

PRESS RELEASE

Lodge of the Appeal to the European Court of Justice

Florence, July 15, 2009. With reference to the press release dated May 6 last, the subsidiaries KME Germany AG, KME France SAS and KME Italy S.p.A. have lodged an appeal to the European Court of Justice earlier today against the judgment by which the EC Court of First Instance rejected their application against the EURO 39.81 million fine, which the European Commission imposed on the companies in 2003 for their participation in anticompetitive agreements (see art. 81 CE Treaty) in the industrial copper tube market. The appellant companies have requested that the Court of Justice set aside the judgment of the Court of First Instance, which in their view is vitiated by errors of law.

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

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