

## ASTALDI, EUR 325 MILLION LOAN EXTENDED TO 2016

## Renewal of loan facility that guarantees the Group's planned growth

*Rome, 2 December 2011* – Today Astaldi has signed a forward-start agreement to lengthen the maturity date of its existing long-term EUR 325 million loan facility from April 2013 to December 2016. The transaction is aimed at guaranteeing the financing of investments which ensure Group's planned growth targets for the next five years. Furthermore, the transaction provides the Group with a greater flexibility in its financial structure.

The agreement envisages a new EUR 325 million long-term revolving credit facility aimed at guaranteeing the financial resources needed to support both the planned investments for the next five years and the acceleration of activities in the Group's construction and concessions sectors in relation to transport infrastructure, healthcare and renewable energy projects.

"We are extremely pleased with the success of this transaction – reported Stefano Cerri, Astaldi Group's Chief Executive Officer – since it allows us to pursue the planned expansion of the Group's activities, without challenging the basic assumptions of our business plan. Despite the critical situation of financial markets, the financing has been completed at conditions which confirm the financial institutions' support and trust in our development plans".

The financing was supported by a pool of national and international banks. BIIS (Banca Infrastrutture Innovazione e Sviluppo – Gruppo Intesa San Paolo), BNP Paribas, The Royal Bank of Scotland and Unicredit acted as Bookrunners and Mandated Lead Arrangers.

ASTALDI GROUP is the leading General Contractor in Italy whose activities include the design, construction and management of public infrastructures and major civil engineering works.

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Listed on the Stock Exchange since 2002, it ended 2010 with an order backlog of EUR 9 billion and turnover in excess of EUR 2 billion which put it in 93<sup>rd</sup> position in ENR's list of 2011 Top Global Contractors.

It currently avails itself of the services of approximately 8,000 employees, working in 24 countries worldwide: Italy, Algeria, Chile, Poland, Romania, Turkey, USA, Venezuela are the markets where traditionally present. Interesting projects are currently underway in Saudi Arabia, Bolivia, Bulgaria, Costa Rica, El Salvador, United Arab Emirates, Honduras, Nicaragua, Oman, Peru, Russia and Qatar; Brazil, Canada and India represent additional areas of interest.

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