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QUALIFLOW CONFIRMS ITS 2001 OBJECTIVES

(sales up +86 % to FF140m)

- LAUNCH OF A PIEZO VALVE MFC IN PARTNERSHIP WITH SIEMENS -
- FIRST ORDER FROM SHOWA IN JAPAN -

Montpellier, 12 June 2001:

QUALIFLOW confirms its 2001 objectives:

H1 2001 sales should exceed €10.6m (FF70m). QUALIFLOW's management is therefore confident in the company's ability to reach its full year sales and margin objectives. In line with the targets announced in connection with its 2000 results, QUALIFLOW is therefore confirming its objective for 2001 sales of €21.3m.

According to the QUALIFLOW chairman Claude Jacquemin: " *Our increased production capacity has enabled us to increase volumes and to respond to the demand of all our customers in the three geographical zones in which QUALIFLOW is present. Our positioning far upstream from the optical communications systems manufacturers has enabled us to avoid the turbulence currently seen on these markets.*"

QUALIFLOW is launching the piezo valve MFC in partnership with SIEMENS :

The company is continuing to make substantial research & development investments. QUALIFLOW is in this manner developing new solutions in response to the industrial and productivity challenges facing its customers. The company entered into a partnership with SIEMENS in 2000 for the commercialisation of a piezo valve mass flow controller (MFC) at a competitive price compared to the solutions currently offered on the market.

Regarding this point, the QUALIFLOW chairman Claude Jacquemin has added: *"This new generation piezo valve MFC is particularly well adapted to the needs of the 300 mm Fabs (semiconductor production), which require ever greater control precision. Its cost of production is particularly well adapted to market needs. This should allow strong development of this technology, which has until now been limited by the high prices for the solutions proposed by our competitors."*

QUALIFLOW has received an initial order from SHOWA :

In connection with its development in Asia and in collaboration with KOBE STEEL, QUALIFLOW announced today that it has received an initial order from SHOWA, one of the most important Japanese cable manufacturers. The delivery of this first gas system will take place in Q3 2001. This order, combined with others in China and Korea, confirms the success of QUALIFLOW's strategy of enlarging its customer base, mainly in Asia. This current development, combined with the confirmation of orders from our principal customer on the European and US markets, confirm QUALIFLOW in its ability to achieve its forecast sales.

QUALIFLOW – www.qualiflow.com - specialises in the design, development, production and sale of ultra-high purity gas flow control components: valves, mass flow controllers (MFCs) and gas systems. With sales of close to €11.49m (FF75.37m) in 2000 and a forecast for €21.34m (FF140m) in sales in 2001, QUALIFLOW's goal is to become a key worldwide benchmark in gas components. QUALIFLOW is positioning itself as a technological leader in digital mass flow controllers, which are revolutionising the control of ultra-high purity gases. The company's expertise is vitally important in the manufacture of semiconductors, fibre optics, and electronic components used in the development of mass-market telecommunications applications.

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**Interim sales to be announced 16 July 2001
Interim earnings to be announced 2 October 2001**