KME GROUP S.P.A.

PRESS RELEASE

With reference to the Extraordinary Shareholders' Meeting of May 19, 2006, the Company's name is changed from S.M.I. – Società Metallurgica Italiana SpA to

KME Group S.p.A.

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Also elimination of the par value of the ordinary shares and saving shares has taken effect too.

Florence, May 31, 2006

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