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PRIMA INDUSTRIE

**THE EXTRAORDINARY SHAREHOLDERS' MEETING GRANTS THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
THE POWERS TO CARRY OUT WITHIN THE NEXT 5 YEARS, ALSO IN SEVERAL PARTS
AND WITH MODALITIES TO BE DEFINED BY THE BORAD ITSELF,
ONE OR MORE SHARE CAPITAL INCREASES
UP TO A TOTAL MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF 50 MILLION EUROS (INCLUDING SHARE PREMIUM)**

Collegno (TO), 8 June 2009 –The Extraordinary Shareholders' Meeting of PRIMA INDUSTRIE S.p.A., a leader in high technology laser systems for industrial applications and sheet metal working systems, resolved today to grant the Board of Directors the powers to:

- increase the company share capital, pursuant to articles 2441 e 2443 civil code, in one or more parts, for a maximum period of 5 years from the resolution date, up to maximum amount of 50 million euros (including possible premium); such increase could be carried out through:
 - i) – issuing of ordinary shares with 2.50 euros face value to be offered in option to those having the right, having the Board itself the powers to establish the new shares number, issuing price and premium.
 - ii) possible power to match the new ordinary shares with ordinary shares underwriting rights (warrants) to be offered in option to those having the right;
- issue, according to article 2420-ter civil code, in one or more parts, bonds convertible into shares and/or with warrants, to be offered in option to those having the right for a maximum period of 5 years from the resolution date, up to maximum amount of 50 million euros (including possible premium) and, in any case for an amount not exceeding the limits established by the law from time to time, with a relevant share capital increase for a maximum amount of 50 million euros (including possible premium) establishing at the same time modalities, terms, conditions and relevant regulation;
- increase pursuant to article 2443 c.c., for a maximum period of 5 years from the resolution date, in one or more parts, for a 5 year period as from today, the share capital for a maximum amount of 10% of the existing share capital, with the exclusion of the right of first refusal according to article 2441, IV paragraph second period Civil Code. And to article 8, second paragraph, second period of the company by-laws and therefore within the limit of 10% of the whole share capital as at the resolution date, reserving this increase for Italian or foreigner professional investors or companies having similar, instrumental or complementary scope.

The capital increase resulting from the use of the above mentioned powers will not exceed the total amount of 50 million euros (including possible share premium).



In particular, the Shareholders' Meeting also resolved to grant to Board of Directors a wide power in order to execute the received powers, including the power to change accordingly the article 5 of the company by-laws regarding the company share capital.

The proxy to increase Prima Industrie S.p.A. share capital was granted with a view to the necessary balancing of the company financial structure which is affected by a high financial debt, also considering the current economic situation.

PRIMA INDUSTRIE S.p.A., established in 1977 and listed on the Italian stock market since 1999 (STAR segment), develops, manufactures and markets laser systems for industrial applications and sheet metal fabrication machines. PRIMA INDUSTRIE leads today a Group with about 1,600 employees and manufacturing sites in **Italy** (PRIMA INDUSTRIE S.p.A, PRIMA ELECTRONICS S.p.A, FINN-POWER Italia Srl), **Finland** (FINN-POWER Oy), **USA** (PRIMA North America Inc.) and **China** (Shanghai Unity Prima Ltd. and Wuhan OVL Convergent Laser Co. Ltd.).

Prima Industrie Group operations are based on three business segments:

Laser Machines and Sources: including design, production and sale of Laser Machines and Laser Sources for cutting, welding and drilling of 3D and 2D components.

2D Laser Machines are used for application in very different industries, while 3D machines are mainly used for the production of components in the automotive, aerospace and energy sectors. Laser Sources, instead, are one of the most highest technological and value-added components of the Laser Machine.

Machines for sheet metal treatment: it includes design, production and sale of Machines destined to the Sheet metal treatment using mechanical tools. The Group has a wide range of machines for the cutting and bending of sheet metal: Punching machines, Combined punching/shearing systems, Combined punching/laser cutting systems, Panel Benders and automation systems.

Industrial Electronics: it includes development and design of power and control electronics, with relevant software. Furthermore the Group designs and produces internally the Numeric Controls to be installed on its own Laser Machines.

A little over 30 year years since its establishment the Group can count on thousands of machines installed in more than 60 countries worldwide, is present with property commercial and assistance units in over 15 countries and it is among the main worldwide constructors in its own reference market.

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