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**PRIMA INDUSTRIE**

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

**APPOINTMENT OF THE C.E.O., OF THE MANAGING DIRECTORS**

**AND OF THE COMMITTEES ESTABLISHED WITHIN THE BOARD**

*Collegno (TO), May 2<sup>nd</sup> 2011* – The Board of Directors of Prima Industrie S.p.A, appointed by the Shareholders' Meeting of last April 29, met today in order to grant the powers to the managing directors and to appoint the Committees within the Board itself.

First of all the Board verified the honorability requirements possession by all the newly elected directors and the possession of the independence requirements, established by article 148, paragraph 3 of TUF (Consolidated Law on Finance), applicable ex article 147-ter, paragraph 4 of TUF, and by the Corporate Governnace Code adopted by Borsa Italiana S.p.A., by the directors Sandro D'Isidoro, Enrico Marchetti and Mario Mauri.

The Board granted executive powers to the Chairman, Gianfranco Carbonato, appointing him as Group C.E.O. and appointed as Managing Directors Ezio G. Basso and Domenico Peiretti, granting them operating powers. In particular the executive responsibility of the Machinery Division (Prima Power) has been assigned to Mr. Basso and the one of the Components Division (Prima Electro) to Mr. Peiretti.

The Board also appointed the Remuneration Committee, with the following members: Sandro D'Isidoro, Rafic Y. Mansour and Mario Mauri and the Internal Control Committee, with the following members: Sandro D'Isidoro (appointed Chairman of this Committee), Enrico Marchetti and Mario Mauri.

The Board also appointed the Committee for the transactions with related parties, whose members are the same as those in the Internal Control Committee, with the task of giving the opinions required by the Consob Regulation on the subject.

Finally the Board appointed as Lead Independent Director (pursuant to the Corporate Governance Code adopted by Borsa Italiana S.p.A.) the independent director Sandro D'Isidoro

**PRIMA INDUSTRIE** heads a leading Group in developing, manufacturing and marketing of laser systems for industrial applications, sheet metal processing machinery, and opto-electronic components.

The parent company Prima Industrie S.p.A. is listed on the Italian Stock Exchange since 1999 (MTA – STAR segment).

With over 30 years of experience the Group can count on over 10,000 machines installed in more than 60 countries worldwide and is among the main worldwide manufacturers in its own reference market.

The Group has about 1350 direct employees (besides some 200 employees in the Chinese JVs) and manufacturing sites in **Italy** (PRIMA INDUSTRIE S.p.A, PRIMA ELECTRO S.p.A, FINN-POWER Italia Srl), **Finland** (FINN-POWER Oy), **USA** (PRIMA North America Inc.) and **China** (Shanghai Unity Prima Ltd.) as well as a commercial direct presence in France, Spain, Germany, UK, Belgium, Poland, Russia, USA, Canada, China and UAE.

The Prima Industrie Group is structured on 2 Business Units:



**Laser and sheet metal processing machines:** including design, manufacturing and marketing of:

- Laser machines for cutting, welding and drilling of 3D and 2D components.

- Machines for sheet metal treatment by means of mechanical tools (punching machines, combined punching/shearing systems, combined punching/laser cutting systems, panel benders and automation systems).

**Opto-electronic components:** including development, manufacturing and marketing of power and control electronics, and of high-power laser sources for industrial applications, destined both to the Group machines and to third parties.

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