### The SAES<sup>®</sup> Getters Group 2005 Consolidated Results

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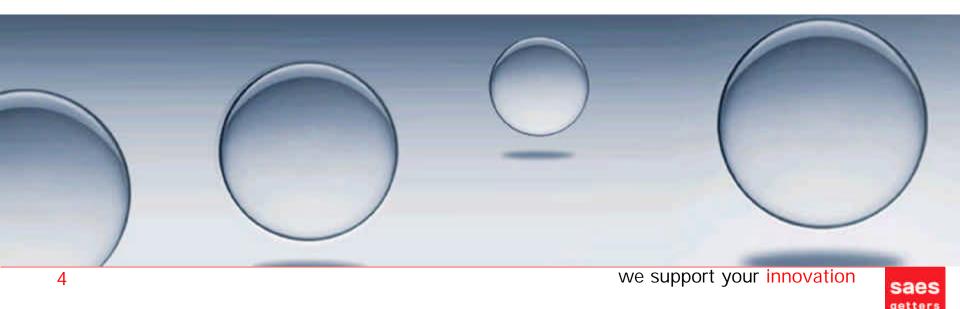


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The SAES<sup>®</sup> Getters Group is the world leader in a variety of scientific and industrial applications where stringent vacuum conditions or ultra-high pure gases are required.



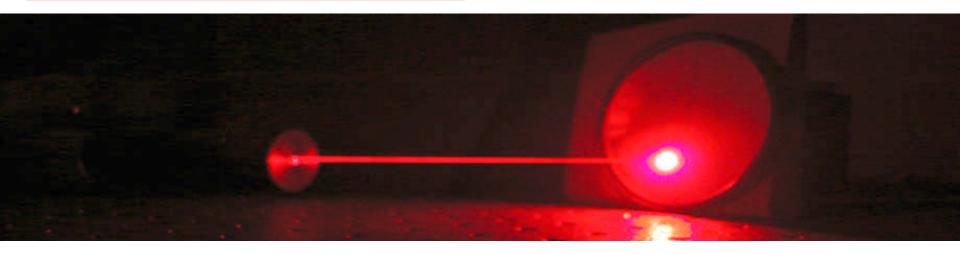


For nearly 60 years, our getter solutions have been supporting technological innovation in:

□ The information display industry

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

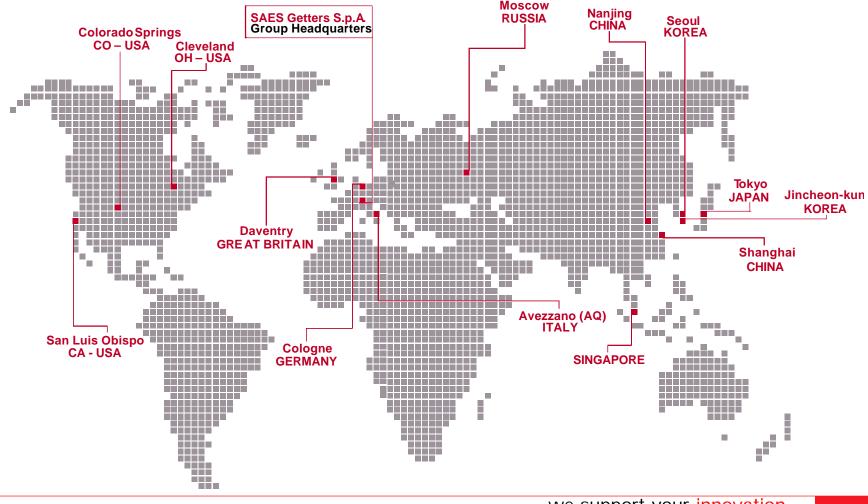
# **Research & Innovation**



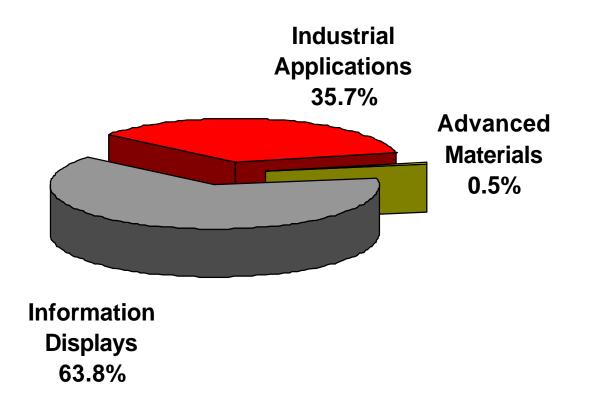
- Average of 8% of net consolidated sales allocated to R&I activities every year
- State-of-the-art corporate laboratories covering a surface of over 3,300 sq.mt.
- Nearly 100 people committed to investigating problems, developing proposals and testing solutions



### **Global Presence**



#### 2005 Consolidated Sales by Business Unit



# **Information Displays BU**

Cathode Ray Tubes (-29%\*): Barium getters for CRTs

strong drop in a mature market



Flat Panels (+47%\*): getters, dryers and Hg dispensers for LCD, PDP, OLED displays

- strong rise of LCD market
- outstanding penetration of Hg dispensers
- remarkable market share



\* 2005 vs. 2004 sales difference



# **Industrial Applications BU**

- Lamps (stable sales\*): getters and metal dispenser (Hg) for high intensity discharge and fluorescent lamps
- Electronic Devices (+7%\*): getters and metal dispensers for X-ray tubes, gyroscopes, lasers infrared detectors, image intensifiers, micro electronic devices, LPMs
  - higher sales of components mainly for infrared detectors
- Vacuum Systems and Thermal Insulation (+22%\*): getter devices and NEG pumps for vacuum processing, physics projects, vacuum bottles, vacuum insulated pipes, vacuum insulation panels
  - higher sales for scientific projects
- **Semiconductors** (-37%): gas purifiers
  - exit from non profitable business and decrease in sales of gas purifiers

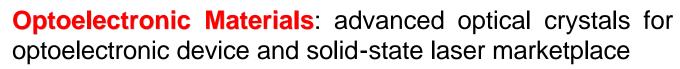


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# **Advanced Materials BDU**

**Getters for MEMS**: thin film getter products for wafer-level packaged Micro Electro Mechanical Systems and Hydrogen-sensitive packages

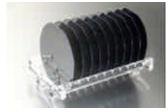
**Shape Memory Alloys**: shape memory and superelastic components for industrial and niche high-technology applications

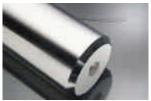




**Catalysis**: catalytic diesel filter for the abatement of soot emissions from heavy-duty/stationary engines

□ 2005 sales: 0.7 M€







Financial Results



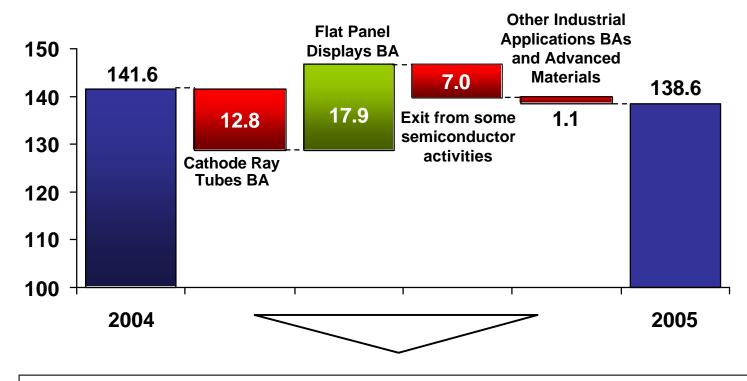
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# **Highlights**

|  | 2005  | 2004  |
|--|-------|-------|
|  |       | -     |
| NET SALES                                  | 138.6 | 141.6 |
| EBITDA                                     | 45.2  | 42.0  |
| OPERATING INCOME                           | 32.8  | 29.7  |
| NET INCOME                                 | 21.0  | 16.1  |
| <b>RESEARCH &amp; DEVELOPMENT EXPENSES</b> | 14.6  | 13.6  |
| TOTAL ASSETS                               | 224.4 | 215.7 |
| PURCHASE OF PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT  | 9.6   | 7.9   |
| NET FINANCIAL POSITION (December 31)       | 85.9  | 82.1* |
| NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES (December 31)          | 825   | 885   |
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All figures in M€, unless otherwise stated

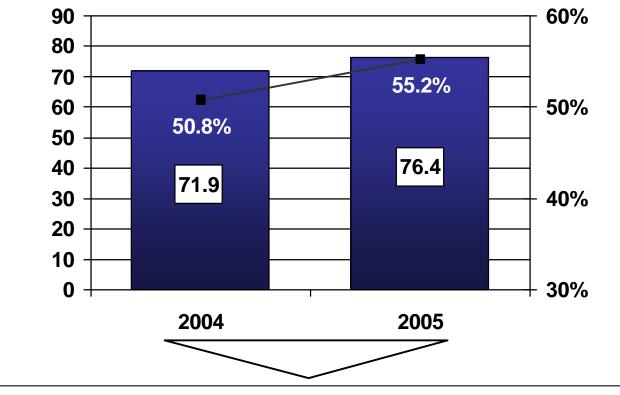
# **Consolidated Sales**



Decrease in sales of getters for CRT completely offset by the remarkable growth of components for LCD and exit from some non synergic activities



### Consolidated Gross Margin (% on net sales)

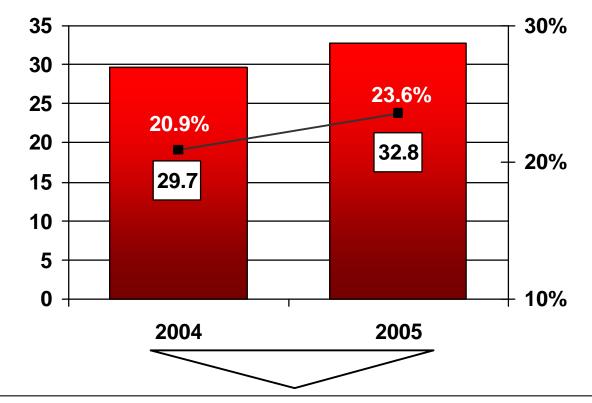


Rise in gross profit and margins thanks to a more favorable sales mix, rationalizations and exit from non profitable activities

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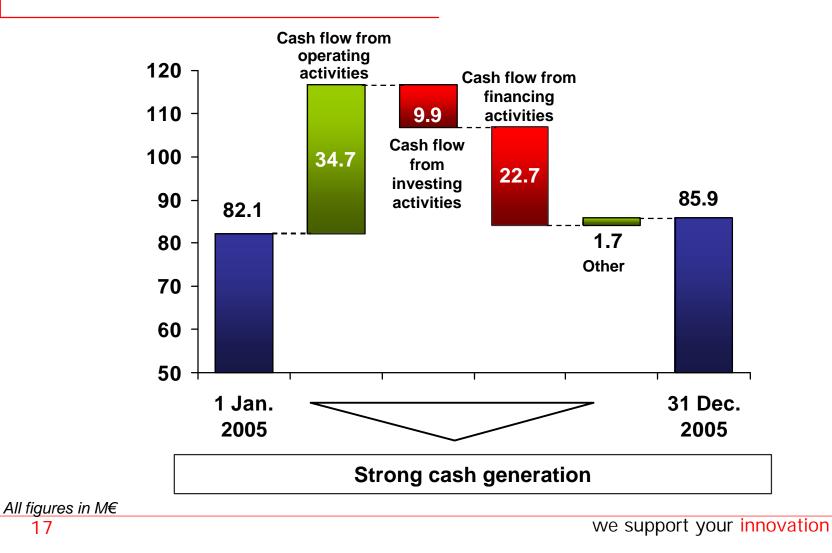
### Consolidated Operating Margin (% on net sales)



Initial target achieved and exceeded: increase in operating profit and margins thanks to a more favorable sales mix, rationalizations and exit from non synergic activities

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# **Net Financial Position**



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# **Business Outlook**

□ Expected a further slowdown in CRT market, particularly in large screen segment, due to the maturity of the business

□ LCD market is expected to continue growing especially in TV segment

Estimated an overall slight growth for other industrial markets

□ Getters for MEMS and optoelectronic materials will be the first advanced materials business development areas to take off. Expected first sales also from Shape Memory Alloys in the near future

□ 2006 target is to maintain the good 2005 consolidated operating profit

Ongoing efforts for possible acquisitions also in the business field of advanced materials

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