



**PRESS RELEASE**

**Florence, 6th May 2009.** Today the Court of First Instance of the European Communities rendered its judgment in the appeal brought by the industrial subsidiaries KME Germany AG, KME France S.A.S. and KME Italy S.p.A. against the fine imposed by the Commission on 16<sup>th</sup> December 2003 in relation to antitrust rules infringements in the field of Industrial Tubes.

The Court upheld the Commission decision imposing a fine of EUR 39,81 million.

The Companies are currently reviewing the full text of the Court's judgment and reserve themselves the decision to lodge an appeal before the European Court of Justice.

The fine amount was wholly provisioned in the profit and loss accounts of the 2003 fiscal year.

KME Group S.p.A.

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