

## Antitrust Authority

**The Antitrust Authority (“AGCM”) with its measure dated 26 April 2006, published on 19 May 2006, at the close of the proceedings I/603 opened on 24 March 2004 and extended on 1 July 2004, resolved that nine companies active in the production and distribution of technical gases, SOL S.p.A. included, entered into an agreement which restricts competition.**

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SOL S.p.A. was fined €6.8 million by AGCM.

SOL S.p.A. disputed and disputes the conclusions of the proceedings, and declares as of now that it shall challenge the AGCM measures in the relevant offices, certain of being able to prove its non-involvement.

Monza, May 20, 2006