

PRESS RELEASE

FILING OF MINORITY SLATES OF CANDIDATES FOR ELECTION TO THE BOARD OF STATUTORY AUDITORS

Florence, April 15, 2009 - Further to the provisions of Article 144 *octies*, Section 2, of the Issuers' Regulations, the Company announces that, as of the expiration of the deadline to file slates of candidates for election to the Board of Statutory Auditors (April 14, 2009), only INTEK S.p.A., the Company's controlling shareholder, had filed a slate of candidates.

As required by the provisions of Article 144 *sexies*, Section 5, of the Issuers' Regulations and by art. 22 of the Company Bylaws, notice is hereby given that additional slates of candidates for election to the Board of Statutory Auditors may be filed by and not later than April 20, 2009 at the Company's registered office in Florence, Via dei Barucci n. 2 (Ufficio Affari Societari) by shareholders representing an ownership interest equal at least to 1.25% of the shares that convey the right to vote at Ordinary Shareholders' Meetings.

The Board of Directors

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