



ASTM – AUTOSTRADA TORINO-MILANO SpA

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QUARTERLY REPORT AS OF 31 MARCH 2007

AND

ANNUAL GENERAL SHAREHOLDERS' MEETING

- **Board of Directors approves Quarterly Report as of 31 March 2007:**
 - Traffic increase and higher royalties from service areas boosts motorway operating revenues by €3.4m (+4.6%);
 - Operating costs kept down, following change in maintenance schedule and lower “winter service” expenses.
 - Gross operating margin (EBITDA) better by €6.1m (+13.5%).
 - Investment increase equal to €75m for motorway infrastructures managed by the Group.
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- **AGM:**
 - Financial Statement for year to 31 December 2006 approved;
 - €17.6m voted for final dividend of €0.20 per share (2006 dividend now €0.40 per share for a total amount of €35.2m)
 - Board of Directors for the period 2007-09 appointed.

QUARTERLY REPORT

The Group gross operating margin (EBITDA) and net financial position are summarised below (with the corresponding 2006 proforma figures¹ for comparison).

Turnover and operating profit (EBITDA)

(€m)	Q1 2007	Q1 2006	Change on year
- Motorway operating revenues	76.5	73.1	3.4
- Technology Sector sales	0.2	1.0	(0.8)
- Engineering Sector sales	5.3	5.5	(0.2)
- Other revenues	8.6	7.3	1.5
Total turnover (A)	90.8	86.9	3.9
Total operating costs (B)	(45.3)	(45.9)	0.6
Capitalised costs on fixed assets (C)	5.8	4.2	1.6
“Adjusted” Gross operating margin - EBITDA (A + B + C)	51.3	45.2	6.1
Gross operating margin Itinera SpA and subsidiaries (D)	-	3.1	(3.1)
Gross operating margin (A+B+C+D)	51.3	48.3	3.0

¹ Following the removal of Itinera SpA from the scope of consolidation (from 1 July 2006), proforma comparatives have been produced for the first quarter of 2006. This means the Q1 2006 income and expenditure figures are shown with all components generated by Itinera SpA stripped out, and the Gross Operating Margin for that company is shown separately.

Despite being awarded only part of the toll adjustments to which it should be entitled – and even that being applied late – and despite the concession fee increase due to ANAS, dynamic growth in the Motorways sector has **boosted operating profit (EBITDA) by 13.5%**.

Motorway operating revenues rose by some €3.4m; this 4.6% increase is due to the rise in royalties (+€1.3m) from motorway service areas (partly as a result of tenancies renegotiated in the second half of 2006), and to higher tolls (+€2.1m); the latter change is almost entirely due to the vigorous growth in traffic, since the toll adjustment finally awarded to SATAP SpA for section A21 (0.36%), to SAV SpA (10.41%) and to ATIVA SpA (0.74%) have only been applied from 15 March 2007.

Construction Sector revenues decrease due to the Strade Co.Ge. SpA work reduction.

Work done by the Engineering Sector on behalf of Group companies led to an increase in the item “Capitalised costs on fixed assets”.

The increase in Other Revenues is mainly related to the greater provision of services by the subsidiary SATAP SpA to the CAVTOMI consortium which is completing the high-speed Turin – Milan rail link.

Operating costs, despite the increase in concession payments, the heightened activity of the companies in the Engineering Sector and the rise in work done for CAVTOMI, fell by some €0.6m, mainly due to a rescheduling of maintenance operations and to lower costs for winter services following the good weather conditions during the first quarter of 2007.

For all the above reasons the Gross operating margin was up by some €6.1m (+13.5%).

The main components affecting the **net financial position** as of 31 March 2007 (with the 31 December 2006 figures for comparison) can be summarised as follows:

<i>(amounts in millions of euro)</i>	31/3/2007	31/12/2006	Change in Qr.
A) Cash and cash equivalents	93.2	81.7	11.5
B) Securities held for trading	-	1.6	(1.6)
C) Liquid funds (A) + (B)	93.2	83.3	9.9
D) Financial receivables (*)	47.4	51.5	(4.1)
E) Short-term bank debt	(12.2)	(8.6)	(3.6)
F) Short-term portion of long-term debt	(90.7)	(91.4)	0.7
G) Other short-term financial debt	-	-	-
H) Total short-term financial debt	(102.9)	(100.0)	(2.9)
I) Net short-term cash / (debt) (C) + (D) + (H)	37.7	34.8	2.9
J) Medium/long-term bank debt	(708.7)	(688.7)	(20.0)
K) Bonds issued	-	-	-
L) Other long/medium-term debts	-	-	-
M) Long/medium-term financial debt (J) + (K) + (L)	(708.7)	(688.7)	(20.0)
N) Net financial cash / (debt) (I) + (M)	(671.0)	(653.9)	(17.1)

(*) This item refers to endowment contracts and indexed, guaranteed-capital financial instruments which, though of multi-year duration, can readily be encashed on demand.

The Group’s **financial position** on **31 March 2007** showed **net debt** of **€671m** (€654m on 31 December 2006); this figure rises to **€798m** (€779m on 31 December 2006) if the discounted present value of the sums due to the Central Guarantee Fund and ANAS is included. Some €10.9m of the bank debt is guaranteed by the State.

Cash flow generated by operations has been applied mainly to **investments enhancing the Group's motorway infrastructure**, registering, for the first quarter 2007 an increase equal to **€75m**.

AGM

The ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders of Autostrada Torino-Milano SpA met today chaired by Dr. Riccardo Formica and **unanimously** approved the **Financial Statement** for the period ended 31 December 2006 as well as the distribution of a **final dividend** of €0.20 per share, payable from 24 May 2007 against Coupon No. 26 (the share will go ex-dividend on 21 May 2007).

The total dividend payout for the whole 2006 financial year, including the interim dividend of €0.20 per share distributed in November 2006, comes to €35.2m, or €0.40 per share.

The AGM also appointed the following Board of Directors for the financial years 2007, 2008 and 2009:

1. Giovanni Angioni
2. Enrico Arona
3. Ernesto Maria Cattaneo (*)
4. Nanni Fabris
5. Cesare Ferrero
6. Riccardo Formica
7. Giuseppe Garofano
8. Daniela Gavio
9. Vittorio Rispoli (*)
10. Alberto Sacchi
11. Alvaro Spizzica
12. Agostino Spoglianti
13. Maurizio Tosi (*)

(*) Appointed by the "Minority shareholders".

Summary CVs of these Directors are available on the company website www.autostradatomi.it.

The AGM also confirmed **Riccardo Formica** as **Chairman**.

The newly appointed BoD has confirmed **Daniela Gavio** as **Deputy Chairman** and **Alberto Sacchi** as **CEO**.

Dr. Riccardo Formica
Chairman



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