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PRIMA INDUSTRIE

PRIMA INDUSTRIE ENHANCES ITS PRESENCE IN THE ELECTRONICS SEGMENT

**PRIMA Group, through its fully owned company Prima Electronics,
acquires the majority of M.L.T.A. S.r.l.,
a company with high skills in power electronics**

Collegno, January 12, 2006 – Prima Industrie, a leader company in the high-technology sector of laser systems and laser generators for industrial applications, listed at the STAR segment of the Italian Stock Exchange, through its fully owned company Prima Electronics S.p.A., announces the acquisition, through a dedicated capital increase, of the majority of M.L.T.A. S.r.l. Share Capital, a company established in Nichelino (Torino), with high skills in power electronics, already supplying sophisticated components for the lasers manufactured by Prima North America, Inc., Convergent Lasers Division.

In details, Prima Electronics, which was already holding 41.63% of M.L.T.A. capital, has subscribed no. 25,000 newly issued shares at a price of euro 0.52 each besides euro 2.08 of premium reserve, so reaching a total participation of 57.84%. Therefore the total disbursement effected by Prima Electronics amounted to euro 65,000, fully paid-up during the Extraordinary Shareholders' Meeting held today.

M.L.T.A., established in 1982, is operating in the power electronics field and holds primary customers in the railways and automotive sectors. Its last annual report as at 31/12/2004 shows a turnover of 1,484 thousand euro, with an EBITDA and an EBIT respectively at 97 and 29 thousand euro. At that date the net financial position was negative at 668 thousand euro.

Commenting the above operation, Domenico Peiretti, C.E.O. of Prima Electronics S.p.A., has declared: *“The acquisition of the majority stock of M.L.T.A. by Prima Electronics, besides producing an increase of consolidated turnover of about 1.5 million euro, will allow the development of the electronics business also in those fields presently not entered by our company and to acquire a specific know how in the power electronics.*

After having consolidated the business in the laser cutting systems field, we believe this operation represents the first step of a process aimed to the growth of our Group also in the industrial electronics area”.

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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