El.En. : a new start up is launched in Brazil for production and distribution of laser system for industrial applications

Firenze, May 29th 2007 – The El.En. group, leader on the laser market and listed on the STAR Segment of the Italian Stock Exchange, has incorporated in Brazil Cutlite do Brasil Alta tecnologia a laser Ltda., a new company set up for the production and distribution in Brazil of laser system for industrial applications.

The company has been incorporated in Blumenau, in the State of Santa Catalina, in the center of the most developed industrial area of Brazil; due to the high tech standard of the new business, the company will be able to take advantage of the support granted by the local authorities.

The minority shareholders (22%) are local managers of proven experience in the management of distribution networks in the specific business and in the management of production and after sale service of laser systems.

The investment by El.En. Spa is 540 thousands of Euro (1,7 millions of Reais), for the 78% share.

With respect to the effect of the new business on the 2007 financial forecast, the released guidance is already factoring in the expected financials of the brazilian company.

El.En., an Italian company, is the parent of a high-tech industrial group operating in the optoelectronics sector. Based on proprietary technology and multidisciplinary know-how, the El.En Group manufactures laser sources (gas, semiconductor, solid-state and liquid) and innovative laser systems for medical and industrial applications. The El.En. Group is the laser market leader in Italy and among the top operators in Europe. It designs, manufactures and sells worldwide:
- Medical laser equipment used in dermatology, cosmetics, physiotherapy, dentistry and gynecology;
- Industrial laser systems for applications ranging from cutting, marking and welding metals, wood, plastic and glass to decorating leather and textiles and restoring/conserving artwork;
- Laser systems for scientific research

EL.EN has been listed on the Star (MTAX) of Borsa Italiana. Its market floatation is approximately 40% and its market capitalization amounts to €160 million.

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