

## PRESS RELEASE

- Ing. Domenico Cova steps down as Member of the Board and Managing Director of KME Group S.p.A's semi-finished copper and copper alloy Division.
- The Board will recommend his replacement with Dr. Riccardo Garrè during their next meeting scheduled for 16 March, 2011.

Florence, 28 January, 2011. After a long career begun in 1975 and covering key roles in the KME Group, Ing. Domenico Cova has announced his intention of stepping down from his combined posts of Member of the Board and Managing Director of KME Group S.p.A., in which latter capacity he oversaw production and sales of semi-finished copper and copper alloy products.

Ing. Cova's resignation will become official during the next Board of Directors' meeting, scheduled for March 16, 2011.

On the same occasion, it will be recommended co-opting Dr. Riccardo Garrè into the Board as one of its own members, and appoint him Managing Director of KME. Born in 1962, Dr. Garrè, has a degree in Experimental Physics and previous experience as

Managing Director of a major international industrial concern. In March 2010, he joined KME A.G. Vorstand as COO (Chief Operating Officer).

KME Group wishes to thank Ing. Cova for his highly appreciated service to the Company.

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