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The Shareholders' Meeting considered the request for admission to the New Technologies Market

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In 1999, the Tuscan group, specialized in design and manufacture of laser sources, recorded sales equal to 46.2 billion lire (+ 35%) with a net profit of 6.7 billion lire.

Calenzano (FI), 24 July 2000. El.En S.p.A. of Calenzano (FI), a company operating on the international market of design and manufacture of laser sources has initiated the procedure to have the company securities quoted on the New Technologies Market of the Milan Stock Exchange.

The Ordinary and Extraordinary Meeting of the Group deliberated the request for quotation assigning the task of Global Coordinator and Sponsor of the operation to Meliorbanca Gallo & C; Banca Toscana which has recently obtained a 14.29% share of El.En. S.p.A. company capital will be Co-Global Coordinator and Financial Advisor. The Group's consolidated revenue for the fiscal year ending 31 December 1999 amounted to 46.224 billion lire, with an increase of 35% over 1998. The net profit for the fiscal year 1999 was 6.754 billion lire, with an increase of over 200% compared to the preceding year.

The objective of the shareholders is to be listed on the New Technologies Market by the end of the year with sale of approximately one-third of the company's capital to be accomplished also by means of a special increase in capital decided at the Meeting.

With the resources which will be made available after obtaining the necessary authorization to be listed on the stock market, the El.En. Group plans to finance development of its activities, with particular reference to strengthening its sales network, acquiring new markets (especially the United States and the Far East), developing new laser applications for medical equipment and industrial systems, effecting joint ventures and/or acquisitions of companies operating in the field.

The primary factors for success which have been responsible for the strong growth of the EL.En. Group in this market are:

- The considerable investment in research and development, to which the Company dedicates 20% of its revenue.
- The availability of multidisciplinary know-how, which permits promotion within the Company of all of the phases of invention, development and manufacture of innovative products.

- Product diversification which allows the Company to be one of the few international concerns operating simultaneously in both the industrial and the medical fields.

- The efficiency of the sales network and of post-sale support.

Founded in 1981, El.En S.p.A. began operations in design of electronic and ophthoelectronic systems upon client request and gradually concentrated its activity in the area of laser applications in medicine and industry, both characterized, in recent years, by a vigorous demand which has generated a high rate of growth in production.

In medicine, laser applications are used especially in cosmetic surgery, dermatology, dentistry, gynecology, oncology and otorhinolaryngology as well as in cosmetic treatments such as epilation and laser lipolysis.

In industry, laser sources are used in automated systems for cutting, marking and surface treatment of wood, paper, plastic, glass, fabric, metals, and other materials, as well as in restoration and preservation of works of art.

GROUP STRUCTURE

El.En. S.p.A. is the parent company and operates in design and manufacture of laser sources and laser apparatus for medical, cosmetic and industrial applications.

The following are the operational activities of the subsidiaries:

DEKA M.E.L.A.: is responsible for marketing of medical laser apparatus and accessories throughout the world,

with the exception Spain, Argentina, and Belgium, where El.En. S.p.A. sells directly, and of France, where the products are marketed by the subsidiary Deka S.a.r.l.

CUTLITE PENTA S.r.l.: produces industrial laser cutting and marking systems integrating them with laser sources produced by El.En. A considerable portion of their production is designated for export in Europe and the rest of the world.

Valfive Italia S.r.l.: produces prototypes for industrial and manufacturing systems and carries out testing for the other companies of the Group.

DEKA S.a.r.l.: distributes medical laser equipment and accessories 0 in France and provides post-sale service for industrial and medical lasers.

OT-LAS S.r.l.: designs and produces special CO2 laser marking systems for decoration of large surfaces.

NEUMA LASER S.r.l.: is involved in technical assistance in the industrial sector. It is currently operating in the Far East and South America and has been slated to extend its sphere of activity to all countries where the Group is present.

M&E: is a new distributor of medical lasers for the NAFTA area. It is particularly active in the field of laser epilation.

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