

Torino, April 12 2000 - Prima Industrie Board of Directors gave today its blessing to the Company Management for the proposed acquisition of Convergent Energy activities, a Company of Sturbridge, Massachusetts - U.S.A.
The Board has in fact approved the Letter of Intent initialled last week by Prima C.E.O. Gianfranco Carbonato.

Convergent Energy is a brand name well known by the laser industry and laser systems where started its operations more than 30 years ago. The Company so far has delivered more than 3000 lasers and enjoys a reference list with names of high international prestige like Boeing, General Electric, NASA, Pratt & Whitney, DaimlerChrysler, British Steel, Nippon Steel.
In particular, Convergent Energy is a world leader in the area of the aerospace industry for its microdrilling laser system technology.

Thanks to this acquisition, Prima Industrie will further increase its technological know-how and skills in the area of both CO2 and NdYag laser generators, to expand its presence on extra-European markets, thus achieving one of its main planned targets.

Furthermore, this acquisition will allow Prima Industrie to implement distributing synergies with its own actual products on both the U.S.A. market as well as new markets, mainly in the aerospace area and the electronic industry.

The American Company has a payroll of 80 people and an invoicing turnover, for the current year, of approximately 18 million Dollars.

Among the Company products there are medium power CO2 lasers (up to 4 KW) and high power (up to 30 KW), NdYag lasers with powers up to 500 W continuous and 50 KW pulsed together with systems for bi-dimensional & three-dimensional manufacturing processes, mostly oriented towards the electronics and aerospace industry.

It is expected to formalize the acquisition agreement by end May , 2000, once terminated the due diligence and evaluation work, now in progress with PricewaterhouseCoopers.
For up to 30% of the agreed price for the operation, payment may be made through a Prima Industrie issue of new shares with a dilution below 3%. Prima Board of Directors has therefore resolved to call an extraordinary general Shareholders Meeting in order to decide on the Company capital increase.

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