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SALES BRIEF

PRICE INCREASE NOTIFICATION FEBRUARY 2009

The ESAB Group has continued to maintain a stringent control of its internal cost base. However, due to continual inflationary pressures, impact of adverse currency exchange rates, distribution and energy costs, it has now become necessary to implement a general price increase on all orders placed on or after Monday 9th February 2009.

Important commercial change - Consumables

During 2008, the raw materials used in the production of Welding Consumables were subject to volatile pricing outside the norm, resulting in the introduction of a Raw Material Surcharge system to partially recover these costs. Some stability has now returned to these elements and as a result ESAB will, effective from Monday 9th February 2009, discontinue the current Raw Material Surcharge system.

A proportion of this surcharge will now be incorporated into the new February 2009 price list, as a result of this change.

Products that have an **Alloy Surcharge** applied will continue as before due to the continued unstable price nature of Nickel and Chrome.

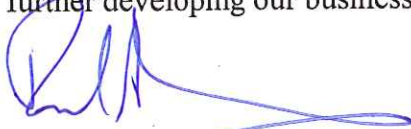
The enclosed Schedule details these increases by product area.

A new February 2009 price list will be forwarded to you in due course, however an online version will be available from February 9th 2009 on our ESAB Partners Website.

I also enclose a copy of the latest ESAB Sales Brief outlining the latest enhancements and improvements to the ESAB Partners Website which I am sure you will find of interest.

These enhancements are the first of many that will be implemented over the coming months, providing our distribution partners with an industry leading E Commerce package.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support, and we look forward to further developing our business relationship with you throughout the coming year.



Richard A Craig
UK Sales Manager

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2009 PRICE INCREASE SCHEDULE

Product Group Consumables	List Price Change
200 General Purpose Electrodes	9%
201 Iron Powder Electrodes	9%
202 Low Hydrogen Electrodes	7%
203 Low Hydrogen High Recovery	9%
204 Other Electrodes	3%
205 Cellulosic Electrodes	6%
216 Stainless Steel Electrodes	2%
217 Low Alloy Electrodes	5%
218 Repair and Maintenance	2%
219 Special Electrodes	2%
Solid Wires	
206 Mig Marathon Pac	13p per kg to all nett prices
207 Mig Spooled Wire	13p per kg to all nett prices
221 Low Alloy Mig and Tig Wire	5%
222 Stainless Mig and Tig Wire	0%
224 Aluminium Mig and Tig Wire	0%
225 Other Mig and Tig Wire	0%
230 Gas Welding Wire	6%
Flux Cored Wires	
208 Mild Steel Flux Cored Wire	7%
226 Stainless Flux Cored Wire	2%
223 Other Flux Cored Wires	4%
Submerged Arc Consumables	
209 Mild Steel Submerged Arc Wire	10%
210 Low Alloy Submerged Arc Wire	10%
211 Stainless Steel Submerged Arc Wire	2%
212 Fused Flux	11%
213 Agglomerated Flux	11%
227 Agglomerated Flux High Alloy Steels	8%
Arc Equipment	
Machines and Machines Packages	3.5%
Machine spare parts	3.5%
Automation including spare and wear parts	0%
Gas Equipment	5%
Accessories	5%