



**PRESS RELEASE**

***ITALIAN STOCK EXCHANGE – STAR SEGMENT***

**PRIMA INDUSTRIE**

**PRIMA SIGNS WITH THE BANKS POOL A REVISION OF THE LOAN CONTRACT  
SIGNED ON 01/31/2008**

*Collegno (TO), November 12nd, 2009* – PRIMA INDUSTRIE S.p.A., a leader in high technology laser systems, sheet metal working systems and electronic components for industrial applications, informs having signed an agreement with the financing banks pool to modify the loan contract signed on 31/01/2008 for the Finn-Power Group acquisition and used today for an overall amount of 119,665 thousand euros.

Such modifications, which follow the waiver requested by the Company to the Mandate Bank (Unicredit Corporate Banking S.p.A.) are summarized as follows:

- Suspended covenants respect on the consolidated annual report as at December 31, 2009;
- Anticipated financing of the C credit line for a maximum amount of 25,000 thousand euros, of which 12,800 thousand euros aimed at paying the residual debt to EQT III Limited (of 12,785 thousand euros plus interests due since 01/07/2009) expiring on 30/11/2009, and 12,200 thousand euros aimed at financing the working capital needs (revolving credit line to be used to discount commercial invoices);
- Possibility to use the capital increase proceeds up to 15 million euros as a source of financial flexibility, instead of using them to reimburse the FINPOLAR loan (as originally foreseen by the financing contract).

“This agreement” Mr Gianfranco Carbonato, Chairman and C.E.O of Prima Industrie S.p.A. declares “is another important step towards the increased financial flexibility of the Group, altogether with the share capital increase whose files are now under the authorities supervision”.

**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 1,500 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.

With over 30 year years of experience 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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