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## THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS APPROVED THE INTRODUCTION OF THE INCREASE OF THE VOTING RIGHT FOR HOLDERS OF ORDINARY SHARES HELD FOR AT LEAST 24 MONTHS ON A CONTINUOUS BASIS

The introduction of the increase of the voting right will help to support the Company's growth by encouraging the medium-long term investment in the share capital of the Company and thus the stability of the shareholding structure, which has always been a strength, in line with mid-long term interests of the Company.

The Board of Directors of SAES Getters S.p.A., gathered today in Lainate (MI), approved the proposal to establish an increase of the voting right, with the assignment of two votes for each ordinary share of the Company held for a period of at least 24 months on a continuous basis, according to law n. 116, dated August 11, 2014 and of art. 127-quinquies of the TUF.

This increase is not extended to the holders of savings shares, as they do not have any voting right, nor the right to attend the shareholders' meetings.

The proposed increase is the maximum extent allowed by art. 127-quinquies of the TUF, namely the allotment of a maximum of two votes for each ordinary share held of at least 24 months on a continuous basis from the date of its registration in a List established by the Company. In order to obtain the increase of the votes, it will also be necessary to provide a special certificate issued by the Intermediary, upon request of the holder of the share, stating the uninterrupted ownership of the share for 24 months.

The registration in the List will take place upon request of the holder of the share to the Company and following a communication of the Intermediary, certifying the legitimacy of the registration.

In accordance with the provisions of the TUF, it is also expected that the increase of the voting right will cease in case of transfer of the share for a valuable consideration or free of charge, as well as in the event of a direct or indirect sale of controlling shareholdings in companies or entities which hold shares with an increased voting right in excess of the threshold envisaged by art. 120, paragraph 2, of the TUF.

The establishment of any usufruct, pledge or other binding obligations based on which the voting right is not retained by the shareholder is considered in the same way as the case of transfer of the share for a valuable consideration or free of charge.

Finally, the Board of Directors, in line with the current legislation, considered worthwhile to opt for the proportional extension of the benefit of the increased voting right also to the new shares issued with a capital increase, both in case of a free capital increase and in the case of a capital increase with new cash contributions.

In order to allow for the adoption of the resolution, the Board of Directors of SAES Getters S.p.A. will submit the proposal to amend art. 11 of the Company's By-Laws, with the introduction of the increase of the voting right, to the Extraordinary Shareholders' Meeting convened on March 3, 2016, at 10:30 am.

The related report of the Directors will be deposited in the 1INFO storage system managed by Computershare S.p.A. (www.linfo.it) and published on the Company's website (www.saesgetters.com/investor/shareholders-meeting) on February 10, 2016.

The notice of the Meeting will be published on February 2, 2016.

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SAES Group is headquartered in the Milan area (Italy).

SAES Getters S.p.A. is listed on the Italian Stock Exchange Market, STAR segment, since 1986.

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