

BORSA ITALIANA - STAR segment

PRESS RELEASE

INTERIM REPORT AS AT 31/03/2014

(in brackets results as at 31/03/2013)

IMPROVING PROFITABILITY NOTWITHSTANDING A DELAY IN REVENUES ORDER ACQUISITION AT THE HIGHEST VALUES SINCE EARLY 2008

- Consolidated REVENUES at 64.5 M€ (-11.5 % against 72.9 M€);
- VALUE OF PRODUCTION at 82.7 M€ (+2.4% against 80.8 M€);
- EBITDA at 4.8 M€ (+4% against 4.6 M€);
- EBIT at 2.0 M€ (+ 18% against 1.7 M€);
- NET RESULT attributable to the Parent Company at -0.6 M€ (against -0.8 M€);
- NET FINANCIAL POSITION at -107.2 M€ (against -131.0 M€ at 31/3/13 and -99.9 at 31/12/13);
- ORDER ACQUISITION at 96.7 M€ (+7% against 90.6 M€).

Collegno (TO), May 12th 2014 - The Board of Directors of Prima Industrie S.p.A, a leader in high technology laser systems, sheet metal working systems and electronic components for industrial applications, met today to approve the Interim Report as at March 31st, 2014.

Consolidated revenues at 31/03/2014 amount to 64,467 thousand euro, a decrease of 11,5% (equal to 8.414 thousand euro) compared to the same period of the year 2013.

Following is the consolidated revenues geographical breakdown at 31/03/2014 compared with the same in the previous year:

Revenues	31/03/2014	31/03/2014		31/03/2013	
	Euro thousand	%	Euro thousand	%	
EMEA	36.695	56,9	44.385	60,9	
AMERICAS	15.597	24,2	13.359	18,3	
APAC	12.175	18,9	15.137	20,8	
TOTAL	64.467	100,0	72.881	100,0	

The breakdown of sales by geography shows growing revenues in the countries of the AMERICAS (+ 2,238 thousand EURO), where the largest share was made in the USA (14.3% of total consolidated revenues and 59.1% of revenues in the AMERICAS). As for the APAC countries significant are sales to China, equal to 10,219 thousand euro (15.9% of consolidated revenues). In the EMEA region strong sales are recorded in Russia (6.6% of consolidated sales) and in Eastern Europe (6.4% of consolidated sales). Sales in Italy accounted for 13.5% of consolidated sales.

Continuing is also the trend, already registered in the last years, which led to sales made outside Europe (52.8%) to exceed those in Europe, including Italy (47.2%).

The breakdown of revenues by segment, before inter-sector items, was as follows:

Revenues	31/03/2014	31/03/2014		31/03/2013	
	Euro thousand	%	Euro thousand	%	
PRIMA POWER	55.114	85,5	60.833	83,5	
PRIMA ELECTRO	12.625	19,6	15.888	21,8	
Inter-sector revenues	(3.272)	(5,1)	(3.840)	(5,3)	
TOTAL	64.467	100,0	72.881	100,0	

PRIMA POWER division revenues are down 9.4% compared to the same period last year due to the low backlog at the beginning of the year (due to an acceleration of sales in the last quarter of 2013) and to a shift in the machines delivery process due to contingent reasons, among which the delay in get financing for the customers; revenues of PRIMA ELECTRO division, instead, were down 20.5% compared to the same period last year, mainly due to some DOTS products for which it is being finalized a phase-out/phase-in, that was started in the year 2013.

The value of production at 31/03/2014 amounted to 82,728 thousand euro, an increase of 2.4% compared to the same period in 2013 (an increase of 1,961 thousand euro).

The value of production for the period includes increases for internal work for 2,971 thousand euro (1,925 thousand euro at 31/03/2013); these costs relate mainly to investments in development activities.

Performance indicators	31/03/14		31/03/13	
	Euro thousand	% on sales	Euro thousand	% on sales
EBITDA	4.800	7,4	4.642	6,4
EBIT	2.047	3,2	1.682	2,3
EBT	346	0,5	(692)	(0,9)
NET RESULT	(684)	(1,1)	(803)	(1,1)
NET RESULT ATTRIBUTABLE TO GROUP SHAREHOLDERS	(632)	(1,0)	(803)	(1,1)

The Group's **EBITDA** amounted to 4,800 thousand euro (7.4% of sales); compared to the first quarter of 2013 there was an improvement both in terms of percentage (1% increase) and in absolute terms (+158 thousand euro).

Below is the EBITDA of the Group as at 31/03/2014 and 31/03/2013, broken down by segment (before inter-sector items):

EBITDA	31/03/14		31/03/13	
	Euro thousand	%	Euro thousand	%
PRIMA POWER	3.709	77,3	2.270	48,9
PRIMA ELECTRO	1.059	22,1	2.643	56,9
Inter sector items and eliminations	32	0,6	(271)	(5,8)
TOTAL	4.800	100,0	4.642	100,0

Consolidated EBIT at 31/03/2014 amounted to 2,047 thousand euro, which is also on the rise, both in percentage (+0.9%) and absolute terms (+365 thousand euro compared to the first quarter of 2013).

This result is affected by depreciation of intangible assets for 2,085 thousand euro and of tangible fixed assets for 667 thousand euro. With regard to the amortization of intangible assets, the main relate to the amortization of development costs (1,199 thousand euro) and to the amortization related to assets with a defined useful life recognized in the FINN-POWER business combination -brand and customer list- (763 thousand euro).

Consolidated EBT at 31/03/2014 amounted to 346 thousand euro, an improvement of 1,038 thousand euro compared to the same period last year (-692 thousand euro); this value reflects net charges arising from financial management (including profits and losses on exchange rates) for 1,701 thousand euro (at 31/03/2013 they amounted to 2,373 thousand euro).

The NET INCOME attributable to the Parent Company at 31/03/2014 is negative and is equal to 632 thousand euro (-803 thousand euro at 31/03/2013). Income taxes for the first three months of 2014 show a net loss of 1,030 thousand euro, of which 330 thousand euro for IRAP. It should be noted that the tax burden in 2013 was positively affected by a tax credit equal to 1,048 thousand euro following the submission of claims for reimbursement of IRES (IRAP deduction for IRES purposes for the years 2007-2011).

At 31/03/2014 the net financial position of the Group shows a net debt of 107,232 thousand euro, an improvement of 23,806 thousand euro compared to the corresponding period of the previous year (net debt in fact amounted to 131,038 thousand euro to 31/03/2013).

The decrease of 7,271 thousand euro compared to 31/12/2013, instead, is due to the absorption of financial resources required for the management of operations and the need for working capital to cope with the increase in production volumes in the quarters thereafter.

Below is the breakdown of the net financial position:

Value expressed in Euro thousand	31/03/14	31/12/13	31/03/13
CASH & CASH EQUIVALENTS	(18.396)	(29.194)	(18.515)
CURRENT FINANCIAL RECEIVABLES	(3)	(47)	(450)
CURRENT FINANCIAL LIABILITIES	53.522	51.830	57.052
NON CURRENT FINANCIAL LIABILITIES	72.109	77.372	92.951
NET FINANCIAL LIABILITIES	107.232	99.961	131.038

Please note that the net financial position includes:

- the FINPOLAR loan which totals 99,544 thousand euro and is subject to compliance with several covenants measured on an annual and half-yearly basis;
- payables to leasing companies (almost exclusively for real estate) which amounted to 2,883 thousand euro;
- bank debts which include the negative fair value of certain IRS for 4,056 thousand euro; the main IRS were contracted by the parent company to partially hedge the risk of interest rate on the FINPOLAR loan (the signing of these derivatives was set by the underlying loan agreement).

It should be noted, finally, that 19,946 thousand euro classified in current liabilities relate to the tranche D of FINPOLAR loan which is a revolving credit line that will be available until 31/01/2016.

During the first quarter of 2014, the **order intake** of the Group (inclusive of after-sale service) amounted to 96.7 million euro (+6.7% compared to 90.6 million euro at 31/03/2013). Orders received by PRIMA POWER segment amounted to 84.1 million euro, the ones relating to PRIMA ELECTRO, only from customers outside the Group, amounted to 12.6 million euro.

The consolidated **order backlog** (not including the after-sale service) at 31/03/2014 rose to 105.8 million euro (compared to 104.6 million euro at 31/03/2013 and 75.2 million euro to 31/12/2013).

The backlog includes 93.5 million euro relating to PRIMA POWER segment and 12.3 million euro relating to PRIMA ELECTRO.

After 31/03/2014 the trend in orders has positively continued and at 30/04/2014, the order backlog rose to 111.1 million euro.

Research and development activities carried out by the Group during the first quarter of 2014 were a total of 5,069 thousand euro, or 7.9% of sales.

The capitalized portion amounted to 2,872 thousand euro.

Gianfranco Carbonato, Chairman of the Group, declared: "The temporary delay in revenues, which is, for a good portion, recovered in April, is not for us a source of concern, given also the positive trend in orders. We acknowledge with satisfaction, on the other hand, the improvement in the first three months

of the year of the gross operating profitability and we expect that this increase may also characterize the remainder of the year. "

"The manager responsible for preparing the company's financial reports, Davide Danieli, declares, pursuant to paragraph 2 of Article 154-bis of the Consolidated Law on Finance, that the accounting information contained in this press release corresponds to the document results, books and accounting records".

The document with the Interim Report as at 31/03/2014 shall be filed and made available at the Company registered offices and on the internet site www.primaindustrie.com, within the prescribed time.

PRIMA INDUSTRIE heads a leading Group in developing, manufacturing and marketing of laser systems for industrial applications, sheet metal processing machinery, as well as industrial electronics and laser technologies.

The parent company Prima Industrie S.p.A. is listed on the Italian Stock Exchange since 1999 (MTA - STAR segment).

With 35 years of experience the Group can count on about 12,000 machines installed in more than 70 countries worldwide and is among the main worldwide manufacturers in its own reference market.

The Group has about 1,500 employees and manufacturing sites in Italy (PRIMA INDUSTRIE S.p.A, PRIMA ELECTRO S.p.A, FINN-POWER Italia Srl), Finland (FINN-POWER Oy) and USA (PRIMA ELECTRO North America LIc, PRIMA POWER LASERDYNE LIc.). Remarkable is as well its direct commercial and after-sales presence in BRIC, NAFTA, European Union and other emerging Asian countries, serving more than 70 countries worldwide.

The Prima Industrie Group is structured on 2 Business Units:

Laser and sheet metal processing machines (Prima Power): including design, manufacturing and marketing of:

- Laser machines for cutting, welding and drilling of 3D and 2D components.
- Machines for sheet metal treatment by means of mechanical tools (punching machines, combined punching/shearing systems, combined punching/laser cutting systems, panel benders and automation systems).

<u>Industrial electronics and laser technologies (Prima Electro):</u> including development, manufacturing and marketing of power and control electronics, and of high-power laser sources for industrial applications, destined both to the Group machines and to third parties.

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CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET

Values in Euro	31/03/2014	31/12/2013
Property, plant and equipment	24.676.558	24.200.931
Intangible assets	152.421.741	151.571.901
Other investments	288.735	288.735
Non current financial assets	555.300	113.000
Deferred tax assets	8.012.757	7.647.333
Other non current assets	20.624	20.624
NON CURRENT ASSETS	185.975.715	183.842.524
Inventories	04 422 040	44 214 445
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Trade receivables	73.508.571	78.833.076
Other receivables	7.767.320	5.909.406
Current tax receivables	7.033.669	4.305.160
Derivatives	3.198	46.969
Cash and cash equivalents	18.396.213	29.194.149
CURRENT ASSETS	191.142.019	184.503.225
ASSETS HELD FOR SALE	1.453.482	1.483.839
TOTAL ASSETS	378.571.216	369.829.588
Capital stock	26.208.185	26.208.185
Legal reserve	4.321.310	4.321.310
Other capital reserves	68.322.797	68.144.867
Currency translation reserve	(2.281.249)	(2.138.106)
Retained earnings	8.431.703	3.010.955
Net result	(632.137)	5.428.982
Stockholders' equity of the Group	104.370.609	104.976.193
Minority interest	1.397.038	1.084.685
STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY	105.767.647	106.060.878
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Interest-bearing loans and borrowings	68.053.456	72.442.235
Employee benefit liabilities	7.800.522	7.731.540
Deferred tax liabilities	11.198.389	10.350.390
Provisions	135.858	137.137
Derivatives	4.056.231	4.929.519
NON CURRENT LIABILITIES	91.244.456	95.590.821
Trade payables	70 452 910	40 117 024
Trade payables	70.453.819 21.204.732	68.117.926 13.580.141
Advance payments		13.580.141
Other payables	21.140.111	
Interest-bearing loans and borrowings	53.521.279	51.830.029
Current tax payables	4.068.987	4.707.193
Provisions CURRENT LIABILITIES	11.170.185 181.559.113	12.429.203 168.177.889
TOTAL STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY AND LIABILITIES	378.571.216	369.829.588

CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT

Values in Euro	31/03/2014	31/03/2013
Net revenues	64.466.561	72.880.537
Other income	1.982.385	803.127
Change in inventories of finished goods and WIP	13.308.183	5.159.273
Increases in fixed assets for internal work	2.971.312	1.925.001
Use of raw materials, consumables, supplies and goods	(37.283.726)	(35.830.104)
Personnel cost	(23.319.062)	(22.919.350)
Depreciation	(2.752.553)	(2.960.003)
Impairment	-	-
Other operating expenses	(17.325.962)	(17.376.845)
OPERATING PROFIT	2.047.138	1.681.636
Financial income	27.532	155.100
Financial expenses	(1.855.009)	(2.465.416)
Net exchange differences	126.302	(62.892)
Net result of investments not fully consolidated	-	(666)
RESULT BEFORE TAXES	345.963	(692.238)
Taxes	(1.029.950)	(110.519)
NET RESULT	(683.987)	(802.757)
- Attributable to Group shareholders	(632.137)	(802.757)
- Attributable to minority shareholders	(51.850)	-
RESULT PER SHARE - BASIC (in euro)	(0,06)	(0,09)
RESULT PER SHARE - DILUTED (in euro)	(0,06)	(0,09)

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

VALUES IN EURO	31/03/2014	31/03/2013
Net result	(683.987)	(802.757)
Adjustments (sub-total)	(2.487.696)	(2.588.460)
Depreciation and impairment	2.752.553	2.960.003
Net change in deferred tax assets and liabilities	482.575	239.564
Change in employee benefits	68.982	(30.505)
Change in inventories	(18.218.583)	(8.101.294)
Change in trade receivables	5.324.505	4.501.574
Change in trade payables and advances	9.960.484	478.117
Net change in other receivables/payables and other assets/liabilities	(2.858.212)	(2.635.919)
CASH FLOWS FROM (USED IN) OPERATING ACTIVITIES (A)	(3.171.683)	(3.391.217)
Cash flow from investments		
Acquisition of tangible fixed assets (*)	(1.220.743)	(577.988)
Acquisition of intangible fixed assets	(67.593)	(66.201)
Capitalization of development costs	(2.871.621)	(1.824.205)
Net disposal of fixed assets (*)	45.674	95.314
Net result SNK investments	-	666
Purchase/capital increase of other investments	=	(10.925)
CASH FLOWS FROM (USED IN) INVESTING ACTIVITIES (B)	(4.114.283)	(2.383.339)
Cash flow from financing activities		
Change in other financial assets/liabilities and other minor items	(844.238)	3.931.231
Increases in loans and borrowings (including bank overdrafts)	1.516.467	227.620
Repayment of loans and borrowings (including bank overdrafts)	(4.323.890)	(5.148.827)
Increases/(repayments) in financial lease liabilities	113.037	(3.161)
Capital increase	-	10.769
Other variations	(151.377)	812.796
CASH FLOWS FROM (USED IN) FINANCING ACTIVITIES (C)	(3.690.001)	(169.572)
CASH FLOWS FROM (USED IN) CHANGE OF MINORITY SHAREHOLDERS (D)	364.203	
Net change in cash and equivalents (E=A+B+C+D)	(10.611.764)	(5.944.128)
Cash and equivalents beginning of period (F)	29.194.149	24.458.666
Cash and equivalents end of period (G=E+F)	18.396.213	18.514.538

^(*) included tangible fixed assets classified in the assets held for sale