

Press Release



Pesaro, 9 January 2004 - Biesse S.p.A., listed on the STAR segment of the Italian Stock Exchange, announces that the transfer of some of its real estate assets – deliberated by the Board of Directors during an extraordinary meeting held on 23 December 2003 – will not be carried out in the manner announced. With regard to the bank loan to Bif.In – not carried through within the target date (31.12.2003) – a real estate operation representing an alternative to the original plan is now considered more appropriate. A new plan that exclusively regards non-business-operating assets has emerged as a result of the discovery, during the very last days of December 2003, that a transfer of development land has become possible.

Although the sum involved is lower, by about Euro 34,000,000, the operation enables Biesse S.p.A. to improve the state of its finances, since a transfer of this land will involve collection of about Euro 9,000,000. This means Biesse can save on the leasing costs for re-purchase of the industrial premises that were originally to be transferred. Compared to the original plan, this project will lead to profit and loss account savings of Euro 2,900,000 per annum.

The Selci family have also made assurances that they will make greater efforts to recapitalise Bif.In in order to further the operation. The family will increase its transfer of capital shares (originally Euro 15,000,000) to Euro 20,000,000 and will not incur the larger bank debts originally foreseen.

They will also convert Euro 7,500,000 to Bif.In capital shares. The sum is generated by advance extinction of the convertible stock loan issued by Biesse Holding – a business concern entirely possessed by Bif.In (and in the process of incorporation).

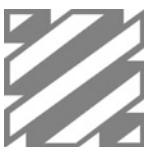
Biesse has already given a mandate to an external appraiser to carry out an assessment in order to certify the market value of the land involved in the operation.

Like the previous operation, this transfer will also lead to an injection of immediately available funds for the Stock Exchange-listed company and an increase in value of the transferred assets of about Euro 10,000,000. The operation will be submitted for approval at the next meeting of Biesse's Board of Directors (planned for the first half of February 2004).

As also declared in the press release regarding the original operation, no plans whatsoever have been made to change the amount of compensation to the directors of Biesse S.p.A. and/or of its subsidiary Companies.

The Biesse Group operates in the market of machinery and systems involved in processing wood, glass and stone.

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 capable of developing products and modular solutions that can meet the varied needs of a broad customer base.



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As a multinational with production plants in Italy and Austria, the Biesse Group markets its products through a network of subsidiaries and 22 branch offices located in strategic markets.



The branch offices ensure specialized 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 2,200 people distributed over its six manufacturing sites located in Pesaro, Bergamo, Turin, Alfonsine, Anzola and Lugo (Italy), and its branch offices in Europe, North and South America, Asia and Oceania.

