



Draka Holding

**–Press release–
Amsterdam, 15 March 2005**

DRAKA CLOSED THE SALE OF ITS ELECTRONIC CABLE AND COPPER DATA COMMUNICATION CABLE ACTIVITIES IN THE USA

The Board of Management of Draka Holding N.V. announces that Draka Comteq B.V., in which Draka Holding N.V. has a stake of 50.1%, has closed the sale of its electronic cable and copper data communication cable activities in the USA to General Cable (USA) for €5.5 million. This transaction was previously announced on 30 November 2004.

The activities sold are based in Franklin, Massachusetts, and have a strong technical and manufacturing capabilities in electronic cables, as well as high-end data products. These activities generate sales of approximately €23 million.

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Financial agenda 2005 (subject to change)

Annual General Meeting of Shareholders in the Barbizon Hotel, Amsterdam	Monday, 9 May Start: 2:30 p.m.
Publication of trading update for first half of 2005	June (week 24)
Publication of half-year results for 2005	Tuesday, 30 August (before start of trading)
Publication of trading update for second half of 2005	November (week 46)

Company profile

Draka Holding N.V. (“Draka”) is the holding company of a number of operating companies which are engaged worldwide in the development, production and sale of cable and cable systems. Draka focuses on two product groups, viz.: communication cable under the name Draka Comteq, and low-voltage and special-purpose cables, under the name Draka Cableteq.

Within these two groups the activities are divided in divisions. Draka Comteq consists of: Telecommunication Cable, Data Communication Cable and Optical Fibre. Draka Cableteq comprises the divisions: Low-Voltage Cable, Elevator Cable, Marine, Oil & Gas, Mobile Network Cable, Rubber Cable and Transport.

Draka has 67 operating companies in 25 countries in Europe, America and Asia. The company has a flat, decentralised organisational structure with short lines of communication. The divisions enjoy a large measure of independence and are accountable for their own net turnover and results. Draka companies worldwide employ approximately 9,400 people. Draka Holding N.V., the head office, is established in Amsterdam. In 2004, Draka achieved net turnover of € 1.7 billion, with a net result of € 3.7 million excluding non-recurring items.

Draka Holding N.V. ordinary shares and subordinated convertible bonds are listed on Euronext Amsterdam. The company has been included in the Next150 index since 2001 and in the new AScX-index (Amsterdam Small Cap index) since 2 March 2005. Since 8 July 2002 options on Draka-shares have been traded on the Euronext Amsterdam Derivative Markets.

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