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BARRETT STEEL Launches Energy Products Division

THE BARRETT STEEL GROUP has created a new division specifically to service global energy markets. The Barrett Energy Products Division unifies the various UK and US facilities under a new identity, supporting both UK and international growth.

Managing Director, John Childs, explained: "We strategically made the move into the oil & gas sector four years ago and have had year-on-year growth ever since. With continued investment in both people and equipment, the new division gives us a corporate identity that supports our vision of becoming a world leader as a solution provider for the energy industry.

"With facilities in the UK and USA, our services include forging and heat treatment, deep hole boring, machining, cladding and in-house testing. Our Barrett Strip and Alloy business offers decoiling and slitting facilities supporting the metallic gasket sector. With our product range, including nickel & super alloys, carbon & alloy, sour service grades, stainless and duplex grades, we feel we are in a strong position to support the industry's requirements."

See www.barrettsteel.com ■

Accolades for PRIMA INDUSTRIE

PRIMA INDUSTRIE, a leading specialist in laser and sheet metal fabrication machinery and industrial electronics headquartered in Torino (Italy), has been named as one of the ten finalists in the category "The Infosys Business of the Year Award with turnover of €150m or higher". Prima Industrie will now go on to compete in the third and final round of judging resulting in ten overall category winners to be announced in May. The 100 Ruban d'Honneur recipients were chosen from 375 National Champions by a panel of judges made up of European business and political leaders, academics and entrepreneurs.

Gianfranco Carbonato, Prima Industrie Chairman and Group CEO, declared: "We are extremely proud to be named as a finalist for this prestigious award and to represent Italy. We are honoured to be recognized as a dynamic company with strong growth and innovation strategies, and market leadership in our sector. The European Business Awards

is widely recognised as the showcase for Europe's most dynamic companies and we now look forward to describing to the judges in more detail how we achieve business success."

The Prima Industrie Group is organised into two divisions: Prima Power, with a wide product portfolio of laser and sheet metal fabrication machinery, and Prima Electro, operating in the field of industrial electronics and high-power laser sources. The parent company, Prima Industrie S.p.A., is listed on the Italian Stock Exchange.

See www.primaindustrie.com ■



Gianfranco Carbonato, Prima
Industrie Chairman and Group CEO