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This is a joint press release by Prysmian S.p.A. and Draka Holding N.V., pursuant to the provisions of Article 4 paragraph 3 of the Decree on public offers Wft (Besluit Openbare Biedingen Wft, the **Decree**) in connection with the public offer by Prysmian S.p.A. for all the issued and outstanding ordinary shares in the capital of Draka Holding N.V. This announcement does not constitute an offer, or any solicitation of any offer, to buy or subscribe for any securities in Prysmian and/or Draka. Any offer is made only by means of the Offer Memorandum. This announcement is not for release, publication or distribution, in whole or in part, in or into directly or indirectly the United States, Canada, Japan and Australia.

Prysmian update – 90.4% of ordinary shares Draka tendered for acceptance

Milan, 4 February 2011 – Reference is made to the joint press release of Prysmian S.p.A. (*Prysmian* or the *Offeror*) and Draka Holding N.V. (*Draka*) of 22 November 2010 and the press releases of Prysmian of 15 December 2010, 5 January 2011, 24 January 2011 and 26 January 2011, whereby Prysmian announced to make an offer for all issued and outstanding ordinary shares of Draka (the *Shares*) at an offer price of EUR 8.60 in cash plus 0.6595 newly issued Prysmian ordinary shares for each Share (the *Offer*).

Prysmian is very pleased to announce that during the offer period, which ended at 18:00 hours, Amsterdam time on 3 February 2011, 44,064,748 Shares have been tendered for acceptance under the Offer, representing around 90.4% of Draka's issued and outstanding ordinary share capital (excluding any Shares held by Draka).

These Shares tendered under the Offer, together with the 5,754,657 financing preference shares to be acquired by Prysmian from ASR Levensverzekering N.V. and Kempen Bewaarder Beleggingsfonds 'Ducatus' B.V should the Offer be declared unconditional (*gestanddoening*), represent around 91.4% of the total issued and outstanding share capital of Draka.

Prysmian will announce whether it declares the Offer unconditional (*gestanddoening*) no later than on Tuesday 8 February 2011, in accordance with Article 16 of the Decree.

Offer Memorandum, Position Statement and further information

Prysmian is making the Offer on the terms and subject to the conditions and restrictions contained in the Offer Memorandum. In addition, Draka has made available the position statement, containing the information required by Article 18, paragraph 2 and Annex G of the Decree in connection with the Offer (the **Position Statement**).

This announcement contains selected, condensed information regarding the Offer and does not replace the Offer Memorandum and/or the Position Statement. The information in this announcement is not complete and additional information is contained in the Offer Memorandum and the Position Statement. Shareholders of Draka should refer to the Offer Memorandum for all terms, conditions and restrictions to the Offer.

Digital copies of the Offer Memorandum, the Position Statement and any documents incorporated by reference therein are available on the websites of the Offeror (www.prysmian.com) and Draka (www.draka.com).

Copies of the Offer Memorandum and the Position Statement are also available free of charge at the offices of the Offeror, Draka and the Listing and Exchange Agent and can be obtained by contacting the Offeror, Draka or the Listing and Exchange Agent at the addresses below.

The Offeror

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Draka

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Listing and Exchange Agent

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Restrictions

The Offer is being made with due observance of such statements, conditions and restrictions as are included in the Offer Memorandum. The Offeror reserves the right to accept any tender under the Offer, which is made by or on behalf of a Shareholder, even if it has not been made in the manner set out in the Offer Memorandum.

The Offer is not being made, and the Shares will not be accepted for purchase from or on behalf of any Shareholder, in any jurisdiction in which the making of the Offer or acceptance thereof would not be in compliance with the securities or other laws or regulations of such jurisdiction or would require any registration, approval or filing with any regulatory authority not expressly contemplated by the terms of the Offer. Persons obtaining the Offer Memorandum are required to take due note and observe all such restrictions and obtain any necessary authorisations, approvals or consents (to the extent applicable). Outside of the Netherlands, no actions have been taken (nor will actions be taken) to make the Offer possible in any jurisdiction where such actions would be required. In addition, the Offer Memorandum has not been filed with nor recognised by the authorities of any jurisdiction other than the Netherlands (except that in Italy, the Offer Memorandum has been qualified by Consob as "equivalent" document for the purposes of art 34-ter, paragraph 1, lett. j) and art 57, paragraph 1, letter c) of the Consob Regulation n. 11971, 14 May 1999). Neither the Offeror, nor Draka, nor any of their advisers accept any liability for any violation by any person of any such restriction. Any person (including, without limitation, custodians, nominees and trustees) who forwards or intends to forward the Offer Memorandum or any related document to any jurisdiction outside the Netherlands should carefully read Sections 2 and 3 of Part I of the Offer Memorandum and any documentation regarding the Offer (Restrictions and Important Information) before taking any action. The release, publication or distribution of the Offer Memorandum in jurisdictions other than the Netherlands may be restricted by law and therefore persons into whose possession the Offer Memorandum comes should inform themselves about and observe such restrictions. Any failure to comply with any such restrictions may constitute a violation of the law of any such jurisdiction.

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The Offer is not, directly or indirectly, being made in or into, or by use of the mailing systems of, or by any means or instrumentality (including, without limitation, electronic mail, post, telephone, facsimile, telex or electronic transmission) of interstate or foreign commerce of, or of any facility of a securities exchange of the United States of America, Canada, Australia and Japan, and the Offer cannot be accepted by any such use, means, instrumentality or facility or from within the United States of America, Canada, Australia or Japan.

The New Prysmian Shares will not be registered under the US Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the **US Securities Act**) or any other applicable law of the United States and accordingly, the New Prysmian Shares may not be reoffered, resold or transferred, directly or indirectly, in or into the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, US persons (as defined in Regulation S of the US Securities Act) except pursuant to an exemption from, or a transaction not subject to, the registration requirements of the US Securities Act.

The New Prysmian Shares are being offered outside the United States to non-US persons in reliance on the exemption from registration provided by Regulation S of the US Securities Act. The New Prysmian Shares may not be offered or sold within the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, US persons (as defined under the US Securities Act), except to persons who (i) are qualified institutional buyers (*QIBs*) as defined in Rule 144A (*Rule 144A*) under the US Securities Act, and (ii) have received a copy of a US Private Placement Memorandum and followed the procedures set forth therein.

Accordingly, the Offer Memorandum and any related documents are not being and must not be mailed or otherwise distributed or sent in or into the United States of America, Canada, Australia or Japan or to such persons in their capacity of custodians, trustees, or nominees holding shares for US, Canadian, Australian and Japanese persons. Persons receiving such documents (including, without limitation, custodians, nominees and trustees) must not distribute or send them into such jurisdictions and doing so will render invalid any relevant purported acceptance of the Offer.

For more information

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Prysmian profile

A leading player in the industry of high-tech cables and systems for energy and telecommunications, the Prysmian Group is a global business with more than \in 3.7 billion in net sales in 2009 and a strong position in higher value-added market segments. With its two businesses, Energy Cables & Systems (submarine and underground cables for power transmission and distribution, for industrial applications and for the distribution of electricity to residential and commercial buildings) and Telecom Cables & Systems (optical cables and fibers and copper cables for video, data and voice transmission), Prysmian boasts a global

presence with subsidiaries in 39 countries, 56 plants in 24 countries, 7 Research & Development Centres in Europe, USA and South America, and around 12,000 employees. Prysmian is listed on the Milan Stock Exchange in the Blue Chip index. More information on Prysmian can be found at <u>www.prysmian.com</u>.

Draka profile

Draka is the holding company of a number of operating companies that are active worldwide in the development, production and sale of cable and cable systems. Draka's activities are divided into three groups: Energy & Infrastructure, Industry & Specialty and Communications. Within these three groups, the activities are organised into divisions. Energy & Infrastructure consists of the Europe and Asia-Pacific divisions; Industry & Specialty consists of the Automotive & Aviation, Elevator Products, Cableteq USA, Industrial and Offshore divisions and the Communications Group comprises the Telecom Solutions, Multimedia and Specials, Americas and Optical Fiber divisions.

Draka has 68 operating companies in 31 countries throughout Europe, North and South America, Asia and Australia. Worldwide, the Draka companies employ some 9,400 people. Draka Holding N.V.'s head office is in Amsterdam. In 2009, Draka reported net sales of \in 2.0 billion and net income of \in 48.3 million (excluding non-recurring items).

Draka Holding N.V. ordinary shares are listed on NYSE Euronext Amsterdam. The company is included in the Next150 index and the AMX index (Amsterdam Midkap index). Options on Draka shares are also traded on the NYSE Euronext Amsterdam Derivative Markets. More information on Draka Holding N.V. can be found at <u>www.draka.com</u>.