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PRIMA INDUSTRIE

UPDATING ON PRIMA INDUSTRIE–FIDIA PROJECT OF MERGER

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Following the press release issued on August 24, 2005 by Fidia S.p.A. concerning Fidia Group trend during the first half year 2005, a Prima Industrie Board of Directors meeting has met today in order to assess and discuss, among other subjects, the possible influence which could derive to the merger project between Prima Industrie and Fidia by Fidia's mentioned results of the first half of the year. The Board invited to the first part of the meeting the management representatives of Fidia Group, who gave their explanations about the preliminary economic and financial figures as at June 30, 2005, which were prepared according to Italian GAAP.

The Board of Directors confirms its strategy of growth, also external, as well as the strategic and industrial validity of the merger of Fidia into Prima Industrie.

Notwithstanding the above statements, taking into consideration the relevant impact on the profitability of the incorporating company deriving from the negative economic results of Fidia Group during the second quarter of the current year, shown by the above mentioned Press Release, and the consequent influence on the dividend distribution policy of Prima Industrie, the Board of Directors presently deems not being able to still share the terms and conditions as per the merger project dated June 28, 2005.

In any case the Shareholders Meeting has been already called to definitely resolve about the subject.

Prima Industrie, established in 1977 and listed on the Nuovo Mercato of the Italian Stock Exchange since 1999, and on TechSTAR since March 2004, develops, manufactures and markets high-power laser systems for cutting, welding and drilling of three-dimensional (3D) and bi-dimensional (2D) parts.

Prima Industrie, established in 1977, leads a Group with over 450 employees, with manufacturing facilities in Italy (Prima Industrie S.p.A. and Prima Electronics S.p.A.); USA (Prima North America Inc.) and China (Shanghai Unity Prima Ltd. and Shenyang Prima Laser Machine Company Ltd.), and with a wide sales network in over 40 countries.

At present the Group can count on over 1,800 systems installed worldwide for over 1,000 customers in the automotive, aerospace and in a wide range of other industries.

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