*Astaldi's Board of Directors approves the Interim Report at 30 September 2009*

# ASTALDI, NET PROFIT +27.6% OVER FIRST NINE MONTHS TO EUR 41.1 MILLION
# REVENUES +29% TO OVER EUR 1.4 BILLION
# ORDER BACKLOG OF EUR 9 BILLION
# NEW CONTRACTS OF OVER EUR 1.9 BILLION

For the first nine months of 2009:

- *Marked increase in total revenues to over EUR 1.4 billion (+29%)*
- *EBITDA: +27.8% to EUR 156.2 million*
- *EBIT: +29.9% to EUR 120.1 million*
- *EBIT margin of 8.6%*
- *Net profit to EUR 41.1 million (+27.6%)*

For Q3 2009:

- *Total revenues (+24.9%) of EUR 477.7 million*
- *Net profit (+40.1%) of EUR 15.5 million*
- *Order backlog of EUR 9 billion with over EUR 1.9 billion of new contracts*
- *Net financial indebtedness held steady at EUR 490 million despite investments of USD 50 million in the concessions sector during the quarter*

*Rome, 10 November 2009* - The Board of Directors of Astaldi S.p.A., chaired by Vittorio Di Paola, met today to approve the consolidated results of Astaldi Group at 30 September 2009. The figures for the quarter confirm the growth already seen during the first part of the year which was strengthened by the positive trend in activities in both Italy and abroad during the third quarter.

Stefano Cerri, the company's CEO, commented: "*The Group's commercial success of recent years as well as its entry into the sector of renewable energy production plant concessions have lent a major boost to the planned growth. The Group has further improved its industrial performance during the period in question driving for very positive end-of-year results for 2009 that are set to surpass forecasts".*

Consolidated economic results at 30 September 2009

A marked increase in the Group's operations during the first nine months of 2009 was confirmed, providing further proof of the capacity to convert the great potential of its order backlog into important economic results. Despite the problematic situation of the international economy, the positive trend in activities both in Italy and abroad continued allowing for the Group to show profitability levels that prove extremely attractive when compared to the average results achieved by its main European competitors.

Total revenues amounted to EUR 1.4 billion (EUR 1.1 billion at 30 September 2008) showing a year-on-year increase of 29% and hence in excess of forecasts (15-20%). Operating revenues totalled EUR 1.348 billion (+29.5% compared to EUR 1 billion at 30 September 2008); other operating revenues increased to EUR 53.7 million (+17.5% compared to EUR 45.7 million for the first nine months of 2008). These figures, however, do not include the revenues from the concession activities as the accounting standards adopted do not make visible in the revenue structure the contribution from this unit. As a pro-forma, Astaldi's share of total revenues from the management of car parks and of the Mestre Hospital for the first nine months of 2009 would amount to EUR 12 million.

The revenue structure confirms a suitable geographical diversification of activities. Italy accounts for 45.6% of operating revenues: the Group's involvement solely in projects for which there is a strong commitment and widespread consent on the part of relevant administrations is all-important in order to achieve said result, thus confirming the importance said projects have in local and national development policies. An extremely positive trend was seen in the transport infrastructures sector (Bologna Centrale High-Speed Railway Station, Turin rail junction, Line 5 of the Milan underground, Line 6 of the Naples underground); works on Line C of the Rome underground and the Catanzaro lot of the Jonica National Road (DG21) also went ahead as planned. While works on the second lot of the Jonica National Road (DG22 in the Siderno area) also recommenced: indeed a contract change was approved in September which makes approximately 80% of the contract able to be performed immediately. Major focus, including from a legal-administrative viewpoint, was also lent to the problems regarding the Police Officers' Academy ("Scuola dei Brigadieri e dei Marescialli dei Carabinieri") in Florence (problems regarding funding by the client which had resulted in a complete interruption of works) the New Hospital in Naples ("Ospedale del Mare") (problems of a technical and economic nature) and the Brescia underground for which a positive solution is being reached by the parties involved.

While as regards foreign operations (54.4% of operating revenues), mention must be made of the positive trend recorded for Venezuela (railways), Romania (railways, airports), Turkey (undergrounds, bridges), the Middle East (industrial construction) and Algeria (railways). As regards the activities performed, the management continues to focus major attention on the level of capital invested in each area, with the aim of ensuring suitable matching of the risk-return profile linked to the individual projects.

Transport infrastructures confirmed its role as the key sector for the Group's operations (79.3% of operating revenues), thanks to the contribution of railways and undergrounds. There was a temporary drop in the contribution of hydraulic works and energy production plants (7.9% of operating revenues), which do still not include the hydroelectric plant contracts recently secured in America. Civil and industrial construction (12.8% of operating revenues) benefitted from progress made on the QATALUM project in Qatar.

| *Composition of operating revenues by geographical area (€/000,000)* | 30 Sept 2009 | % | 30 Sept 2008 | % |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Italy | 615 | 45.6% | 536 | 51.5% |
| Abroad | 733 | 54.4% | 505 | 48.5% |
| *Europe* | *168* | *12.5%* | *130* | *12.5%* |
| *America* | *376* | *27.9%* | *208* | *20.0%* |
| *Asia* | *95* | *7.0%* | *46* | *4.4%* |
| *Africa* | *94* | *7.0%* | *121* | *11.6%* |
| TOTAL Operating revenues | 1,348 | 100.0% | 1,041 | 100.0% |

| *Composition of operating revenues by sector (€/000,000)* | 30 Sept 2009 | % | 30 Sept 2008 | % |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Transport infrastructures | 1,069 | 79.3% | 777 | 74.6% |
| *Roads and motorways* | *224* | | *239* | |
| *Railways and undergrounds* | *825* | | *509* | |
| *Ports and airports* | *20* | | *29* | |
| Hydraulic works and energy production plants | 106 | 7.9% | 120 | 11.5% |
| Civil and industrial construction | 173 | 12.8% | 144 | 13.8% |
| TOTAL Operating revenues | 1,348 | 100.0% | 1,041 | 100.0% |

The cost structure reflects the increase in revenues and the order backlog's focus on general contracting projects or projects involving the railways and undergrounds sector. The cost of production, equal to EUR 1,048.3 million (74.8% of total revenues) increased by 33% year-on-year (EUR 788.1 million at 30 September 2008); personnel costs amounted to EUR 176.7 million (12.6% of total revenues) with a more limited increase of 13.1% (EUR 156.1 million in the first nine months of 2008). Indeed, costs increased as a result of greater production levels and, at the same time, their structure was affected by greater direct production costs linked to the increasing share of projects performed by joint ventures among the backlog

Earnings settled at high levels: EBITDA amounted to EUR 156.2 million (+27.8%, EUR 122.2 million at 30 September 2008), with an EBITDA margin of 11.1%; EBIT amounted to EUR 120.1 million, up by 29.9% (EUR 92.5 million for the first nine months of 2008), with an EBIT margin that increased to 8.6%.

Financial charges were affected by the increase in production volumes and greater focus on contracts with a high technological and financial content. They totalled EUR 52.4 million (EUR 38 million during the first nine months of 2008), highlighting dynamics for the period in question that are in keeping with the slight drop expected during the last part of the year.

Net profit amounted to EUR 41.1 million, up by 27.6% (EUR 32.2 million at the end of September 2008), with a net margin of 2.9% and a tax rate of 38% at 30 September 2009.

Consolidated equity and financial results at 30 September 2009

The figures for the first nine months of 2009 show how the equilibrium guaranteed for the Group's growth did not upset the consolidated equity and financial structure which, even if placed under stress by the major boost given to growth, was able to support a level of operations in excess of the planned level.

It is important to point out that the figures for the period include, inter alia, the boost given to the investment programme in the concession sector with the Group's entry into the renewable energy sector as a result of the agreement between Astaldi and Pacific Hydro regarding management of use of the Cachapoal Valley river water in Chile. Indeed, the quarter saw the start of the investment related to construction of the Chacayes hydroelectric plant in Chile for which an equity of USD 63 million is expected as regards Astaldi's stake, USD 50 million of which during Q3 2009.

Net fixed assets increased to EUR 436.7 million (EUR 355.6 million at the end of 2008), mainly for project finance investments and the speeding up of new contracts, especially foreign contracts.

Working capital increased to EUR 442.7 million (EUR 403.1 million at the end of 2008) showing a virtuous trend in comparison to the increase in revenues. It is important to note that investments made during the period to start up secured contracts are suitably covered by advances recorded during the same period which increased by approximately EUR 44.5 million.

Consequently, net invested capital increased to EUR 848.1 million (EUR 727.2 million at the end of 2008), showing the combined effect of the increase in production levels and the virtuous working capital dynamics, thus proving the Group's committment to effectively manage leverage in order to maintain a well balanced financial structure.

Equity stood at EUR 352.5 million (EUR 331.9 million at the end of 2008)..

| | Consolidated net financial position (€/000) | | 30/09/09 | 30/06/09 | 31/03/09 | 31/12/08 | 30/09/08 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| A | Cash and cash equivalents | | 374,320 | 259,970 | 285,793 | 333,759 | 319,516 |
| B | Securities held for trading | | 4,168 | 4,154 | 5,718 | 4,901 | 5,810 |
| C | Available funds | (A+B) | 378,489 | 264,124 | 291,511 | 338,660 | 325,326 |
| D | Financial receivables | | 18,700 | 27,097 | 21,091 | 19,769 | 13,816 |
| E | Current bank payables | | (307,916) | (277,261) | (281,405) | (241,987) | (176,863) |
| F | Current share of non-current indebtedness | | (14,872) | (1,123) | (15,416) | (22,536) | (74,931) |
| G | Other current financial payables | | (6,105) | (6,767) | (7,660) | (10,925) | (9,751) |
| H | Current financial indebtedness | (E+F+G) | (328,894) | (285,151) | (304,482) | (275,448) | (261,544) |
| I | Net current financial indebtedness | (H+D+C) | 68,295 | 6,070 | 8,120 | 82,981 | 77,597 |
| J | Non-current bank payables | | (552,352) | (492,805) | (458,817) | (465,071) | (539,947) |
| K | Other non-current payables | | (11,464) | (12,180) | (13,302) | (13,237) | (13,970) |
| L | Non-current financial indebtedness | (K+J) | (563,817) | (504,985) | (472,119) | (478,308) | (553,916) |
| M | Net financial indebtedness | (L+I) | (495,521) | (498,915) | (463,999) | (395,327) | (476,319) |
| | Treasury shares on hand | | 5,134 | 5,197 | 5,905 | 5,655 | 4,858 |
| | Total net financial position | | (490,388) | (493,718) | (458,093) | (389,672) | (471,461) |
| | *Debt/Equity ratio* | | *1.39* | *1.46* | *1.36* | *1.17* | *1.40* |
| | *Corporate Debt/Equity ratio (*)* | | *1.07* | *1.20* | *1.20* | *1.01* | *1.22* |

*(*) The Corporate debt/equity ratio is calculated by excluding the share of debt related to project finance initiatives*

The **net financial position** at 30 September 2009, excluding treasury shares, amounted to **EUR (490.4) million** showing an increase compared to the end of 2008, but an increase whose dynamics were widely forecast in consideration of the performance of contracts that, from a financial viewpoint, have their own cyclical nature.

The quarter's financial performance was especially positive insofar as it shows a substantial stability of indebtedness compared to June 2009 thanks to the excellent trend in cash flow from operations and the Group's consequent ability to support its entry into the hydroelectric concessions sector. The combined effect of these two events resulted in an acceleration of the growth in activities with targets set for the following year being reached a year earlier. Therefore, current levels of total indebtedness should not differ significantly from the end-of-year forecasts.

The debt structure, in keeping with the results seen at the end of last year, confirmed its focus on the medium-long term, with the first important repayment scheduled for 2013.

The debt/equity ratio stood at 1.39. While the corporate debt/equity ratio (calculated by excluding the share of indebtedness related to concessions/project finance initiatives insofar as self-liquidating), stood at 1.07 against a share of indebtedness for project finance initiatives equal to approximately EUR 115 million related to equity paid into hospital and underground initiatives, construction costs for car parks under concession as well as the share of equity, equal to over USD 50 million, paid during Q3 in relation to the concession project involving the Chacayes hydroelectric plant in Chile; the share of total investment to be paid by the end of the year in relation to this project amounts to approximately USD 63 million.

## Consolidated results of Q3 2009

The third quarter of 2009 supported and confirmed the growth in the Group's activities seen as from the first half of the year, reaching levels of earnings in excess of forecasts.

Total revenues amounted to EUR 477.7 million (+24.9% year-on-year, EUR 382.3 million in Q3 2008), with operating revenues of EUR 463.3 million (+25.7%) and other operating revenues of EUR 14.3 million (+3.7%).

Even given the increase in production levels, the incidence of the cost of production on total revenues remained steady compared to Q3 2008. Direct production costs totalled EUR 353 million, equal to 73.9% of total revenues (+25.2% compared to EUR 281.9 million in Q3 2008); personnel costs amounted to EUR 57.6 million and accounted for 12.1% of total revenues (+11.1%, EUR 51.8 million in Q3 2008).

The increase in return on investment seen during the first nine months of the year was also confirmed for Q3 2009. EBITDA amounted to EUR 53.9 million (+28.1%, EUR 42.1 million in Q3 2008) and the EBITDA margin increased to 11.3%. EBIT totalled EUR 42 million (+31.5%, EUR 31.9 million in Q3 2008), with an EBIT margin of 8.8%.

Note must be taken of the lower incidence of financial charges recorded during the quarter with said charges standing at EUR 16.7 million (3.5% of total revenues compared to 4.4% recorded in Q3 2008). This figure is to be interpreted as confirmation of the partial drop forecast in this income statement item for the last part of 2009.

The Group's net profit amounted to EUR 15.5 million (+40.1%, EUR 11.1 million in Q3 2008), with a growth in the net margin to 3.2% (2.8% in the same period of 2008).

Lastly, note must be taken of the fact that the quarter recorded an extremely positive result from an equity and financial viewpoint, generating a cash flow of approximately EUR 40 million which made it possible to offset the investment of USD 50 million for the concession project regarding the Chacayes hydroelectric plant in Chile.

## Order backlog at 30 September 2009

Considerable success was also recorded from a commercial viewpoint, with **over EUR 1.9 billion of new contracts** which corresponded to the opening up of 3 new markets (Poland, Chile and Peru) and **consolidation of the Group's role in areas where it is traditionally present** (Italy, Algeria, Romania, Venezuela, Turkey).

The consolidated order backlog at 30 September 2009 amounted to EUR 9 billion, EUR 6.5 billion of which related to the construction sector and mainly to general contracting projects, and EUR 2.5 billion to the concessions/project finance sector. Said figures include new contracts totalling over EUR 1.9 billion, mainly referring to Latin America (including Chile and Venezuela), Eastern Europe (Romania, Poland), Turkey and the Middle East and to new contracts in the transport infrastructures and renewable energy sectors as well as increases in the contractual values of projects already in progress (transport infrastructures, hydraulic works).

The backlog's overall structure is in keeping with the commercial development policy confirmed in May during approval of the Group's 2009-2013 Business Plan. 52% of activities, including concession activities, are performed in Italy; the remaining 48% abroad, mainly in Latin America, Europe and Algeria. Construction activities account for 72% of the total backlog: transport infrastructures are the key sector for the Group's operations (62% of the total backlog), followed by an important contribution from civil and industrial construction (5%) and energy production plants (5%). The concessions sector (28%) benefitted from the Group's entry into the renewable energy sector, serving to complement activities already developed in relation to urban transport infrastructures, healthcare construction and car parks. While a total sum of approximately EUR 8 billion, regarding contracts for which the Group finds itself in an advanced stage as regards acquisition, is still waiting to be included among order backlog figures. Said initiatives include, as regards the concessions sector, the contract concerning the Istanbul-Izmir motorway in Turkey (the contract for which was preliminarily assigned in July) and the contract for the Ancona Port road link and surrounding road network (which sees Astaldi as sponsor, pending finalisation of the award procedure).

| *Order backlog by geographical area (€/000,000)* | At 01/01/2009 | Increases | Decreases for production | At 30/09/2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Italy | 5,111 | 163 | (615) | 4,659 |
| Abroad | 3,346 | 1,741 | (733) | 4,354 |
| Europe | 930 | 814 | (168) | 1,576 |
| America | 1,658 | 829 | (376) | 2,111 |
| Africa | 706 | 50 | (94) | 662 |
| Asia | 52 | 48 | (95) | 5 |
| TOTAL Order backlog | 8,457 | 1,904 | (1,348) | 9,013 |

| *Order backlog by sector (€/000,000)* | At 01/01/2009 | Increases | Decreases for production | At 30/09/2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Transport infrastructures, of which: | 5,291 | 1,285 | (1,069) | 5,507 |
| *Railways and undergrounds* | *3,892* | *781* | *(825)* | *3,848* |
| *Roads and motorways* | *1,264* | *434* | *(224)* | *1,474* |
| *Airports and ports* | *135* | *71* | *(20)* | *186* |
| Hydraulic works and energy production plants | 502 | 217 | (106) | 613 |
| Civil and industrial construction | 545 | 52 | (173) | 424 |
| Concessions | 2,119 | 350 | 0 | 2.469 |
| TOTAL Order backlog | 8,457 | 1,904 | (1,348) | 9,013 |

## Forecast trend of operations

The successes recorded during the period, both at a commercial level (opening of 3 new markets: Poland, Chile and Peru) and an operating level, confirm the growth forecasts and strategies outlined for the coming years.

An additional boost to growth may come from the concessions sector itself, in relation to which the setting up of a dedicated facility within the Astaldi Group is currently being examined, with the aim of bringing out and maximising the intrinsic value of assets related to this area of activity. The management will communicate the details regarding the new concession structure in the near future.

Therefore, in light of the above, it is possible to envisage for the end of the year an increase in revenues, EBIT and net profit in excess of forecasts.

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*The Executive appointed to draft corporate accounts, Paolo Citterio, Astaldi's General Manager – Administration and Finance, hereby declares, pursuant to paragraph 2 of Art. 154-bis of the Finance Consolidation Act 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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# Attachments

## Reclassified consolidated income statement

| *Euro'000* | 30/09/09 | % | 30/09/08 | % | Q3 2009 | % | Q3 2009 | % |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Revenues | 1,348,081 | 96.2% | 1,041,263 | 95.8% | 463,334 | 97.0% | 368,494 | 96.4% |
| Other revenues | 53,691 | 3.8% | 45,704 | 4.2% | 14,329 | 3.0% | 13,818 | 3.6% |
| Total revenues | 1,401,772 | 100.0% | 1,086,967 | 100.0% | 477,663 | 100.0% | 382,312 | 100.0% |
| Costs of production | (1,048,355) | -74.8% | (788,095) | -72.5% | (353,048) | -73.9% | (281,905) | -73.7% |
| Added value | 353,417 | 25.2% | 298,871 | 27.5% | 124,615 | 26.1% | 100,407 | 26.3% |
| Labour costs | (176,664) | -12.6% | (156,136) | -14.4% | (57,577) | -12.1% | (51,814) | -13.6% |
| Other operating costs | (20,567) | -1.5% | (20,538) | -1.9% | (13,097) | -2.7% | (6,480) | -1.7% |
| EBITDA | 156,186 | 11.1% | 122,197 | 11.2% | 53,940 | 11.3% | 42,113 | 11.0% |
| Amortization and depreciation | (32,963) | -2.4% | (29,920) | -2.8% | (11,614) | -2.4% | (10,341) | -2.7% |
| Provisions | (973) | -0.1% | (382) | 0.0% | 248 | 0.1% | | 0.0% |
| Write-downs | (3,000) | -0.2% | | 0.0% | (1,000) | -0.2% | | 0.0% |
| (Capitalization of internal construction costs) | 838 | 0.1% | 566 | 0.1% | 431 | 0.1% | 174 | 0.0% |
| EBIT | 120,088 | 8.6% | 92,460 | 8.5% | 42,005 | 8.8% | 31,946 | 8.4% |
| Net financial charges | (52,360) | -3.7% | (38,017) | -3.5% | (16,691) | -3.5% | (16,644) | -4.4% |
| Effects of evaluation of shareholdings at equity method | 1,356 | 0.1% | (650) | -0.1% | 1,492 | 0.3% | (968) | -0.3% |
| Pre-tax profit / (loss) | 69,084 | 4.9% | 53,794 | 4.9% | 26,806 | 5.6% | 14,334 | 3.7% |
| Taxes | (26,252) | -1.9% | (18,559) | -1.7% | (10,149) | -2.1% | (3,170) | -0.8% |
| Profit (loss) for the period | 42,832 | 3.1% | 35,235 | 3.2% | 16,658 | 3.5% | 11,164 | 2.9% |
| Mynority (profit)/loss | (1,761) | -0.1% | (3,040) | -0.3% | (1,156) | -0.2% | (97) | 0.0% |
| Group net income | 41,071 | 2.9% | 32,195 | 3.0% | 15,502 | 3.2% | 11,067 | 2.9% |

## Reclassified consolidated balance sheet

| *Euro/000* | September 30, 2009 | December 31, 2008 | September 30, 2008 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Intangible fixed assets | 3,480 | 3,711 | 3,754 |
| Tangible fixed assets | 310,295 | 272,198 | 267,002 |
| Investments | 92,555 | 53,252 | 56,827 |
| Other net fixed assets | 30,354 | 26,433 | 28,056 |
| TOTAL Fixed assets (A) | 436,683 | 355,594 | 355,639 |
| Inventories | 103,707 | 108,092 | 108,320 |
| Contracts in progress | 672,046 | 584,993 | 643,692 |
| Trade receivables | 34,356 | 34,984 | 33,962 |
| Accounts receivables | 654,256 | 481,781 | 454,927 |
| Other assets | 163,780 | 205,981 | 194,004 |
| Tax receivables | 86,709 | 89,138 | 87,684 |
| Advances from clients | (396,047) | (351,544) | (299,826) |
| Subtotal | 1,318,805 | 1,153,425 | 1,222,764 |
| Trade payables | (90,435) | (66,676) | (82,892) |
| Payables to suppliers | (518,031) | (480,033) | (459,124) |
| Other liabilities | (267,615) | (203,642) | (189,300) |
| Subtotal | (876,081) | (750,350) | (731,316) |
| Working capital (B) | 442,724 | 403,074 | 491,448 |
| Employee benefits | (9,649) | (10,314) | (10,244) |
| Provisions for non-current risks and charges | (21,690) | (21,153) | (24,277) |
| Total funds (C) | (31,339) | (31,467) | (34,521) |
| Net invested capital ( D ) = ( A ) + ( B ) + ( C ) | 848,069 | 727,201 | 812,566 |
| Cash and cash equivalents | 374,320 | 333,759 | 319,516 |
| Current financial receivables | 16,278 | 17,346 | 11,393 |
| Non-current financial receivables | 2,423 | 2,423 | 2,423 |
| Securities | 4,168 | 4,901 | 5,810 |
| Current financial liabilities | (328,894) | (275,448) | (261,544) |
| Non-current financial liabilities | (563,817) | (478,308) | (553,916) |
| Net financial payables / receivables ( E ) | (495,521) | (395,327) | (476,319) |
| Group equity | (345,692) | (325,327) | (329,519) |
| Minority equity | (6,856) | (6,547) | (6,728) |
| Group net equity ( G ) = ( D ) - ( E ) | 352,547 | 331,874 | 336,247 |