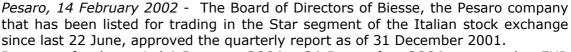




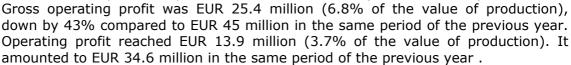
## Biesse approves the fourth-quarter results for 2001

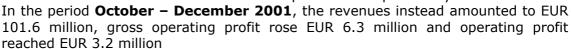
The Board of Directors of the Pesaro-based company, one of the world's leading players in the market of machinery and systems for working wood, glass and marble, approved the quarterly report as of 31 December 2001.

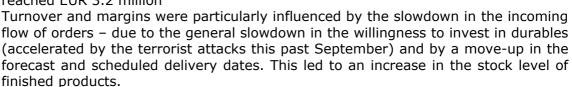




Revenues for the period 1 January 2001 – 31 December 2001 amounted to EUR 353.8 million, up 3% compared to revenues for 2000 (EUR 344 million).

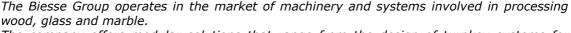






Net indebtedness amounts to EUR 86 million, down compared to EUR 93.9 million at 31 December 2000.

"Despite the negative economic situation of the sector, Biesse continues to follow its plan of strategic development aimed at increasing its market through both internal and external projects. In fact, during the fourth quarter Biesse worked actively finalising three acquisitions. These operations are strategically important in terms of product cost reduction, development of synergies in technology and increase in sales" stated Piero Valentini, General Manager of Biesse S.p.A. He then added: "The renewed confidence in the international economy will enable the reference sector, and Biesse in particular, to continue its historic growth trend, especially in the field of high-tech machinery that represents the driving force for the entire industry and in which Biesse has always been a market leader.



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

Thanks to its orientation towards innovation and research, over the years Biesse has perfected a highly efficient manufacturing process capable of developing products and modular solutions that can meet the varied needs of a broad customer base.

A multinational with production plants in Italy and Austria, the Biesse Group markets its products through a network of subsidiaries and 20 branch offices located in strategic markets. The branch offices ensure specialised after-sales service to the customers, while also developing and carrying out feasibility studies and market research aimed at developing new products.

The Biesse Group has a staff of about 2,200 distributed among its seven manufacturing sites located in Pesaro, Bergamo, Alfonsine (RA), Lugo di Romagna (RA), Turin, Schwarzach (Austria) and Altach (Austria) and its branch offices in Europe, North and South America, Asia and Australia.



