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Press release

The listed Group seated in Brescia discloses some data about current year trend

CEMBRE: IN THE FIRST QUARTER SALES GROW BY 26%

- *A clear recovery of the sales on the Italian Market, increasing sales also on foreign markets.*
- *Positive trend of net consolidated financial position continues.*

Brescia, May 2, 2006 – Cembre S.p.A., Italian company listed on STAR segment of the Italian Stock Exchange (CMB.MI), closed the first quarter of 2006 with consolidated sales amounting to €19.9 million, increased by 26% in comparison with sales of the first quarter of 2005 amounting to €15.8.

The sales of the Group on the Italian market, amounting to €8.9 million, increased by 26.3%, while foreign sales, amounting to €11 million, increased by 26%.

In the first quarter, domestic sales represent 44.6% of the Group sales (44.6% in the first quarter of 2005), sales to rest of Europe represent 46.4% (46.6% in the first quarter of 2005), while sales to the rest of the World represent 9% (8.8% in the first quarter of 2005).

The great raise of sales, as happened in the last quarter of 2005, is effected either by the recovery of the domestic market or, by the persistent good trend of foreign markets.

The high percentage of growth is also due to the negative trend of the first quarter of 2005, that was influenced by the Italian market stagnation, and did not grow in comparison with the same period of 2004.

Consolidated net financial position at March 31, 2005, is positive and amounts to €3.8 million, it grew compared with the situation at the end of last year amounting to €2.8 million.

The Shareholders' meeting, called the 15th of May 2006 (second meeting), will discuss the proposal of the Board of Directors, approved during the meeting of March 27, 2006, to distribute a total dividend of €2.55 million (€0.15 per share) payable from May 25, 2006.

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Cembre designs, manufactures and distributes electrical connectors and cable accessories. It enjoys a leadership position in Italy and significant market shares in the rest of Europe. It is also the world's largest producer of connector installation tools (mechanical, pneumatic and hydraulic) and tools for cable shearing. The products it has developed for connection to the rail and for other railway applications are used by the main companies in this sector round the world. Cembre owes

its success to an insistence on innovative, high-quality products, a broad and thorough collection, and an extensive distribution network both in Italy and abroad.

Founded in Brescia in 1969, the Cembre Group is now a full-fledged international force. Along with the parent company in Brescia it has seven subsidiaries: five trading companies (in Germany, France, Spain, the United States and Norway) and two manufacturing and trading subsidiaries (Cembre Ltd. in Birmingham, U.K. and General Marking S.r.l. in Bergamo), for a total workforce of 463 as of December 31, 2005. Since 1992 its products have been certified by Lloyd's Register Quality Assurance for the design and production of accessories for cables, electrical connectors and their installation tools.

Cembre has been listed on the Italian Stock Exchange since December 15, 1997, and on the STAR section since 24 September 2001.

The financial statements and accounts of all companies of the Cembre Group are audited by independent auditors Ernst & Young.

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