

THE BIESSE GROUP TAKES RECORD ORDERS (+30%)

Good results for the Biesse Wood Division from the LIGNA+ exhibition in Hannover

Pesaro, 22nd May 2007 – **Biesse S.p.A.** has achieved record results at the **Ligna+** international exhibition. The **Hannover** event, which ran from the 14th to the 18th May is Europe's most important woodworking event attracting more than 107,000 visitors from 91 different countries. Biesse, based in the Italian city of Pesaro, is a worldwide market leader in machines and systems for wood, glass and stone processing, and is quoted in the Star segment of the Italian stock exchange.

By the end of the exhibition, which runs every two years, the Biesse Group's Wood Division, representing the 75% of the consolidated turnover at the end of 2006, had recorded an **impressive 30% increase in orders** for woodworking machines and systems **compared to the exhibition's previous edition in 2005**. The inrush of orders is likely to have an impact for the Biesse backlog already by next June. The rise in demand is largely attributable to the technical excellence of Biesse machines. Over 50 of these were on display at Hannover, attracting a large number of visitors and generating a great deal of interest. The impressive results achieved by Bre.Ma, the manufacturer of Numerical Controlled drilling, inserting, and routing machines acquired by Biesse last August, are also worth noting. This was Bre.Ma's first visit to the top German exhibition as part of the Biesse Group. Bre.Ma's extended range of drilling and inserting machines has established Biesse as the world's top player in this field.

The Biesse Group

Biesse specialises in the manufacture of machines and systems for wood, glass, marble and stone. Biesse was founded in Pesaro by Giancarlo Selci in 1969. The group has been quoted in the Star segment of the Italian stock exchange since 2001.

Biesse offers modular solutions ranging from the design of turnkey systems for large scale furniture production to the manufacture of automatic machines and work centres for SMEs and even the design, production and sale of individual high-tech components.

Thanks to constant dedication to innovation and research, Biesse is able to develop modular products and solutions to satisfy all sorts of customer requirements.

Today, Biesse is a multinational group and sells its products via a network of controlled distributors and 18 national subsidiaries located in strategic markets.

Biesse's subsidiaries provide customers with specialist after-sales service and also perform market research for the development of new products. The Biesse Group employs 2,190 people at its four production plants in Pesaro, Alzate Brianza, Bergamo, and Turin and at its subsidiaries in Europe, North America, Asia and Oceania.

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