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PRIMA INDUSTRIE ENTERS THE HYDROGEN SECTOR

Prima Group, with a total investment of about 750,000 euro, through its subsidiary Prima Electronics S.p.A., acquires an equity investment in Electro Power Systems S.r.l., a Turin “start-up” operating in the hydrogen and fuel cells sector

Collegno (Torino), June 7, 2006 – **Prima Industrie**, a leader company in the high-technology sector of laser and laser systems for industrial applications, listed at the STAR Segment of the Italian Stock Exchange, through its fully participated company Prima Electronics S.p.A., announces the investment of around 2.2% in the equity of Electro Power Systems S.r.l., a “start-up” located in Settimo Torinese (Torino), operating in the sector of power systems based on hydrogen fuel cells technology.

More specifically, Prima Electronics has bought from current shareholders no. 1,121 parts for an amount of euro 1,121, at the same time paying a shareholders’ contribution for an amount of euro 248,879. According to the agreements, Prima Electronics will also subscribe by 09/30/2006 a capital increase in two instalments (to be paid by 12/31/2006), for a total amount of euro 500,053, so that its investment will increase to 6.1% of Electro Power Systems equity. As a part of the cooperation between Prima Electronics and the company, dating from 2005, Prima Electronics will realize the project of electronic components used in fuel cells power systems for an amount of euro 500,000.

Established in January 2005, Electro Power Systems won in December 2005 the National Prize for Innovation. The first Financial statements of the company at 12/31/2005 recorded sales for 80 thousand euro and a negative Net Result for 180 thousand euro. The company recently started the industrial production of its power systems and is developing its commercial presence on most important international markets.

Commenting the transaction Domenico Peiretti, Managing Director of Prima Electronics S.p.A., declared: *“We consider the energy sector among those offering best opportunities for the suppliers of electronic products. By this deal, Prima Electronics wants to strengthen the cooperation started in 2005, with the prospect of interesting supplying contracts for the years to come.”*

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 with nearly 500 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 has 2000 systems installed worldwide with more than 1000 customers in the automotive, aerospace and in a wide range of other industries.

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