

**PRESS RELEASE**

***ITALIAN STOCK EXCHANGE - STAR SEGMENT***

**PRIMA INDUSTRIE**

**THE PRIMA GROUP, THROUGH ITS SUBSIDIARY PRIMA ELECTRONICS spa,  
ACQUIRES 100% OF M.L.T.A. srl,  
FURTHER STRENGTHENING ITS DIRECT PRESENCE  
IN THE POWER ELECTRONICS SECTOR**

*Collegno (TO), January 23, 2007* – Prima Industrie, leader company in the high-technology sector of laser systems and sources for industrial applications, with know-how in the industrial electronics field, listed on the STAR segment of the Italian Stock Exchange, through its fully controlled subsidiary Prima Electronics S.p.A., announces today the acquisition of the entire share capital of M.L.T.A. S.r.l. (located in Nichelino – Turin), a company with strong competences in the power electronics sector, at present supplier of sophisticated components for the laser sources manufactured by Convergent Lasers (a division of the U.S. subsidiary Prima North America).

In particular Prima Electronics, which already owned 57.84% of the M.L.T.A. capital, bought from the other shareholders the remaining shares (42.16% of the capital) paying a price per share of 3.80 euro (face value is 0.52 euro per share), with a total cash out of almost 144 thousand euro.

The payment was entirely set out by cash today.

The price agreed corresponds to an overall company evaluation of almost 340 thousand euro, resulting from a six times multiple on expected EBITDA net from the expected net financial position.

Established in 1982, M.L.T.A. operates in the power electronic field and has a reference list of high standing customers in railways, nautical and automotive sectors. The last approved annual report as at Dec. 31, 2005 showed revenues for 1,793 thousand euro, with EBITDA and EBIT amounting respectively to 114 and 60 thousand euro. According to 2006 preliminary results, revenues for the year are due increasing to over 2,100 thousand euro (of which almost 650 thousand euro towards Prima Electronics and almost 30 thousand euro towards the rest of the Group), and EBITDA and EBIT are expected respectively up to 140 thousand euro and 100 thousand euro. Net financial position is expected at almost –480 thousand euro.

Commenting the operation accomplished, Domenico Peiretti, C.E.O. of Prima Electronics S.p.A, declared: *“The acquisition of 100% of M.L.T.A. carried out by Prima Electronics is part of the business development plan of our electronics company also in sectors where we are not present at the moment and, through the acquisition of specific competences, it increases the company know how. This operation, besides allowing the full consolidation of the company results, is preliminary to an integration with Prima Electronics that should be performed by the end of 2007, in order to achieve higher synergies coming from the technical cooperation already in force”.*

**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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