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SAF-HOLLAND Plans to Go Public this Summer

- **A world-leading supplier of key components and systems to the truck and trailer industry seeks Prime Standard listing**
- **Company benefits from worldwide growth in transportation volumes**
- **Morgan Stanley to lead IPO as sole global coordinator and sole bookrunner**
- **Rudi Ludwig, CEO SAF-HOLLAND: “We will use the IPO proceeds to continue pursuing our successful growth strategy”**

Bessenbach, Germany, 27 June 2007 – SAF-HOLLAND S.A., Luxembourg, the supplier of key components and systems to the truck and trailer industry, plans to go public on the Frankfurt Stock Exchange this summer with a listing in the Prime Standard segment. Morgan Stanley will lead manage the IPO as sole bookrunner. Sal. Oppenheim has been named as joint lead manager, and HSBC Trinkaus & Burkhardt and Société Générale are co-lead managers.

Otto Sauer Achsenfabrik GmbH (SAF), with its headquarters in Bessenbach, near Frankfurt, merged in December 2006 with the U.S. based Holland Group, Inc. (HOLLAND), a company of roughly the same size and a leading manufacturer of fifth wheel couplings and other truck and trailer components. The IPO of the merged entity is intended to accelerate the growth of the combined company, especially in fast-growing markets such as China, Brazil and Eastern Europe. “We have established outstanding market positions in the North American and European markets in recent years,” said Rudi Ludwig, CEO of SAF-HOLLAND. “The IPO will create the conditions for further growth, above all in the highly promising Brazilian, Russian, Indian and Chinese markets.”

The company benefits from the transport and logistics industry’s attractive and sustainable growth prospects due to worldwide growth in transportation volumes, particularly the increase in East-West road transport in Europe. “Due to a worldwide increase in freight transportation requirements we anticipate significant further growth in revenues and profits in the years ahead,” Ludwig said.

In 2006, SAF-HOLLAND’s pro-forma revenue totalled around EUR 770m. The company employs more than 3,100 people and has 20 locations on five continents. Pro-forma Adjusted



EBIT amounted to around EUR 65m. The company's products range from premium trailer axle systems, fifth wheels and king pins to trailer couplings and landing legs for articulated trucks employing leading-edge technology for highest performance. "Our products are characterised above all by high reliability, low life cycle costs, and low weight, all of which are key purchasing criteria in the logistics industry," Ludwig said.

SAF-HOLLAND has a broad and well diversified customer base. Its customers include most leading truck and trailer manufacturers. The company's worldwide service and distribution network is seen as a key competitive advantage. Its products are sold on six continents to original equipment manufacturers (OEMs), original equipment suppliers (OESs) and, directly or via the spare parts market, to end users and service workshops.

The company is currently majority owned by the private equity fund Pamplona Capital Partners I, LP. The founding families and the management hold the remaining shares.

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