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KME GROUP SPA: a €103 -million Credit Line from MCC – Mediocredito Centrale Guaranteed by SACE

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Further to an announcement made on January 14, 2008, KME Group S.p.A., a world leader in the field of copper and copper-alloy semifinished products, finalized with MCC – Mediocredito Centrale S.p.A. (UniCredit Group) and SACE S.p.A. a 103-million-euro credit line to fund the Group's capital investments and future international acquisitions

Under the agreement, SACE will guarantee 70% of the amount, with an average preamortization period of 12 months and repayment due in eight years in semiannual installments.

In his remarks, Italo Romano, the Group's General Manager and CFO, pointed out that, at a time of widespread financial crisis, KME was able to obtain financing, without being required to provide collateral and on more favorable terms than in previous years, which it will use to fund the Group's expansion plans for the next 10 years.

Vincenzo Manes, the Group's Executive Vice President, expressed great satisfaction for the financial community's continued confidence in KME. "This financing facility," he stated, "will help the Group strengthen its leadership position in the global market as an active player in the consolidation trend that is currently occurring in our industry and is expected to continue in the future."

”This transaction,” said Cesare Caletti, Mediocredito Centrale’s Chief Executive Officer, “underscores the important role that our bank and the UniCredit Group are playing in promoting and supporting Italian businesses in their international investment programs and provides a prime example of how the banking system can work alongside a major industrial organization such as KME as it seeks to expand and consolidated its position in the international markets.”

“The guarantees provide by the SACE Group,” added Alessandro Castellano, SACE’s Chief Executive Officer, “enable businesses to access credit more easily and become more competitive. This transaction is a concrete example of the support that we provide to Italian companies in their internationalization efforts, with the goal of creating a model of success for the entire system.”

This transaction was structured and implemented thanks to the joint professional efforts of Pierpaolo Di Fabio, KME’s Corporate Finance Director, the Export Finance Department of Mediocredito Centrale and the Business Italia Corporate Division of SACE. Sergio Laghi of the D’Urso – Gatti Law Offices provided KME with legal consulting support.

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