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## Press Release

**Centro Servizi Metalli S.p.A. announces that it has been admitted by Borsa Italiana to trade on the Mercato Alternativo dei Capitali (MAC: Alternative Capital Market).**

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Centro Servizi Metalli S.p.A. has been admitted by Borsa Italiana to trade on the MAC (Alternative Capital Market).

The Offer involves a capital increase valued at around € 7.7 million which was fully subscribed by leading institutional investors. The floating post-capital increase equals around 27.3%; a significant part of the placement was subscribed by Medinvest International SCA, a holding company focusing on medium sized enterprises with an outlook for development and growth.

Proceeds from the placement will be used to fund the company's expansion plans in Italy and abroad, for internal and external lines.

The operation is sponsored by Abaxbank in collaboration with the advisor, Studio Cerioli Pellacini of Reggio Emilia.

Centro Servizi Metalli S.p.A. (CSM), based in Reggio Emilia, specialises in the plasma and mechanical cutting of stainless steel according to customers' specifications.

CSM was founded in 1988 by Remo Predieri, an entrepreneur who has been working in the marketing, processing and production of metals since the mid-1960s. For a few years, the operating companies have been owned by Predieri Group S.p.A. The Director is Marco Predieri who manages the Group in collaboration with the various managers, mainly involved in equity.

Historically, Italy has been the main geographic area of CSM's activity and in particular, Northern Italy, where 90% of the 2007 turnover was recorded. The main areas are Emilia Romagna, Lombardy, Piedmont and Veneto, which are served by the Corte Tegge - Cavriago plant in Reggio Emilia with a production output of 2,500 tonnes/year and by the Cignone plant in Cremona, with a production output of 3,500 tonnes/year.

In 2008, the company began an overseas expansion process which included the opening of a plant in Poland (3,500 tonnes/year) to serve Eastern Europe and Germany (the second largest consumer of stainless steel in Europe after Italy) and a plant in France (3,000 tonnes/year), taking advantage of a functional geographical position made up of areas with an elevated use of stainless steel.

Following the growth recorded in Italy over the last few years, CSM has become a leader in the sector of plasma and mechanical cutting of thick stainless steel alloy sheets, and is now a reference point for industrial customers belonging to a wide variety of sectors (i.e. petrochemical, chemical, packaging, pharmaceutical, naval, water treatment, nuclear, etc.).

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The great attention placed on technological innovation, the experience and know-how in the stainless steel and metal industry, the capacity to cultivate consolidated relationships with a wide variety of different customers and the capacity to replicate the business model on high-potential international markets, make CSM a leading company in the reference sector with high prospects of growth and development in a strongly expanding market.

In the financial year ended 31 December 2007, CSM recorded a turnover of around € 25.6 million, an EBITDA of around € 3.0 million (IAS € 5.0 million) and net profits of around € 1.7 million (IAS € 2.9 million). The company expects to end 2008 with a 15.0% increase in turnover.

The Company's Board of Directors is composed of Remo Predieri, Marco Predieri, Roberto Migliorini (CEO of the company) and Stefano Ricci. The CFO of the company is Francesco Viotto.

"We are very satisfied with this operation and would like to thank the investors who believed in our business model and growth plans," commented Remo Predieri, Chairman and founder of the company.

Sponsor and Leading Specialist of Centro Servizi Metalli S.p.A. is Abaxbank S.p.A.

Centro Servizi Metalli Spa's advisor is the Studio Cerioli Pellacini – Professional Association of Chartered Accountants

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