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GERMAN-AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL COMPLETES MAJOR MILESTONES ON PATH TO BECOMING PREMIER INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL IN SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA

Announces New Head of School, Full WASC Accreditation And Extension of Lease With the City of Menlo Park for Another 11 Years; School Begins Campus Renovations

MENLO PARK, CA, June 13, 2005 -- The German-American International School (GAIS), a private school in Menlo Park founded in 1988, today announced the completion of several major milestones that will enable new growth opportunities and the leadership needed for it to meet its goal of becoming the premier international school in the San Francisco bay area. These milestones include the appointment of Hans Peter Metzger to the position of Head of School, commencing on August 1, 2005. A native of Germany with more than 25 years of experience in teaching and managing international schools, most recently Mr. Metzger was the director of the International School of Trieste in Italy, which provides a bilingual (English-Italian) education with high academic standards and international curriculum. This new Head of School position at GAIS now combines the Executive Director and Principal roles into one position.

GAIS, with more than 180 students now enrolled, today also announced it has received full WASC accreditation for the next six years and is in the final stages of its International Baccalaureate (IB) accreditation for the Primary Years Program. The

International Baccalaureate is an internationally recognized, highly reputable program that allows international students a smooth and easy transition between American and International schools in Europe and elsewhere. This enhanced program at GAIS encompasses the German and the California curriculum in addition to following the guidelines set by the International Baccalaureate Organization.

Additionally, the school recently won the bid to continue its lease with the City of Menlo Park until year 2016, prompting GAIS to begin immediate upgrading and renovations of its facilities, including a new library, tennis courts, and extended science and computer facilities.

“These milestones, and especially the appointment of Mr. Metzger to the head of school position, represent a huge victory for GAIS,” said Hanna Tikkanen Merk, Executive Director of GAIS. “We are extremely fortunate to bring Mr. Metzger’s extensive teaching and management experience in international schools to our staff. His knowledge of the IB, as well as his multilingual and multicultural background are all wonderful assets and provide a great fit to GAIS.”

“With all of these pieces in place, we are now more than ever ready to focus on the future development of the school,” said Ed Medlin, President of the Board of Directors. “We believe Mr. Metzger will provide the vision and leadership needed to take GAIS to the next level -- helping to further strengthen the quality of our programs and the overall student experience.”

“I am so excited to be joining GAIS at this time: the pieces for future growth are now all in place,” said Hans Peter Metzger, Head of School elect. “Having built up two international schools, I enjoy the challenge and commitment of developing a great school to reach world class status. The Bay Area provides the right market to do this.”

About Mr. Metzger

Mr. Metzger earned his B.A. degree in History at the University of Waterloo, Ontario, a Bachelor of Education degree at the University of Western Ontario, and his M.Ed. in

International Education at the Worcester State College in MA. He began his career in education teaching at the International School of Trieste (IST) in Italy. From 1984 to 1986 he served as a Secondary School Math teacher, PE Department Head and Director of Activities at the Madrid International College in Spain.

In 1986 Mr. Metzger was appointed Deputy Director of the International School of Trieste and since 1987 he has held the position of Director of this school. The IST, with current enrollment of 275 students, offers a bilingual (English-Italian) program from preschool through 12th. In the past 5 years, Mr. Metzger has also built up the International School of Udine, where he also serves as the Director. Mr. Metzger was born in Germany, grew up and studied in Canada and the US, and has worked in Spain and Italy. He speaks English, German, Italian and Spanish.

About the German-American International School

Founded in 1988, the German-American International School of the San Francisco Bay Area is an independent, private non-profit school including programs ranging from German immersion preschool to bilingual (German/English) elementary and middle school through the eighth grade. The school's curriculum is designed to satisfy both California State and German foreign school guidelines, as well as the instructional program sanctioned by the International Baccalaureate Organization, headquartered in Geneva, Switzerland. The school is fully accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges.

Featuring small class sizes (averaging 10 children per classroom) and an experienced, highly-educated teaching staff, the German-American International School's hallmark is its very high standard of academic instruction in a nurturing multicultural environment with down to earth appeal. The school is based on the belief that children can reach their fullest potential if they are able to develop a positive self-image. To further this goal, the school offers a learning environment that fosters the development of a creative and critical mind. The school strives to cultivate core values like respect, tolerance,

responsibility, honesty, sincerity and politeness. Multicultural traditions are discussed and observed throughout the year, placing an emphasis on international awareness.

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