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PRIMA INDUSTRIE

PRIMA INDUSTRIE SIGNS THE CONTRACT OF ACQUISITION OF FINN-POWER
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Collegno, 4 February 2008 – Prima Industrie S.p.A., a leading player in the industrial laser machines sector, signed today the contract for the acquisition of Finn-Power Oy.

The transaction, announced to the market on January 31st, 2008, was closed today through the signing of the contract for the acquisition of 100% of the share capital of Finnish company Finn-Power Oy (whose 91.64% was formerly held by the private equity fund EQT III Limited, while minorities were held by some other smaller shareholders) and the payment of the consideration, net from the agreed deferred payment and indebtedness adjustment sums.

The Enterprise Value was confirmed in 170 million euros.

The acquisition, which creates a global leader in laser and sheet metal working systems, with pro-forma revenues in excess of 400 million euros, with a presence in 50 countries, with 10 manufacturing facilities located in Italy, Finland, USA and China and over 1,700 employees worldwide, will bring important commercial and manufacturing synergies amounting at run rate to about 10 million euros yearly at an EBITDA level.

“I am delighted to see Prima as new owner of Finn-Power. This industrially sound transaction creates the third largest player in the market with unparalleled product offering”. said Jan Ståhlberg, Senior Partner at EQT Partners, who advises EQT.

Tomas Hedenborg, Finn-Power C.E.O. declared: *“Prima is the perfect partner for Finn-Power from the technological and product range point of view; synergies coming from this integration represent an outstanding opportunity”.*

Finally Gianfranco Carbonato, Prima Industrie Chairman and C.E.O., stated: *“I would like to thank all the people that cooperated with our company to carry out this transaction and in particular Unicredit, Intesa Sanpaolo and Banca IMI. The cooperation between the banks and the company allowed us to achieve a great industrial project that will create value for all the stakeholders”.*

We remind that Prima Industrie S.p.A. will disclose to the public the Information Document pursuant to article 71 of the Consob Regulation (11971/1999) in accordance with times and conditions prescribed.

PRIMA INDUSTRIE, established in 1977 and listed at the Italian Stock Exchange since 1999, currently present on the STAR segment, develops, manufactures and markets high-power laser systems for cutting, welding and drilling of three-dimensional (3D) and bi-dimensional (2D) parts.

PRIMA INDUSTRIE leads a Group of nearly 600 employees, with manufacturing facilities in Italy (PRIMA INDUSTRIE S.p.A., PRIMA ELECTRONICS S.p.A. and OSAI S.p.A.); USA (PRIMA North America Inc.) and China (Shanghai Unity Prima Ltd. and Shenyang Prima Laser Machine Company Ltd.), and has a wide sales network in about 50 countries.

At present the Group has over 2,500 systems installed worldwide with more than 1,000 customers in the automotive, aerospace and a wide range of other industries.

After 30 years from its incorporation, PRIMA INDUSTRIE's mission remains the same: innovation, excellence, growth.

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