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ANNUAL SHAREHOLDERS' MEETING CALLED FOR 27 TO 30 APRIL

Turin, 6 March 2001 - The Board of Directors has today approved two proposals for amendments to the Articles and By-Laws to take account of new rules for the management of Shareholders' Meetings of listed companies as well as of the new regulatory framework for the appointment of the Board of Statutory Auditors.

The amendments will be subject to approval by the Shareholders' Meeting, which has been called for the 27-28-30 of April.

The agenda for the Shareholders' Meeting will be set at a later date.

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