

Collegno (Turin) - December 13, 2001 - Prima Industrie S.p.A., a company operating in the field of laser systems high technology for industrial applications, informs to have signed an important industrial cooperation agreement with Comau S.p.A., world leader for the auto-vehicles industry production systems.

Prima Industrie is one of the world first tier makers of laser systems destined to many industrial sectors and it is recognized as a leader in three-dimensional cutting systems of car body panels.

The agreement is of pluriannual nature and it is devoted to the laser welding of body cars and body car components. Prima Industrie task is the development and supply to Comau of laser welding cells that Comau will integrate with its own production systems.

The promotion of such cells under the joint trade-mark of "Comau / Prima Industrie" will start as from 2002 and will be directed to the world auto-vehicles manufacturers also through Comau foreign associated companies and, in particular, through Comau PICO operating in North America.

In making this announcement, which however is included in the company growth strategy and will help the Group to reach its turnover and profitability targets in the short and medium term, dr. Gianfranco Carbonato, Prima Industrie C.E.O., said: "Thanks to its features of quality, flexibility and productivity, the laser technology is today ready to perform a first tier role in the auto-vehicle industry which, most certainly, will become more and more laser intensive in the near future.

In the area of laser welding of car body and body components, we deem extremely important to enjoy a strong tie with a well-known systems-player of international standing.

I am therefore grateful to Comau S.p.A. to have given to us this opportunity convinced, as I am, that the cooperation between the two companies will lead to important results and further success for the italian industry of advanced technology products"

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