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PRIMA INDUSTRIE ACQUIRES IN GERMANY THE LASER MACHINES DIVISION OF MATRA-WERKE (A COMPANY OF THE GROUP LINDE AG).

Collegno (Torino), May 25, 2005 – Prima Industrie S.p.A., a leader company in the high-technology sector of laser systems for industrial applications, and Matra-Werke GmbH (Frankfurt – Germany), a subsidiary of the international technology group Linde AG, announce the signing of an agreement regarding Matra's Laser Machines Division.

Linde has resolved to focus on its two core business Gas/Engineering and Material Handling; as part of this process the Laser Machines Division of Matra-Werke – a non-core activity for Linde –, already partner of Prima Industrie for the distribution of laser systems on the German market, shall be now fully integrated into the Prima worldwide organization, with effectiveness as from July 1st, 2005.

Prima Industrie therefore acquires, through its 100% controlled company Prima Industrie GmbH, assets and liabilities of Matra's Laser Machines Division and hires the relevant employees (almost ten sales and after-sales technicians).

The acquired Division turnover was in the last years between 7 and 10 million Euro and the acquisition shall generate additional consolidated sales of approximately 2 million Euro.

Assets to be acquired (spare parts and machines) amount to almost 2.3 million Euro, against liabilities amounting to almost 1 million Euro; the difference, almost 1.3 million Euro, will be paid to the seller as soon as Prima Industrie will collect proceeds from customers and, however, not later than March 31, 2006. The operation therefore shall have a marginal impact on Prima Industrie Group net financial position (which was 13.3 million Euro as at March 31, 2005).

Prima Industrie's Chairman and C.E.O, Gianfranco Carbonato, explained that: *“This acquisition will place us in a position to better satisfy requirements of customers in the important German market, where Prima Industrie has about 200 laser machines installed, also thanks to the ten year cooperation so far entertained with Matra-Werke. This move will give us direct control over the customer sale and service activities and follows similar initiatives already carried out by Prima Industrie in UK and Scandinavia to better serve its customers' base”.*

Prima Industrie, listed on the Nuovo Mercato of the Italian Stock Exchange since 1999, and on TechSTAR since March 2004, develops, manufactures and markets high-power laser systems for cutting, welding and drilling of three-dimensional (3D) and bi-dimensional (2D) parts.

Prima Industrie, established in 1977, leads a Group with over 450 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 provided with a very wide sales network in over 40 countries.

At the moment the Group boasts over 1,000 customers in the automotive, aerospace and in a wide range of other industries, with more than 1,800 systems installed worldwide.

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