

## Astaldi strengthens its role in the Highways sector in Italy

Rome, 24 April 2012 – Astaldi Group, in agreement with other private shareholders of A4 Holding S.p.A., the company holding the whole share capital of the motorway concessionaire of the Brescia-Padova motorway (A4), has signed an agreement aimed at bringing together all shareholdings in A4 Holding into a single special purpose vehicle (SPV). Upon completion of said transaction, the SPV will control the absolute majority of A4 Holding, helping it to refocus and further develop its activities in the motorway concessions sector.

In this context, Astaldi has increased its stake in A4 Holding S.p.A. from 9.12% to 14.96%; said increase is the result of exercise of the right of pre-emption on shares in the company put up for sale by the Municipalities of Padova and Vicenza for a total cost of EUR 64 million. The financial undertaking for Astaldi in this transaction amounts to EUR 19 million.

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ASTALDI GROUP is the leading General Contractor in Italy, working in the design, construction and management of public infrastructures and large-scale civil engineering works. It has been listed on the Italian Stock Exchange since 2002 and holds 93rd position in ENR's 2011 list of Top Global Contractors.

ASTALDI GROUP ended 2011 with an order backlog of over EUR 10 billion, a turnover of EUR 2.4 billion, EBITDA of EUR 259.4 million, EBIT of EUR 200.7 million and net profit of EUR 71.2 million; net financial debt for the year, excluding treasury shares, amounted to EUR 479.7 million.

At the current time, it avails itself of the services of over 9,100 employees working in 25 countries worldwide: Italy, Algeria, Chile, Poland, Romania, Turkey, USA and Venezuela, are the markets where traditionally active; interesting activities are in progress in Saudi Arabia, Bolivia, Canada, Costa Rica, El Salvador, United Arab Emirates, Honduras, Nicaragua, Oman, Peru, Russia and Qatar.

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