



The Board of Directors approves the consolidated results at 31 March 2010

Astaldi, consolidated net profit up by 14% to EUR 14.7 million

BoD meeting called for June to launch the project aimed at optimising concessions

- *Total revenues +6.9% to EUR 460.7 million*
- *EBITDA: +10.5% to EUR 51.8 million, with an increase in the EBITDA margin to 11.2%*
- *EBIT: +6.9% to EUR 39.4 million with an EBIT margin of 8.5%*
- *Net profit: +14% to EUR 14.7 million*
- *Order backlog of EUR 8.6 billion*
- *Net financial position of EUR 543.3 million*

Rome, 12 May 2010 – The Board of Directors of Astaldi S.p.A., chaired by Paolo Astaldi, met today to approve Astaldi Group's consolidated results for the first quarter of 2010. The quarter ended with an increase in results which highlight the Group's strength and ability to pursue the development programme already drawn up, even given the negative macroeconomic situation.

During said BoD meeting, the Chief Executive Officer, Stefano Cerri outlined the guidelines for **developing the concessions sector** to Company directors. The directors decided to call a meeting in June to launch the concessions project.

"We shall be busy over the coming months with the Group's new business plan – commented Stefano Cerri, Chief Executive Officer. – The new business plan, in keeping with the previous one, shall contain an additional growth factor represented by the development of concessions. The Group is focused on setting up a dedicated holding concession company aimed at optimising this strong point, also in light of the major opportunities we are already pursuing at the moment."

CONSOLIDATED ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL RESULTS AT 31 MARCH 2010

Even given the negative market situation, Astaldi Group ended Q1 2010 with an increase in financial and economic results: **total revenues amounted to EUR 460.7 million** (+6.9% compared to EUR 431.1 million at 31 March 2009). **Excellent earning levels were confirmed with an EBITDA margin which increased to 11.2%** and an **EBIT margin of 8.5%**, in relation respectively to EBITDA of EUR 51.8 million (+10.5%, EUR 46.9 million at 31 March 2009) and EBIT of EUR 39.4 million (+6.9%, EUR 36.8 million in Q1 of 2008). **Consolidated net profit amounted to EUR 14.7 million, up by 14%** (EUR 12.9 million at 31 March 2009), with a **net margin which increased to 3.2%**. The **order backlog amounted to EUR 8.6 billion** (EUR 9 billion at the end of 2009).

Given the level of production, **total net financial debt, excluding treasury shares, totalled EUR 543.3 million** at 31 March 2010 (EUR 422.7 million at 31 December 2009 and EUR 422.4 million at 31 March 2009), showing an increase compared to the figure at the end of 2009, **yet an increase whose dynamics were fully envisaged**. It should be recalled that net financial debt typically witnesses an increase in the first and third quarters due to the seasonal nature of the financial cycle and also as a result of allocation of funds by public clients.

Consolidated economic results at 31 March 2010

<i>Main consolidated economic results (EUR/000)</i>	31 March 2010	%	31 March 2009	%	YOY difference (%)
Total revenues	460,726	100.0%	431,153	100.0%	+6.9%
EBITDA	51,819	11.2%	46,883	10.9%	+10.5%
EBIT	39,385	8.5%	36,844	8.5%	+6.9%
Net financial income and charges	(16,182)	(3.5%)	(15,888)	(3.7%)	+1.8%
Pre-tax profit	23,919	5.2%	21,370	5.0%	+11.9%
Group net profit	14,702	3.2%	12,902	3.0%	+14.0%

Accounts at 31 March 2010 reflected the **positive trend of projects in progress** in Italy and abroad.

Total revenues at 31 March 2010 increased by 6.9%, totalling **EUR 460.7 million** (EUR 431.1 million in Q1 2009) thanks to the contribution of **EUR 441.8 million of operating revenues** (+6.9%, EUR 413.5 million at 31 March 2009) and **EUR 18.9 million of other operating revenues** (+6.9%, EUR 17.7 million in Q1 2009)¹. Said figures are even more interesting if we consider that the income statement for the quarter shows the effects of devaluation of the *bolívar fuerte*, performed by the Venezuelan government in January 2010, which led to a drop in the volume of revenues expressed in Euros, even though it did not have any significant effect on the result thanks to provisions made in previous financial statements.

¹ While calculating and recognising revenues pursuant to IFRIC 12, the margin relative to concessions that are still under construction directly held by Astaldi was taken into account, including at a comparative level, as provided for in the reference standard.

Operating revenues show **suitable diversification of the risk profile related to activities**, confirming the strengthening of foreign activities accompanied by a significant contribution from the domestic sector: **44.6% of operating revenues are generated in Italy while the remaining 55.4% are generated abroad**, mainly in Turkey, Eastern Europe and Latin America.

Transport infrastructures confirmed its key role for the Group's activities, accounting for 80.1% of operating revenues. **Significant contributions also came from the energy production plants and renewable energy sectors (16.5%), as well as civil and industrial construction (3.4%).** It should be remembered that income generated from management of the new Hospital in Mestre does still not feature among accounts; indeed, the accounting standards adopted do not make the contribution from said concession project visible in the revenues structure and margins – the stake held by Astaldi in Veneta Sanitaria Finanza di Progetto S.p.A., the SPV set up for this project is below the limits set for balance sheet consolidation.

The projects in progress in the railway, underground and motorway sectors (the **Turin rail junction**, the **Bologna Central High-Speed Station** the **new underground lines in Rome, Milan and Brescia** and the **two lots of the Jonica National Road**) made the greatest contribution to said figures as regards Italy, while as regards foreign activities, the main contributions came from the projects in progress in **Eastern Europe (railways and motorways in Romania and Poland)**, **Turkey (undergrounds, bridges)**, **Algeria (railways, motorways)**, **Chile (renewable energy)**, and **Central and South America (railways, roads, energy production plants)**. The results achieved by the Group at a consolidated level reflect the management's strategic aim of maintaining production levels for each geographical area such as to ensure balanced and well-diversified expansion of activities, backed up by a coherent level of invested capital. The additional diversification of activities, seen from 2009 with the opening of new markets in Chile, Poland and Peru, is to be considered in this light.

<i>Order backlog by geographical area (EUR/millions)</i>	31 March 2010	%	31 March 2009	%
Italy	197	44.6%	215	52.1%
Abroad	245	55.4%	198	47.9%
Europe	108	24.4%	31	7.5%
America	112	25.3%	97	23.5%
Asia	(2)	(0.5)%	38	9.2%
Africa	27	6.1%	32	7.8%
Total	442	100.0%	413	100.0%

<i>Order backlog by sector (EUR/millions)</i>	31 March 2010	%	31 March 2009	%
Transport infrastructures	354	80.1%	316	76.5%
Hydraulic works and energy production plants	73	16.5%	27	6.5%
Civil and industrial construction	15	3.4%	70	17.0%
Total	442	100.0%	413	100.0%

The cost structure reflects the increase in activities seen mainly abroad and, at the same time, the order backlog's increasing focus on general contracting projects involving the railway/underground sector where the use of outsourcing and joint ventures for contract management is more common.

At 31 March 2010, the cost of production amounted to EUR 342 million (74.2% of total revenues) which is equal to a 6.7% increase if compared to EUR 320.5 million for the same quarter of 2009. Personnel costs totalled EUR 61 million (13.2% of total revenues) against a more limited increase for the quarter of 1.9% (EUR 59.9 million in Q1 2009). Other operating costs amounted to EUR 5.9 million (1.3% of total revenues), up by EUR 2 million in absolute terms compared to EUR 3.9 million at the end of Q1 2009.

Excellent earning levels were confirmed, in keeping with the results already recorded for some years now for Astaldi Group's overall activities, in Italy and abroad, thanks to the high quality of the order backlog. The EBITDA margin stood at 11.2% and the EBIT margin at 8.5%, in relation to EBITDA which increased by 10.5% to EUR 51.8 million (EUR 46.9 million at 31 March 2009) and EBIT of EUR 39.4 million (6.9%, EUR 36.8 million at 31 March 2009). The validity of these results is backed up by the fact that the accounts for the quarter include conservative provisions for projects in progress, aimed at preventing any reductions in margins. Proof of this can be seen in the fact that, even given the major devaluation of the Venezuelan *bolivar*, the Group's accounts for the quarter were only marginally affected by this event since it was already included in previous years' results.

As regards financial operations, net financial charges amounted to EUR 16.2 million, which is equal to a 1.8% increase compared to EUR 15.9 million at the end of March 2009, showing a trend in keeping with the forecasts for this income statement item for the first part of the year².

Pre-tax profit totalled EUR 23.9 million, up by 11.9% compared to EUR 21.4 million at 31 March 2009. Group net profit also increased, showing a +14% increase and amounting to EUR 14.7 million (EUR 12.9 million at 31 March 2009). The net margin increased to 3.2%, with an estimated tax rate of 38%.

Consolidated equity and financial results at 31 March 2010

Main consolidated equity and financial results (EUR/000)	31 March 2010	31 December 2009	31 March 2009
Net fixed assets	453,617	459,099	376,157
Working capital	545,731	406,369	441,336
Total provisions	(33,360)	(33,364)	(31,628)
Net invested capital	965,989	832,104	785,865
Net total financial debt	(547,733)	(427,921)	(428,293)
Equity	418,256	404,183	357,572

The equity and financial structure reflects the effects of consolidation of the Group's role in Italy and abroad, as well as the guaranteed support for production for all activities in progress.

² While calculating and recognising financial income and charges pursuant to IFRIC 12, the effects of discounting back of guaranteed cash flows and charges on financial debt in relation to concessions in which Astaldi holds direct stakes were taken into account, including at a comparative level.

At 31 March 2010, **net fixed assets totalled EUR 453.6 million** (EUR 459.1 million at 31 December 2009 and EUR 376.2 million at the end of Q1 2009), with a trend for the first three months of 2010 that **confirms the balance achieved**, which provides for hedging of investments in technical resources through self-financing generated by amortisation and depreciation³.

Working capital amounted to EUR 545.7 million (EUR 406.4 million at 31 December 2009 and EUR 441.3 million for Q1 2009), recording an increase in absolute terms of approximately EUR 139 million during the first three months of the year, due to the increase seen **in works in progress** – mainly related to activities performed in Italy (undergrounds) and abroad (Turkey, Algeria, Central and South America) – and **in accounts receivable**. Indeed, if on the one hand the accounts for the quarter fully reflect the support guaranteed in recent years to projects in progress, on the other hand they do still not take into account payments expected for some foreign projects in progress. Specifically, as regards activities in Venezuela, it should be noted that in April, the President of the Republic approved expenditure to cover the railway projects in progress. This will make it possible to restore the financial balance of said projects in the short-term, decreasing the levels of invested capital. Lastly, it is important to note that the working capital trend, on a quarterly basis, is traditionally penalised during the first quarter by the payment cycle of local administrations that often adopt expenditure management policies which see the speeding up of payments during the second and fourth quarters.

On the whole, **the increase in activities and working capital trend justify the increase in net invested capital** which totalled EUR 966 million at 31 March 2010 (EUR 832.1 million at 31 December 2009 and EUR 785.9 million at 31 March 2009), recording an increase of approximately EUR 134 million during the quarter.

Equity at 31 March 2010 **increased to EUR 418.3 million** (EUR 404.2 million at 31 December 2009 and EUR 357.6 million at the end of Q1 2009) and, when compared to net invested capital, showed an **overall net financial debt of EUR 547.7 million** (EUR 427.9 million at 31 December 2009 and EUR 428.3 million for Q1 2009). The trend for said figure, up on the figure at the end of 2009, **was fully envisaged** due to the seasonal effects as detailed above.

Overall net financial debt, excluding treasury shares, totalled EUR (543.3) million – compared to EUR (422.7) million at the end of 2009 and EUR (422.4) million at 31 March 2009 –, recording a difference for the quarter that is to be mainly attributed to the dynamics of projects in progress which, during this phase, have witnessed major absorption of working capital which is expected to return to standard levels by the end of the year. It must also be remembered that investments in the project finance sector continued during the quarter in question, as provided for in the Group's development plan.

³ While calculating and recognising fixed assets pursuant to IFRIC 12, the effects related to adjustment of freely transferable assets in relation to concessions directly held by Astaldi were taken into account, including with reference to the equity situation at 31 December 2009 and 31 March 2010.

Consolidated net financial position (EUR/000)		31/03/10	31/12/09	31/03/09
A	Cash and cash equivalents	291,304	444,138	285,793
B	Securities held for trading	3,532	4,175	5,718
C	Available funds (A+B)	294,836	448,312	291,511
D	Financial receivables	29,481	21,789	21,091
E	Current bank payables	(293,910)	(334,442)	(281,405)
F	Current share of non-current indebtedness	(36,485)	(20,430)	(15,416)
G	Other current financial payables	(10,966)	(11,111)	(7,660)
H	Current financial debt (E+F+G)	(341,360)	(365,983)	(304,482)
I	Net current financial debt (H+D+C)	(17,043)	104,118	8,120
J	Non-current bank payables	(575,885)	(571,450)	(458,817)
K	Other non-current payables	(4,507)	(4,950)	(13,302)
L	Non-current financial debt (K+J)	(580,392)	(576,400)	(472,119)
M	Net financial debt (L+I)	(597,435)	(472,282)	(463,999)
N	Receivables arising from concessions	49,703	44,361	35,705
O	Total financial debt	(547,733)	(427,921)	(428,293)
P	Treasury shares on hand	4,382	5,172	5,905
Q	Total net financial position	(543,350)	(422,749)	(422,388)

The **group's financial structure remains focused on the medium/long-term** with the first significant deadline scheduled for 2013.

The share of invested capital used for project finance initiatives amounts to approximately EUR 130 million, referable to equity paid into healthcare construction and underground projects, construction costs for car parks under concession as well as equity investments for the concession related to the Chacayes hydroelectric plant in Chile. This resulted in a debt/equity ratio of 1.3 at 31 March 2010 with a corporate debt/equity ratio of 1.1 (calculated by excluding the share of debt related to concession/project finance activities insofar as without recourse/self-liquidating).

ORDER BACKLOG AT 31 MARCH 2010

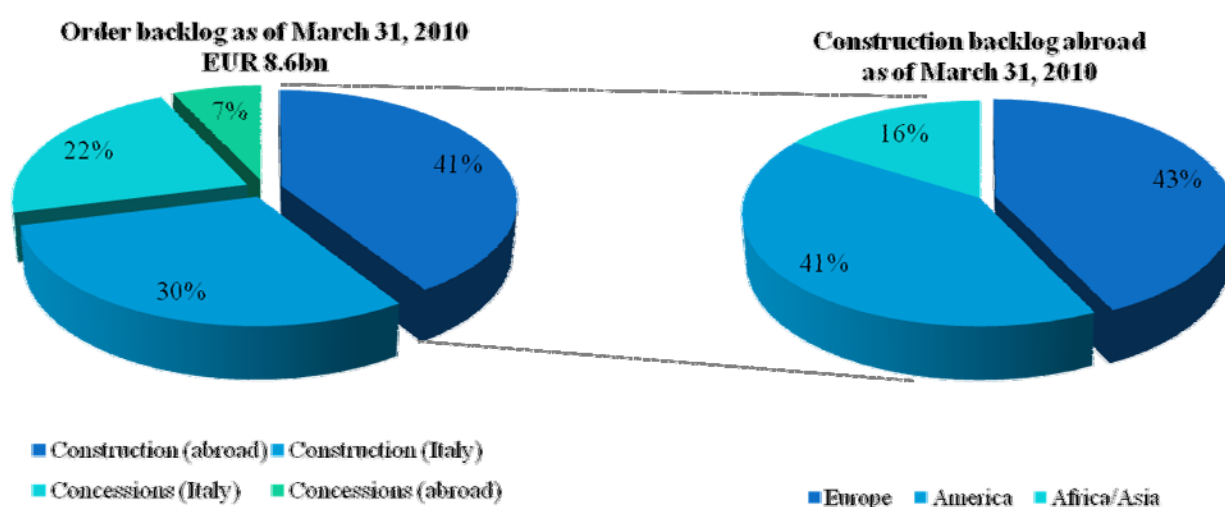
Astaldi Group's order backlog at 31 March 2010 amounted to approximately EUR 8.6 billion, EUR 6.1 billion of which for construction activities, mainly general contracting projects, and the remaining EUR 2.5 billion to the concession/project finance sector.

The backlog's overall structure is in keeping with the policy of **strategic balancing of activities**, pursued by the Group in recent years. Indeed, it must be remembered that Astaldi Group has been striving to consolidate its role in areas where traditionally present for some years now, ensuring at the same time suitable diversification of the overall risk profile of activities. If said strategy led to the opening of three new markets

(Chile, Poland, Peru) during 2009, it is envisaged that opportunities which present themselves in markets adjacent to those where traditionally present (Brazil, Panama) will be looked at with greater interest over the coming years. The Group's desire to keep invested capital under levels of attention, and hence the share of order backlog referable to each individual area where present, remains unchanged.

In keeping with 2009 figures, the order backlog is equally distributed among activities in Italy and activities abroad: **52% of activities refer to the domestic market** (EUR 4,452 million compared to EUR 4,647 million at 31 December 2009), while the remaining **48%** (EUR 4,191 million compared to EUR 4,384 million at 31 December 2009) **comprises foreign initiatives**, mainly in Eastern Europe, Turkey, Central and South America and Algeria. **The Group does not operate in countries belonging to the so-called PIGS area** (Portugal, Ireland, Greece, and Spain).

Breakdown of order backlog at 31 March 2010 according to geographical area and sector



Order backlog (EUR/000.000)	01/01/2010	Increases	Decreases for production	31/03/2010
Italy	4,647	2	(197)	4,452
Abroad	4,384	52	(245)	4,191
Europe	1,667	8	(108)	1,567
America	2,124	44	(112)	2,056
Africa	591	0	(27)	564
Asia	2	0	2	4
Order backlog	9,031	54	(442)	8,643

As in the past, **construction activities prevail among the backlog** (71.4% of total orders), thanks to the contribution of EUR 5,416 million from transport infrastructures (63% of the total backlog), EUR 415 million from civil and industrial construction (5%) and EUR 343 million from energy production plants and renewable energy (4%). On the whole, all these projects offer an average duration of 4.5 years, with Italy accounting for EUR 2,577 million and the remaining EUR 3,597 referring to foreign projects (mainly Turkey, Eastern Europe, Central and South America, Algeria and the Middle East).

In addition to construction activities, the order backlog at 31 March 2010 also comprises EUR 2,469 million of **concession initiatives (28.6% of overall activities)**, EUR 1,875 million of which refer to the domestic market (in the urban transport infrastructures, healthcare construction and car parks sectors) and the remaining EUR 594 million to the foreign market (renewable energy and water in Chile and Honduras respectively). The figures shown do still not include the concession for the Gebze-Izmir motorway in Turkey (which was preliminarily awarded in July 2009 and for which finalisation of the contract is pending) and the concession for the Ancona Port links to the surrounding road network (which sees Astaldi as sponsor pending the final outcome of the award procedure). As regards all other concession projects, the figures for management quota included in the backlog are to be taken as the discounted value of concession revenues related to Astaldi' stake. It must be recalled that the figures calculated in this manner, with regard to the concessions sector, are not reflected in the financial statements since, in accordance with the reference accounting standards, the stakes held in said projects do not always allow for line-by-line or proportional consolidation. In this case the effect is therefore limited to entry among financial operations under the heading "Effects of valuation of equity investments using equity method". It must also be noted that the order backlog only includes changes related to orders for which contracts have been entered into. As a matter of fact, the commercial activities being performed are generating extremely positive results for which it is forecast that, during 2010, the flow of new orders may be in line with that achieved in previous years.

Lastly, it must be recalled that the backlog only includes contracts with public counterparties and EPC contractors of international standing, characterised by a high average value and technological/managerial content. The consequent quality of orders represents one of the Group's main assets which results in a genuine competitive advantage, given the highly uncertain macroeconomic situation that Astaldi plans to continue to invest in so as to ensure its leadership in the reference market which is already acknowledged at an operating level.

Order backlog (EUR/000.000)	01/01/2010	Increases	Decreases for production	31/03/2010
Transport infrastructures	5,724	46	(354)	5,416
of which:				
<i>Railways and undergrounds</i>	4,095	2	(268)	3,829
<i>Roads and motorways</i>	1,491	44	(80)	1,455
<i>Airports and ports</i>	138	0	(6)	132
Hydraulic works and hydroelectric plants	416	0	(73)	343
Civil and industrial construction	422	8	(15)	415
Concessions	2,469	0	0	2,469
Order backlog	9,031	54	(442)	8,643

FORESEEABLE TREND OF OPERATIONS AND SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

In addition to the changes which the new business plan will introduce with regard to the concessions sector, new interesting challenges from an operational and commercial viewpoint will be taken up over the coming months in Italy and abroad.

As regards **the construction sector**, the Group's human and industrial resources shall be focused on **performing major contracts in progress in Italy (mainly undergrounds, railways, motorways) and abroad (railways, undergrounds, energy production plants)** over the coming months. Specifically, as regards foreign activities, major efforts will be made in relation to contracts in progress in markets where traditionally present (Turkey, Eastern Europe, Algeria and America Latina), as well as recently-acquired markets in Poland, Chile and Peru, with a view to ensuring increasingly marked diversification of the risks. Indeed, the contribution to production generated by Turkey shall increase as well as that generated by Chile (to offset the already planned repositioning of activities in Venezuela) and Poland (to ensure greater diversification of activities in Eastern Europe). Astaldi Group plans to operate in all the areas where present (new and traditional), and specifically in Latin America, by establishing strategic partnerships with operators of international standing, able to ensure synergy and optimisation of employed resources, as well as even more marked diversification of the risk profile of activities.

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The Executive appointed to draft corporate accounts, Paolo Citterio, Astaldi' General Manager – Administration and Finance, hereby declares, pursuant to paragraph 2 of Art. 154-bis of the Finance Consolidation Act (TUIF) that the accounting information contained herein tallies with accounting documents, ledgers and account entries.

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Listed in the STAR segment of the Italian stock exchange, Astaldi Group has been active for more than 80 years, in Italy and abroad, in designing and constructing large-scale civil engineering works.

The Group operates in the following areas of activity:

- *transport infrastructures (railways, undergrounds, roads, motorways, ports, and airports);*
- *hydraulic works and energy production plants (dams, hydroelectric plants, waterworks, oil pipelines, gas pipelines, nuclear power stations and treatment plants);*
- *civil and industrial construction (hospitals, universities, airports, law courts, car parks);*
- *management under concession of works such as healthcare facilities, transport infrastructures, car parks.*

The Group currently operates as a General Contractor capable of promoting financial aspects and coordinating all resources and skills for the optimal development and management of complex and high-value public works.

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RECLASSIFIED CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT

<i>EUR/000</i>	31/03/10		31/03/09	
Revenues	441,810	95.9%	413,462	95.9%
Other revenues	18,916	4.1%	17,691	4.1%
Total revenues	460,726	100.0%	431,153	100.0%
Costs of production	(341,958)	-74.2%	(320,514)	-74.3%
Added value	118,768	25.8%	110,639	25.7%
Labor costs	(61,025)	-13.2%	(59,862)	-13.9%
Other operating costs	(5,923)	-1.3%	(3,893)	-0.9%
EBITDA	51,819	11.2%	46,883	10.9%
Amortization	(12,648)	-2.7%	(10,242)	-2.4%
(Capitalization of internal costs)	213	0.0%	202	0.0%
EBIT	39,385	8.5%	36,844	8.5%
Net financial charges	(16,182)	-3.5%	(15,888)	-3.7%
Effects of evaluation of investments at equity method	716	0.2%	414	0.1%
Profit (loss) before taxes	23,919	5.2%	21,370	5.0%
Taxes	(8,988)	-2.0%	(8,120)	-1.9%
Profit (Loss) for the period	14,931	3.2%	13,249	3.1%
Minorities	(229)	0.0%	(347)	-0.1%
Group net income	14,702	3.2%	12,902	3.0%

RECLASSIFIED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET

EUR/000	March 31 2010	December 31 2009	March 31 2009
Intangible fixed assets	3,857	3,998	4,376
Tangible fixed assets	318,330	319,959	284,838
Equity investments	103,787	103,269	64,110
Other net fixed assets	27,642	31,874	22,832
TOTAL FIXED ASSETS (A)	453,617	459,099	376,157
Inventories	87,659	90,316	95,933
Contracts in progress	762,893	648,626	677,815
Trade receivables	40,532	29,607	26,658
Accounts receivables	649,637	683,536	527,115
Other assets	158,612	158,187	182,949
Tax receivables	87,459	78,391	76,960
Advances from customers	(353,908)	(382,905)	(371,520)
Subtotal	1,432,885	1,305,757	1,215,910
Trade payables	(103,960)	(90,034)	(64,268)
Due to suppliers	(516,937)	(543,639)	(494,777)
Other payables	(266,256)	(265,716)	(215,530)
Subtotal	(887,153)	(899,389)	(774,575)
Working capital (B)	545,731	406,369	441,336
Employee benefits	(9,586)	(9,555)	(10,578)
Provisions for non-current risks and charges	(23,774)	(23,809)	(21,050)
Total funds (C)	(33,360)	(33,364)	(31,628)
Net invested capital (D) = (A) + (B) + (C)	965,989	832,104	785,865
Cash and cash equivalents	291,304	444,138	285,793
Current financial receivables	16,475	19,371	18,368
Non-current financial receivables	13,007	2,418	2,723
Securities	3,532	4,175	5,718
Current financial liabilities	(341,360)	(365,983)	(304,482)
Non-current financial liabilities	(580,392)	(576,400)	(472,119)
Net financial liabilities / receivables (E)	(597,435)	(472,282)	(463,999)
Financial receivables coming from concessions	49,703	44,361	35,705
Total financial liabilities / receivables	(547,733)	(427,921)	(428,293)
Group net equity	(399,761)	(385,918)	(352,063)
Minority equity	(18,495)	(18,265)	(5,509)
Net equity (G) = (D) - (E)	418,256	404,183	357,572