

BIESSE: RESULTS FOR THE 1ST QUARTER 2006 APPROVED

The Biesse S.p.A. Board of Directors has approved the Report for the 1st Quarter 2006, characterised by:

- Considerable rise in revenue
- Strong increase in profitability
- Decrease of net indebtedness

Summary 1st Quarter 2006:

- Net Revenue: € 78.4 million
- Added Value: € 32.8 million (41.9% of net revenue)
- EBITDA: € 11.0 million (14.0% of net revenue)
- EBIT: € 7.0 million (9.0% of net revenue)
- Pre-tax profit: € 6.8 million (8.7% of net revenue)
- Net profit: € 4.0 million (5.2% of net revenue)
- N.F.P. : negative by € 15.1 million

Pesaro, 15th May 2006 – Today the Board of Directors of Biesse SpA, a company with headquarters in Pesaro listed in the Star segment of the Italian Stock Exchange, approved the results for the 1st quarter 2006.

During the period **January – March 2006** the following were recorded:

- Net revenue € 78.4 million (+23.8% compared to the same period of 2005)
- Added Value € 32.8 million , with a 41.9% ratio to net revenue (+33.5% compared to the same period of 2005, when the ratio to net revenue was 38.9%)
- EBITDA € 11.0 million with a 14.0% ratio to net revenue (+128.4% compared to the same period of 2005, when the ratio to net revenue was 7.6%),
- EBIT € 7.0 million , with a 9.0% ratio to net revenue (+244.4% compared to the same period of 2005, when the ratio to net revenue was 3.2%)
- Pre tax profit € 6.8 million with a 8.7% ratio to net revenue (+393% compared to the same period of 2005, when the ratio to net revenue was 2.2%)
- Net profit € 4.0 million , with a 5.2% ratio to net revenue (the same period of 2005 ended with profits of € 0.01 million)

The Net Financial Position at March 31, 2006 was negative by € 15.1 million, (debt/equity ratio 0.13) with an improvement of € 8.8 million in the net debt as compared with December 31, 2005. When compared to the same period of 2005, the positive delta rises to € 36.1 million (-70%).

Net Financial Position:

31 March 2006: -€ 15.1 million
31 December 2005: -€ 23.9 million
31 March 2005: -€ 51.2 million
31 December 2004: -€ 51.4 million



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"This has been an extremely positive quarter" is the comment made by Biesse's President, Roberto Selci, following the Board meeting "characterised by considerable growth in revenue – deriving in part from the improvement in macro economic conditions at world level – which are particularly evident in Biesse's reference sectors. The reawakening of the European markets, lead by Italy, has certainly had an important impact on this trend, and these markets once more occupy an important position both in the Group turnover and above all in the order portfolio. I would also like to underline the strong recovery of profitability, which has been particularly evident in a period of the year (January-March) that is normally not particularly significant in terms of margin generation.

On the eve of the forthcoming biennial trade fair for this sector in Milan (Xylexpo, 16-20 May), we undoubtedly have a positive feeling for the immediate future, provided that the risk factors – for example a sudden weakening of the US Dollar against the Euro – do not intervene to change this positive market feeling and the propensity to invest that is currently being seen."

The Biesse Group operates in the market of machinery and systems involved in processing wood, glass and marble.

The Company offers modular solutions that range from the design of turnkey systems for large furniture manufacturers to individual automatic machines and workstations for small- and medium-sized companies, to the design and sale of individual high-tech components.

Thanks to its orientation towards innovation and research, Biesse is able to develop products and modular solutions that can meet the varied needs of a broad customer base.

As a multinational, the Biesse Group markets its products through a network of subsidiaries and 18 branch offices located in strategic markets.

The branch offices ensure specialised after-sales service to the customers, while also carrying out market research aimed at developing new products. The Biesse Group has a staff of 1,900 people distributed over its six manufacturing sites located in Pesaro, Bergamo, Turin, Alfonsine (RA), Anzola (BO), Lugo (RA), and its branch offices in Europe, North America, Asia and Oceania.

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