

## **BIESSE: expected positive figures for the first quarter closed on March 31<sup>st</sup> 2006**

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Preliminary figures for the **First Quarter 2006** from Biesse S.p.A. show a noticeable increase in consolidated turnover – around 20% over the 1<sup>st</sup>Q 2005 - and an equally significant improvement in the Net Financial Position. “We are definitely expecting a positive quarterly result” is the comment of the **President of Biesse S.p.A. Roberto Selci**, “Growth in turnover, reduction of indebtedness and an increase in the order portfolio (+42% with respect to March 2005) are all objective elements that we only can underline with satisfaction”.

Biesse S.p.A. will be approving the results for the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2006 on 15<sup>th</sup> May next, right before (16-20 May) this sector's extremely important biennial **Xylexpo** trade fair, to be held in Milan in the new Rho exhibition centre.

On this occasion, Biesse will be meeting with the financial community (**18<sup>th</sup> May at 11.15 at the company stand**) to comment on the consolidated results as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2006.

*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 with production plants in Italy, 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) and Lugo (RA), and its branch offices in Europe, North America, Asia and Oceania.*

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