

PRESS RELEASE

- KME Group S.p.A. acquires a 30% interest in METALBUYER S.p.A., a company active in the buying and selling of metals;
- This transaction, which is valued at 1.5 million euros, is part of a project to diversify the Group's business with commercial activities upstream of its traditional industrial operations;
- The transaction will close only if it is approved by the antitrust authorities;
- The Company's share buyback program is currently on hold.

Florence, February 26, 2009. KME Group S.p.A signed today a preliminary agreement to acquire a 30% equity interest in METALBUYER S.p.A., a company based in Naples.

The total value of the transaction, amounting to about 1.5 million euros, will be paid to the seller upon the transfer of the abovementioned equity interest. However, the sale will close only if it is approved by the relevant antitrust authorities in Italy and Austria.

The value of the acquired equity investment was determined with the consulting support of PriceWaterhouseCoopers S.p.A.

It is provided a call option, valid for three years, that can be exercised to buy an additional 21% interest in METALBUYER S.p.A. in accordance with predetermined terms and conditions.

METALBUYER S.p.A., a ferrous and non-ferrous metal dealer that handles both raw materials and, predominantly, scrap, is a minor supplier of the Group. METALBUYER S.p.A., which is active in Italy and abroad, reported revenues of over 100 million euros.

This transaction represents the first concrete step in the implementation by the KME Group of a project to diversify its operations beyond its traditional activity of manufacturing copper and copper-alloy semifinished products and leverage its managerial and organizational skills by combining them with the unique professional capabilities and dynamism of entrepreneurs who are active in the scrap metal business.

The resulting collaborative relationship will help expand the commercial activity and boost the profitability of the partner company, which will continue to operate in the market as a totally independent entity, while, at the same time, identifying all available synergies with the industrial operations of the KME Group.

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The transaction subject of press release is also indicative of the Company's current interest in identifying new investments and alternative uses for its liquidity. For this reason, as of today, it is suspending the share buyback program launched on September 22, 2008.

In February 2009, under the abovementioned program, KME Group S.p.A. bought:

- n. 262.899 of its common shares at an average price (including transaction fees) of 0,601 euros per share, for a total cost of 157,990 euros;
- n. 2.439 of its savings shares at an average price (including transaction fees) of 0,753 euros per share, for a total cost of 1,836 euros.

As a result of the purchases made since the program's inception, KME Group S.p.A. currently holds a total of 5.475.170 common treasury shares, equal to 2,33 % of the shares of the same class, and 90.555 savings treasury shares (including 21,666 savings shares held before the start of the abovementioned program), equal to 0,47 % of the shares of the same class. The investment has been of 2,9 million euros.

The total number of treasury shares held by the Company is equal to 2,19% of its entire share capital.

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