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### **SUBSIDIARY OF SIEM INDUSTRIES INC. ANNOUNCES AGREEMENT**

GEORGE TOWN, GRAND CAYMAN, 15 November 2004 – SIEM INDUSTRIES INC. reports that its subsidiary, Siem Offshore Inc (OSE Symbol: SIEM), has today announced that it has entered into a Heads of Agreement with Halliburton Company to acquire the Halliburton Group's 50% share of Subsea 7 Inc. at a price of USD 200 million in cash. Following the acquisition, SIEM will be the sole shareholder of Subsea 7 Inc.

The agreement has been approved by the Boards of Directors of both SIEM and Halliburton and is subject to SIEM obtaining the necessary financing for the transaction, possible regulatory approvals and certain other subjects customary in a transaction of this nature. The transaction is scheduled to close no later than 7<sup>th</sup> January 2005.

SIEM intends to finance the acquisition partly through an equity issue directed to existing and new investors. Further details of the financing plan will be announced later this week at which time notice will also be given for an extraordinary general meeting to be held to vote on an increase of authorized share capital of SIEM.

Subsea 7 Inc. was established in May 2002 when SIEM (formerly, DSND Subsea ASA) and Halliburton Company contributed their respective subsea businesses including assets, leases, on-going contracts and intellectual property to the joint 50:50 owned company, Subsea 7.

Mr. Kristian Siem, the Company's Chairman and chairman of Siem Offshore Inc., commented, "This acquisition eliminates any uncertainty about the future ownership of Subsea 7 and I am pleased to fulfill our long-term goal of establishing a global subsea construction company. The transaction will increase the size and public float of Siem Offshore Inc. to a level which should attract wider investor attention in Norway and internationally. We are dedicated to continue to expand Subsea 7's activities to improve our profitability, and we will continue to pursue the growth opportunities we see in our industry."

At present, the Company owns 58,349,653 shares, or 65.7%, of the SIEM shares issued and outstanding. For more information on Siem Offshore and its affiliates, please visit [www.siemoffshore.com](http://www.siemoffshore.com).

SIEM INDUSTRIES INC. currently holds interests in four industrial areas including the oil and gas services industry, the ocean transport of refrigerated cargoes, the ocean transport of automobiles and industrial investments held primarily in Siem Capital AB (parent company of Siem Industriekapital AB). Further, the Company invests, through its acquisition and reorganization fund, in the equities and high yield securities issued by companies mainly in such industries in which the Company has experience. For further information relating to the Company, please visit [www.siemindustries.com](http://www.siemindustries.com).