ☐ Ongoing selection for possible acquisitions



## Thanks for your attention

Visit us at www.saesgetters.com

E-mail: investor\_relations@saes-group.com

saes getters