

Press release

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With reference to the note published by the newspaper MF on 3 October, Sabaf S.p.A. informs that operating margins for the year 2002 are expected not inferior to those of 2001, notwithstanding the effect of the beginning of depreciation of Ospitaletto new plant.

As far as sales are concerned, during 2002 we expect an organic growth rate in line with the average rate of recent years, amounting at around 15%.

These forecasts do not consider an eventual heavy deterioration of the international economic picture.

SABAF was founded in the early '50s and has grown constantly to become the leading manufacturer in Italy and one of the top manufacturers world-wide of components for cookers and domestic gas-cooking appliances. Production consists of three main product lines: valves, thermostats and burners, all used in gas-cooking appliances. The Company's know-how, production flexibility and its ability to offer a wide range of components, often custom-made for individual manufacturers of cookers, hobs and built-in ovens in line with the individual specifications of the various reference markets, are fundamental points of strength for SABAF. This is a highly specialised sector, where demand is in constant evolution, increasingly geared to products that can guarantee absolute reliability and safety.

The Company has around 440 employees, operating through the Parent Company SABAF S.p.A. and two subsidiaries: Faringosi Hinges, a leading manufacturer of oven and dishwasher hinges, and Sabaf do Brasil, which has just started up production of burners for the South American market. Sabaf also has a presence in China with a representative office in Shanghai.

SABAF has been quoted on the electronic trading system of the Italian Stock Exchange since March 1998 and in April 2001 it joined the STAR (*Segmento Titoli con Alti Requisiti* - the high standards securities segment).

This press release is also available on the Company's website: www.sabaf.it