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Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the month of May 2008

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(Translation of Registrant's name into English)

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(Check One) Yes ☐ No ☒

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NATUZZI'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS ANNOUNCES CONSOLIDATED

FIRST QUARTER 2008 FINANCIAL RESULTS

1Q08 FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- TOTAL NET SALES UP BY 12.4% AT EUR 172.8 MILLION AND UNITS SOLD UP BY 15.9% OVER 1Q07
 - OPERATING LOSS AT EUR 12.1 MILLION FROM AN OPERATING LOSS OF EUR 7.9 MILLION IN 1Q07
 - NET LOSSES AT EUR 23.4 MILLION FROM NET LOSSES OF EUR 4.7 MILLION IN 1Q07
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Santeramo in Colle, Bari, Italy - May 28, 2008 - The Board of Directors of Natuzzi S.p.A. (NYSE: NTZ) ('Natuzzi' or 'the Group'), the world's leading manufacturer of leather-upholstered furniture, today presented the first quarter 2008 consolidated financial results.

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NET SALES

During the first quarter of 2008 Natuzzi total net sales increased by 12.4 percent at Eur 172.8 million, as compared to Eur 153.8 million reported for the first quarter of 2007. During the same period, seats sold were up 15.9 percent over last year same quarter.

For the first three months of 2008 upholstery net sales were at Eur 153.7 million, 13.0 percent up with respect to Eur 136.0 million of the same comparable quarter of 2007. Other sales (principally living room accessories and raw materials produced by the Group and sold to third parties) increased by 7.3 percent at Eur 19.1 million over first quarter 2007.

During the quarter ended on March 31, 2008, net sales in the Americas increased by 6.9 percent at Eur 49.6 million, by 13.1 percent in Europe at Eur 89.9 million and by 40.6 percent at Eur 14.2 million in the rest of the world as compared to the same period of last year.

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Leather-upholstered furniture sales for the first quarter of 2008 were at Eur 138.7 million, up 15.6 percent from Eur 120.0 million of the first quarter 2007, whereas fabric-upholstered furniture sales decreased by 6.3 percent at Eur 15.0 million over first quarter of 2007.

Net sales for the Natuzzi branded products increased by 7.4 percent at Eur 87.0 million and net sales for Italsofa products by 21.3 percent at Eur 66.7 million with respect to the same period of last year.

GROSS & OPERATING RESULTS

For the three-month period ended on March 31, 2008, the Group reported a gross profit of Eur 44.1 million, decreasing 6.0 percent from Eur 46.9 million in the first quarter of 2007. As a percentage of sales, gross margin decreased at 25.5 percent from 30.5 percent reported in the first three months of last year.

In the first quarter of 2008 the Group had an operating loss of Eur 12.1 million as compared with an operating loss of Eur 7.9 million reported last year.

FOREX AND TAXES

During the first three months of 2008 the Group had a net foreign exchange loss of Eur 10.0 million, of which a loss of Eur 9.2 million was not realized. Such unrealized loss on foreign exchange is mostly the result of the high volatility of the Euro against major currencies that has negatively affected the valuation at the end of the quarter of our outstanding net assets denominated in foreign currency.

Income taxes for the first quarter of 2008 were Eur 1.0 million.

NET RESULT AND GROUP EARNINGS PER COMPANY'S SHARE

For the quarter ended on March 31, 2008 the Group reported net losses of Eur 23.4 million, or Eur 0.43 losses per share (ADR), compared to net losses of Eur 4.7 million, or Eur 0.09 per share, in the first quarter of 2007.

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Pasquale Natuzzi, Chairman and CEO, commented: "The Group reported a double digit increase in net sales in the first three months of 2008 versus the same period of last year - for the most part fed by the backlog accumulated at the beginning of the year - but unfortunately operating results in the quarter were disappointing. The negative performance was due to the strong price pressure especially in the US market where the furniture industry is still struggling to come out of one of the worst crisis of the last decades, and the sharp devaluation of the US Dollar against the currencies of the countries where we manufacture products exported in United States. In consideration of these issues, the Group announced in March price increases across our brands that should fully produce effects in the second

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half of the year, thus enabling the Group to recover margins".

"Operating results were further burdened by the unsatisfactory performance of our Brazilian manufacturing plants, whose competitiveness has not only been curbed by the above mentioned devaluation of the US Dollar against local currency, but also by the low productivity of the plants".

"We remain firmly committed in implementing all the necessary measures to further control our cost structure, including the right sizing of the headcounts at our Italian locations to the current level of the seats order flow produced in Italy which is year-to-date more than 10 percent lower than the same period of last year. We are also continuing to reorganize our manufacturing assets, both in Italy and abroad, to regain efficiency in the remaining part of the year".

"The Group is focusing its attention on the development of foreign markets, like East Europe, Middle East, China and India, where we have been achieving significant results both in terms of sales and order flow. We will continue to invest in the Natuzzi brand awareness worldwide and closely monitor the profitability of our retail activities so to close our non performing units".

"All the above mentioned initiatives are part of a business plan that is still subject to a critical review regarding the overall scenario on which it is based. We are confident that such business plan, once completed, will include all the necessary actions that will enable the Group to regain competitiveness and profitability in the medium term".

FIRST QUARTER 2008 TELECONFERENCE

Pasquale Natuzzi, Chief Executive Officer and Chairman, Salvatore Gaipa, Chief Financial Officer and Nicola Dell'Edera, Finance Director, will discuss financial results, followed by a question and answer session, in a teleconference at 10:00 a.m. New York time (3:00 p.m. London time - 4:00 p.m. Italian time) on Thursday May 29, 2008.

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ABOUT NATUZZI S.P.A.

Founded in 1959 by Pasquale Natuzzi, Natuzzi S.p.A. designs and manufactures a broad collection of leather-upholstered residential furniture.

Italy's largest furniture manufacturer, Natuzzi is the global leader in the leather segment, exporting its innovative, high-quality sofas and armchairs to 123 markets on 5 continents.

Since 1990, Natuzzi has sold its furnishings in Italy through the popular Divani & Divani by Natuzzi chain of 123 stores, and 1 Natuzzi Store. Outside Italy, the Company sells to various furniture retailers, as well as through 184 licensed Divani & Divani by Natuzzi and Natuzzi Stores.

Natuzzi S.p.A. was listed on the New York Stock Exchange on May 13, 1993. The Company is ISO 9001 and 14001 certified

FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

Statements in this press release other than statements of historical fact are "forward-looking statements". Forward-looking statements are based on management's current expectations and beliefs and therefore you should not place undue reliance on them. These statements are subject to a number of risks and uncertainties, including risks that may not be subject to the Group's control, that could cause actual results to differ materially from those contained in any forward-looking statement. These risks include, but are not limited to, fluctuations in exchange rates, economic and weather factors affecting consumer spending, competitive and regulatory environment, as well as other political, economical and technological factors, and other risks identified from time to time in the Group's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission, particularly in the Group's annual report on Form 20-F. Forward looking statements speak as of the date they were made, and the Group undertakes no obligation to update publicly any of them in light of new information or future events.

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NATUZZI S.P.A. AND SUBSIDIARIES

Unaudited Consolidated Statement of Earnings for the quarters ended on
March 31, 2008 and 2007 on the basis of Italian GAAP (Expressed in
millions of EUR except per share data)

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	Three months ended on		Abs.	% Over	Percent of Sales	
	31-Mar-08	31-Mar-07	Diff.	(Under)	31-Mar-08	31-Mar-07
Upholstery net sales	153.7	136.0	17.7	13.0%	88.9%	88.9%
Other sales	19.1	17.8	1.3	7.3%	11.1%	11.1%
Total Net Sales	172.8	153.8	19.0	12.4%	100.0%	100.0%
Purchases	(81.6)	(87.2)	5.6	6.4%	(47.2)%	(56.8)%
Labor	(28.9)	(24.8)	(4.1)	(16.5)%	(16.7)%	(16.1)%
Third-party Manufacturers	(4.9)	(4.0)	(0.9)	(22.5)%	(2.8)%	(2.6)%
Manufacturing Costs	(11.6)	(7.7)	(3.9)	(50.6)%	(6.7)%	(5.0)%
Inventories, net	(1.7)	16.8	(18.5)	(110.1)%	(1.0)%	10.9%
Cost of Sales	(128.7)	(106.9)	(21.8)	(20.4)%	(74.5)%	(69.3)%
Gross Profit	44.1	46.9	(2.8)	(6.0)%	25.5%	31.8%
Selling Expenses	(44.9)	(43.4)	(1.5)	(3.5)%	(26.0)%	(28.2)%
General and Administrative Expenses	(11.3)	(11.4)	0.1	0.9%	(6.5)%	(7.4)%
Operating Income (Loss)	(12.1)	(7.9)	(4.2)	(53.2)%	(7.0)%	(5.1)%
Interest Income, net	(0.1)	0.5	(0.6)		(0.1)%	0.3%
Foreign Exchange, net	(10.0)	0.5	(10.5)		(5.8)%	0.3%
Other Income, net	(0.3)	1.1	(1.4)		(0.2)%	0.7%
Earnings (Losses) before taxes and minority interest	(22.5)	(5.8)	(16.7)	(287.9)%	(13.0)%	(3.8)%
Income taxes	(1.0)	1.1	(2.1)		(0.6)%	0.7%
Earnings (Losses) before minority interest	(23.5)	(4.7)	(18.8)	(400.0)%	(13.6)%	(2.9)%
Minority Interest	(0.1)	0.0	(0.1)		(0.1)%	0.0%
Net Earnings (Losses)	(23.4)	(4.7)	(18.7)	(397.9)%	(13.5)%	(3.0)%
Earnings (Losses) Per Share	(0.43)	(0.09)	(0.34)			
Average Number of Shares Outstanding*	54,853,045	54,824,227				
(*) Net of shares repurchased						

Key Figures in U.S. dollars (millions)	Three months ended on		Abs.	% Over	Percent of Sales	
	31-Mar-08	31-Mar-07	Diff.	(Under)	31-Mar-08	31-Mar-07
Total Net Sales	259.3	201.6	57.7	28.6%	100.0%	100.0%
Gross Profit	66.2	61.5	4.7	7.6%	25.5%	30.5%
Operating Income (Loss)	(18.2)	(10.4)	(7.8)	(75.0)%	(7.0)%	(5.1)%
Net Earnings (Losses)	(35.1)	(6.2)	(28.9)	(466.1)%	(13.5)%	(3.0)%
Earnings (Losses) per Share	(0.65)	(0.12)	(0.53)			
Average exchange rate (U.S. dollar per Euro)	1.5007	1.3109				

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GEOGRAPHIC BREAKDOWN

	Sales*				Seat Units			
	Three months ended on		Abs. Diff.	% Over (Under)	Three months ended on		Abs. Diff.	% Over (Under)
	31-Mar-08	31-Mar-07			31-Mar-08	31-Mar-07		
===	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====
Americas	49.6	46.4	3.2	6.9%	307,881	258,753	49,128	19.0%
% of total	32.3%	34.1%			42.8%	41.7%		
Europe	89.9	79.5	10.4	13.1%	352,623	320,083	32,540	10.2%
% of total	58.5%	58.5%			49.1%	51.6%		
Rest of the world	14.2	10.1	4.1	40.6%	58,121	41,266	16,855	40.8%
% of total	9.2%	7.4%			8.1%	6.7%		
TOTAL	153.7	136.0	17.7	13.0%	718,625	620,102	98,523	15.9%

* Expressed in millions of EUR

BREAKDOWN BY COVERING

	Sales*				Seat Units			
	Three months ended on		Abs. Diff.	% Over (Under)	Three months ended on		Abs. Diff.	% Over (Under)
	31-Mar-08	31-Mar-07			31-Mar-08	31-Mar-07		
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Leather	138.7	120.0	18.7	15.6%	643,156	535,756	107,400	20.0%
% of total	90.2%	88.2%			89.5%	86.4%		
Fabric	15.0	16.0	(1.0)	(6.3%)	75,469	84,346	(8,877)	(10.5%)
% of total	9.8%	11.8%			10.5%	13.6%		
Total	153.7	136.0	17.7	13.0%	718,625	620,102	98,523	15.9%

* Expressed in millions of EUR

BREAKDOWN BY BRAND

Sales*

Seat Units

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	Three months ended on Abs. % Over				Three months ended on Abs. Diff. % Over			
	31-Mar-08	31-Mar-07	Diff.	(Under)	31-Mar-08	31-Mar-07	Diff.	(Under)
====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====
Natuzzi	87.0	81.0	6.0	7.4%	304,885	285,349	19,536	6.8%
% of total	56.6%	59.6%			42.4%	46.0%		
Italsofa	66.7	55.0	11.7	21.3%	413,740	334,753	78,987	23.6%
% of total	43.4%	40.4%			57.6%	54.0%		
TOTAL	153.7	136.0	17.7	13.0%	718,625	620,102	98,523	15.9%

* Expressed in millions of EUR

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NATUZZI S.P.A. AND SUBSIDIARIES Unaudited Consolidated Balance Sheet as of March 31, 2008 and December 31, 2007 (Expressed in millions of EUR)

	31-Mar-08	31-Dec-07
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ASSETS		
Current Assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	78.3	87.5
Marketable debt securities	0.0	0.0
Trade receivables, net	115.5	117.7
Other receivables	47.3	47.8
Inventories	105.6	107.3
Unrealized foreign exchange gains	1.5	0.9
Prepaid expenses and accrued income	2.1	1.8
Deferred income taxes	1.5	1.3
Total current assets	351.8	364.3
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Non-Current Assets:		
Net property, plant and equipment	228.1	235.9
Treasury shares	0.0	0.0
Other assets	14.9	17.3
Deferred income taxes	0.0	0.0
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TOTAL ASSETS	594.8	617.5
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LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY		
Current Liabilities:		
Short-term borrowings	5.5	7.6
Current portion of long-term debt	0.3	0.3
Accounts payable-trade	92.6	89.3
Accounts payable-other	30.0	29.2
Accounts payable shareholders for dividends	0.6	0.6
Unrealized foreign exchange losses	0.0	0.0
Income taxes	1.6	1.6
Salaries, wages and related liabilities	20.5	17.5
Total current liabilities	151.1	146.1
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Long-Term Liabilities:		
Employees' leaving entitlement	32.7	33.3
Long-term debt	2.1	2.1
Deferred income taxes	0.0	0.0
Deferred income for capital grants	12.8	13.3
Other liabilities	10.8	10.9

Minority Interest	0.1	0.2

Shareholders' Equity:		
Share capital	54.9	54.8
Reserves	42.3	42.3
Additional paid-in capital	8.3	8.3
Retained earnings	279.7	306.2
Total shareholders' equity	385.2	411.6

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY	594.8	617.5

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NATUZZI S.P.A. AND SUBSIDIARIES Unaudited Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows as of March 31, 2008 and 2007 (Expressed in millions of EUR)

	31-Mar-08	31-Mar-07
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Cash flows from operating activities:		
Net earnings (losses)	(23.4)	(4.7)
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization	7.4	7.2
Employees' leaving entitlement	(0.6)	(0.2)
Deferred income taxes	(0.2)	(3.0)
Minority interest	(0.1)	0.0
(Gain) loss on disposal of assets	0.2	0.0
Unrealized foreign exchange (losses) / gain	(0.6)	1.4
Deferred income for capital grants	(0.2)	(0.3)
Change in assets and liabilities:		
Receivables, net	2.2	10.9
Inventories	1.7	(16.8)
Prepaid expenses and accrued income	(0.3)	(2.0)
Other assets	0.6	(2.8)
Accounts payable	3.3	2.5
Income taxes	0.0	(0.7)
Salaries, wages and related liabilities	3.0	0.2
Other liabilities	2.6	1.6
Total adjustments	19.0	(2.0)
NET CASH PROVIDED (USED) BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES	(4.4)	(6.7)

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Cash flows from investing activities:

Property, plant and equipment:		
Additions	(2.6)	(6.0)
Disposals	0.0	0.2
Government grants received	0.0	0.0
Marketable debt securities:		
Proceeds from sales	0.0	0.0
Purchase of business, net of cash acquired	0.0	0.0
Disposal of business	1.1	0.0
NET CASH USED BY INVESTING ACTIVITIES	(1.5)	(5.8)

Cash flows from financing activities:

Long term debt:		
Proceeds	0.0	0.0
Repayments	0.0	0.0
Short-term borrowings	(2.1)	7.9
Dividends paid to shareholders	0.0	0.0
Dividends paid to minority shareholders	0.0	0.0
NET CASH PROVIDED (USED) BY FINANCING ACTIVITIES	(2.1)	7.9

Effect of translation adjustments on cash	(1.2)	0.1
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	(9.2)	(4.5)

Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of the year	87.5	128.1
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, END OF THE PERIOD	78.3	123.6

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

NATUZZI S.p.A.
(Registrant)

Date: May 28, 2008

By: /s/ SALVATORE GAIPA

Salvatore Gaipa