

**BIESSE: Positive reactions following the STAR Conference 2006 event in Milan**

Pesaro, 3 March 2006 – The results for the IVQ 2005 for Biesse S.p.A. were presented yesterday in Milan to analysts and investors, along with the short- and medium-term prospects for the company from the Marches region, which manufactures wood- glass- and stone-working machinery. During the annual STAR CONFERENCE 2006 event, held in Milan on 1-2 March, Biesse S.p.A. analysed, in particular, the macro economic situation in its main reference markets, in the light of the positive performance achieved during the last quarter of 2005, expressing particular satisfaction for the targets reached ahead of time.

“The Industrial Plan approved by Biesse S.p.A. last September”, comments Biesse’s President Roberto Selci, “indicated a level of turnover and profitability for 2006 that has actually already been achieved in 2005. At the root of this positive trend there is without doubt a reawakening of certain countries, particularly in Europe, that until now showed a lower propensity to invest in durable assets. For this reason, although we have no intention of projecting all the results achieved in the last quarter of 2005 in the medium term, we intend to ask the forthcoming Meeting of the Biesse B.o.D. (on 27 March next) to review the Three-year Industrial Plan so as to take into account these positive changes.”

The following are the main results for Biesse S.p.A. during the 12 months of 2005:

NET REVENUE: €334.9 million  
EBITDA MARGIN: 12.6%  
EBIT MARGIN: 8.3%  
NET INDEBTEDNESS: 25.5 million

The draft to be presented at the next meeting of the Biesse B.o.D. will contain the following indications for the period 2006-2008:

NET REVENUE - CAGR 04-08: +5.4%  
EBITDA MARGIN CAGR 04-08: +20.4%  
EBIT MARGIN CAGR 04-08: + 29.9%  
NET PROFIT CAGR 04-08 +31,7%  
NET INDEBTEDNESS: REPAYMENT OF ALL DEBTS BY 31 MARCH 2007.

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*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 manufacturing premises in Italy, the Biesse Group markets its products through a network of subsidiaries and 17 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 1,897 people distributed over its six manufacturing sites located in Pesaro, Bergamo, Turin, Alfonsine (RA), Anzola (BO), Lugo (RA) and its branch offices in Europe, North America, Asia and Oceania.*

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