

Caltagirone Editore: Shareholders' Meeting approves 2006 financial statements

- Dividend approved of Euro 0.20 per share

Rome, April 23rd, 2006 – The annual Shareholders' Meeting of Caltagirone Editore was held today under the chairmanship of Mr. Francesco Gaetano Caltagirone.

The Shareholders' Meeting approved the financial statements for the year ended December 31st, 2006. The Group reported growth in revenues of 10% to Euro 304.7 million and a net profit of Euro 32.1 million, compared to Euro 94.3 million in the previous year, which had benefited from the gains realised on the sale of the shares held in RCS and Banca Nazionale del Lavoro for Euro 59.1 million.

On the proposal of the Board of Directors, a dividend was approved for the year 2006 of Euro 0.20 per share. The dividend will be paid on May 24th, 2007 and the ex dividend date is May 21st, 2007 (coupon No. 7).

With the acquisition of *Il Gazzettino*, in July 2006, Caltagirone Editore is the second largest newspaper group in Italy with a daily readership of 5.3 million and a market share of approximately 23.9%, excluding financial and sport daily newspapers, and including the free press. All of the Group newspapers maintained their leadership positions in their respective markets: **Il Messaggero** is leader in Lazio with 44.6% of the readership, **Il Mattino** in Campania with 48%, **Corriere Adriatico** in Marche with 44.9%, **Nuovo Quotidiano di Puglia** in Salento with 39.7% and **Gazzettino** in Veneto with 29.5%, while **Leggo** is the national leader in the free press sector with a daily readership of over 2 million, as certified by Audipress.

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