



**–PRESS RELEASE–
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**DRAKA INFORMS THAT IT IS IN TALKS WITH PRYSMIAN FOR A POSSIBLE STOCK FOR STOCK MERGER
OF THE TWO COMPANIES**

Because the Board of Management and the Supervisory Board (together the Boards) of Draka Holding N.V. (Draka) are of the opinion that confidentiality might no longer be safeguarded and believe there might be a high risk of leaks that would trigger market speculation, the Boards hereby inform that they have entered into discussions with Prysmian SPA (Prysmian) in order to evaluate, also with the assistance of its advisors, a possible combination between the two companies, to be implemented through a share for share cross-border statutory merger with Prysmian as surviving entity. Any such combination would be in the interest of all stakeholders, including the shareholders of both companies, and is likely to be largely based on their respective market capitalisations.

The discussions are at a preliminary phase and any proposed transaction will be submitted to the respective Boards for approval only if, and when, the main elements of the combination will be sufficiently defined. Furthermore, any proposed transaction would be subject to several conditions, including shareholders' approval, financing and employee consultation procedures.

At this stage there is no assurance that a transaction of any kind will take place.

Further announcements will be made if and when required.

This is an announcement in accordance with Section 5:59 paragraph 1 of the Dutch Financial Supervision Act (Wet op het financieel toezicht).

Amsterdam, 29 June 2009

Financial calendar 2009 (provisional)**Publication of 2009 half-year figures****Thursday, 13 August 2009
(before start of trading)****Publication of trading update for the second half of 2009****Thursday, 12 November 2009
(before start of trading)****Company profile**

Draka Holding N.V. ('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 and Industrial divisions and the Communications Group comprises the Telecom Solutions, Multimedia and Specials, Americas and Optical Fiber divisions.

Draka has 68 operating companies in 30 countries throughout Europe, North and South America, Asia and Australia. Worldwide, the Draka companies employ some 9,800 people. Draka Holding N.V.'s head office is in Amsterdam. In 2008, Draka reported revenue of € 2.7 billion and net income of € 83.5 million (excluding non-recurring items).

Draka Holding N.V. ordinary shares and subordinated convertible bonds are listed on NYSE Euronext Amsterdam. The company has been included in the Next150 index since 2001 and the AMX index (Amsterdam Midkap index) since 4 March 2008. 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 www.draka.com.