



ASTM – AUTOSTRADA TORINO-MILANO S.P.A.

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PRESS RELEASE

The Board of Directors approved the Half-year Report as of June 30 2006:

- **the opening of new stretches, the increase in traffic (due, *inter alia*, to the Olympics) and the renegotiation of royalties, have led to an 13.7 million euro increase (+9.8%) in “Revenues from the Motorway Sector”**
- **The “Gross Operating Margin” (EBITDA) increased by 11 million euro (+ 11.5%).**

The major items concerning the economic operation of the Group in the first six months of 2006, compared with the corresponding figures for 2005, are shown below in summarized form:

<i>(amounts in millions of Euro)</i>	1H 06	1H 05	Changes
Revenues from motorway sector	154.5	140.8	13.7
Revenues from constructions sector	28.3	36.5	(8.2)
Revenues from engineering sector	14.6	12.5	2.1
Other revenues	12.4	11.5	0.9
Operating costs	(173.9)	(166.9)	(7.0)
Costs capitalized on fixed assets	71.5	62.0	9.5
Gross operating margin	107.4	96.4	11.0
Net amortizations and provisions	(23.3)	(17.3)	(6.0)
Operating result	84.1	79.1	5.0
Financial proceeds	6.3	24.3	(18.0)
Financial charges	(14.8)	(13.1)	(1.7)
Profit (loss) from companies evaluated using the net equity method	13.6	17.5	(3.9)
Balance of financial operation	5.1	28.7	(23.6)
Profit before taxes	89.2	107.8	(18.6)
Income tax (current and deferred)	(30.8)	(28.0)	(2.8)
Profit (loss) for the period	58.4	79.8	(21.4)
▪ Quota attributable to minority interests	1.9	1.8	0.1
▪ Quota attributable to the Group	56.5	78.0	(21.5)

“Revenues from the motorway sector” amounted to a total of 154.5 million euro (140.8 million euro in the first half of 2005); the increase compared with the same period of 2005 (13.7 million euro, equivalent to **9.76%**) is the result of the increase in receivable fees from the service areas partly due to renegotiations during the period (+3.3 million euro) and “toll revenues” (+10.4 million euro); the latter variation is correlated to the increase in traffic (which benefited, *inter alia*, from the XX Winter Olympics held in Turin in February), to the higher tolls collected after opening the Torino-Pinerolo motorway stretch (managed by the subsidiary ATIVA S.p.A.) and to the additional toll for the completed stretches of the motorway connection to the Fair district of Rho-Pero (under the subsidiary SATAP S.p.A. – TroncoA4).

“Revenues from the constructions sector” have dropped due to the reduction in works carried out for the CAV TO-MI Consortium (which is preparing the Turin-Milan “High Capacity” railway line); the construction activities of the companies operating in this division are therefore focused on infragroup projects with a resulting increase in **“Costs capitalized on fixed assets”** (+ 9.4 million euro).

“Revenues from the engineering sector” show an increase of approximately 2 million euro, despite the elimination of the “one-off” amount (1.6 million euro) which had characterized the first half of the previous year; this increase is the result of the increase in activities carried out in the second quarter of 2006.

“Operating costs” rose by approximately 7.0 million euro partly as the result of opening the new Torino-Pinerolo stretch to traffic and partly due to the Olympics, as well as to the increase in the activities carried out by companies operating in the “constructions” and “engineering” divisions.

As a result of the above, the **“gross operating margin” (EBITDA)** increased by **11.5%** (reaching 107.4 million euro).

“Net amortizations and provisions”, which increased by about 6.0 million euro, reflects the situation of the motorway concession companies portrayed in the financial plans attached to the respective contracts.

“Financial proceeds” includes capital gains deriving from the sale of Assicurazioni Generali S.p.A. shares for approximately 2.1 million euro. The decrease in this entry is due to the lack of significant capital gains, earned in the previous half-year, on the sale of shares in Milano Serravalle-Milano Tangenziali S.p.A. and SALT S.p.A. (for approximately 20.4 million euro).

The increase in **“Financial charges”** reflects greater financial exposure correlated to the progress of the significant program of investments in motorway assets.

“Profit (loss) from companies evaluated using the net equity method” felt, as regards the relevant amount, the positive results achieved by the associated companies SIAS S.p.A., SITAF S.p.A. and Road Link Ltd.; the reduction occurring in the period in question is mainly the result of the smaller contribution from the associated company SITAF S.p.A..

With regard to the above, the amount under **“Operating result”** attributable to the Group is 56.5 million euro (78.0 million euro in the first half of 2005).

FINANCIAL OPERATION OF THE GROUP

The major entries relating to financial operation as of June 30 2006 (compared with the same figures as of December 31 2005) can be summarized as follows (amounts expressed in millions of euro):

<i>(amounts in millions of euro)</i>	30/6/2006	31/12/2005	Changes
Cash and cash equivalents	77.5	93.7	(16.2)
Other short-term financial assets	8.9	59.9	(51.0)
Payable to banks and other short-term loans	(105.9)	(86.4)	(19.5)
Short-term balance	(19.5)	67.2	(86.7)
Other medium-term financial assets (*)	50.6	5.6	45.0
Payable to banks and other medium/long-term loans	(603.5)	(561.4)	(42.1)
Net financial position	(572.4)	(488.6)	(83.8)

(*) These are capitalization agreements and bonds that, while having a duration of over one year, are monetizable in the short term upon request.

The net financial position of the Group shows, as of June 30 2006, a negative balance of 572 million euro (489 million euro as of December 31 2005); this amount, inclusive of the net present value of the amount “Payable to the Fondo Centrale di Garanzia and ANAS”, is 708 million euro (621 million euro as of December 31 2005). The amount “Payable to banks” is guaranteed by the State for approximately 40.4 million euro.

Cash flows generated in the accounting period have been used to build incrementative works relative to the **motorway infrastructure** (which recorded an **increase** of approximately **106.1 million euro**) and for the purchase of “shareholdings” for a total equivalent value of 11.8 million euro. Moreover, the Parent Company paid dividends relative to the accounting period of 2005 amounting to 26.4 million euro.

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As part of the process to rationalize the equity portfolio, the Board of Directors approved the **sale**, to the subsidiary CIV S.p.A., of the entire shareholding in **FNM S.p.A.**, represented at present by 5,997,486 shares (2.9% of the capital) at a unit price, established in view of the fact that they are listed companies, not lower than which will be determined on the basis of the performance of the listings observed on the Stock Market. The Chairman and the CEO will be assigned the most extensive powers to formalize and conclude the operation.

Therefore the sales fits into and assumes the form of a transaction between correlated parties, the subject, fee, method or time for realization of which do not affect the safeguarding of the company’s equity.



Lastly, we wish to inform you that none of the directors of the companies participating in the sale has personal interests in the transaction and no changes are contemplated to the directors' remuneration in relation to the outcome of said operation.

On behalf of the Board of Directors

The Chairman
Riccardo Formica

Annex: Consolidated accounts as of June 30, 2006

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities

June 30 2005	(amounts in thousands of euro)	June 30 2006	December 31 2005
Assets			
Non-current assets			
29,383	1. Intangible assets (note 1)	29,301	29,259
29,383	Total intangible assets	29,301	29,259
2. Tangible fixed assets (note 2)			
776,770	a. Operating assets reversible free of charge	808,293	781,494
232,340	b. Assets in progress reversible free of charge	385,572	334,649
32,350	c. Buildings, plants, machinery and sundry assets	33,560	33,678
7,327	d. Assets under leasing	6,837	6,325
1,048,787	Total tangible fixed assets	1,234,262	1,156,146
3. Non-current financial assets (note 3)			
a. Shareholdings evaluated using the net equity method			
268,858		354,995	346,561
122,241	b. Non-consolidated shareholdings	37,374	42,945
13,363	c. Receivables	12,367	13,739
12,260	d. Sundry	161,232	116,169
416,722	Total non-current financial assets	565,968	519,414
3,884	4. Deferred tax receivables (note 4)	3,861	5,015
1,498,776	Total non-current assets	1,833,392	1,709,834
Current assets			
18,234	5. Stocks (note 5)	16,760	13,490
83,543	6. Commercial receivables (note 6)	61,641	66,297
11,568	7. Current tax receivables (note 7)	9,893	9,979
122,470	8. Sundry receivables (note 8)	139,955	119,863
9. Assets held for negotiation			
24,037	10. Assets available for sale (note 9)	17,636	18,136
11. Financial receivables (note 10)			
259,852	Total current assets	245,885	278,820
197,659	12. Available funds and equivalent means (note 11)	77,509	93,747
457,511	Total current assets	323,394	372,567
1,956,287	Total assets	2,156,786	2,082,401
Net equity and liabilities			
Net equity (note 12)			
1. Net equity of Group			
43,946	a. Share capital	43,948	43,946
695,753	b. Reserves and profits carried forward	808,790	779,507
739,699	Total	852,738	823,453
33,877	2. Third-party capital and reserves	34,258	35,574
773,576	Total net equity	886,996	859,027
Liabilities			
Non-current liabilities			
3. Risks and charges fund and severance pay (note 13)			
82,650		90,037	89,907
189	4. Commercial payables (note 14)	34	31
271,967	5. Sundry payables (note 15)	269,082	269,213
434,433	6. Payable to banks (note 16)	601,131	560,154
1,783	7. Sundry financial payables (note 17)	2,366	1,293
6,566	8. Deferred tax liabilities (note 18)	9,762	9,784
797,588	Total non-current liabilities	972,412	930,382
Current liabilities			
64,054	9. Commercial payables (note 19)	79,082	85,650
112,846	10. Sundry payables (note 20)	102,337	110,917
189,561	11. Payable to banks (note 21)	104,000	80,742
6,065	12. Sundry financial payables (note 22)	1,903	5,646
12,597	13. Current tax liabilities (note 23)	10,056	10,037
385,123	Total current liabilities	297,378	292,992
1,182,711	Total liabilities	1,269,790	1,223,374
1,956,287	Total net equity and liabilities	2,156,786	2,082,401

Profit and loss account

Accounting period 2005	<i>(amounts in thousands of euro)</i>	1st six months 2006	1st six months 2005
Revenues (note 24)			
286,304	1. from motorway sector (note 24.1)	154,502	140,764
69,486	2. from constructions sector (note 24.2)	28,267	36,480
28,652	3. from engineering sector (note 24.3)	14,554	12,452
714	4. from services sector (note 24.4)	506	323
25,481	5. Other (note 24.5)	11,879	11,155
410,637	Total Revenues	209,708	201,174
(77,806)	6. Personnel costs (note 25)	(40,387)	(39,636)
(204,205)	7. Service costs (note 26)	(104,799) (*)	(100,234)
(44,635)	8. Raw material costs (note 27)	(20,889) (*)	(20,261)
(13,923)	9. Other costs (note 28)	(7,824)	(6,790)
132,537	10. Costs capitalized on fixed assets (note 29)	71,545	62,057
(28,121)	11. Amortizations and depreciations (note 30)	(21,506)	(14,690)
(6,604)	12. Adjustment to provision for restoration/replacement of assets reversible free of charge (note 31)	(1,805)	(2,538)
(2,440)	13. Other provision to risks and charges fund (note 32)	-	(121)
124,660	14. Financial proceeds: (note 33)		
6,490	a. from non-consolidated shareholdings	2,775	22,152
	b. other	3,508	2,127
(21,230)	15. Financial charges: (note 33)		
(6,203)	a. interest payable	(13,780)	(12,529)
	b. other	(983)	(567)
54,359	16. Profit (loss) from companies evaluated using the "net equity method" (note 34)	13,560	17,575
323,516	Profit (loss) before taxes	89,123	107,719
	17. Taxes (note 35)		
(63,583)	a. Current taxes	(29,089)	(27,101)
(2,070)	b. Deferred taxes	(1,696)	(895)
257,863	Operating profit (loss)	58,338	79,723
3,719	• quota attributable to minority interests	1,857	1,776
254,144	• quota attributable to the Group	56,481	77,947
Profit per share (note 36)			
2,892	Profit (euro per share)	0,643	0,887

(*) Transactions occurring with "Related Parties" amount to 72.1 million euro