

HALF-YEAR REPORT June 30<sup>th</sup> 2009



# **Corporate Boards**

# **Board of Directors**

Chairman	Francesco Gaetano Caltagirone
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Chairman	Raul Bardelli
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# INTERIM DIRECTORS' REPORT ON OPERATIONS

## **INTRODUCTION**

The present interim report refers to the condensed consolidated half-year financial statements at June 30<sup>th</sup> 2009 prepared in accordance with article 154, paragraph 3 of Legislative Decree 58/1998 as supplemented and the criteria established by IAS 34 in relation to interim financial reporting.

## **OPERATIONAL OVERVIEW**

Caltagiorne Editore Group reported sales of Euro 128.05 million in the first half of 2009, a decrease of 17.6% on Euro 155.4 million in the same period of the previous year.

The Ebitda was Euro 2.95 million (Euro 22.7 million in 1H2008).

The Ebitda margin on revenues was 2.3% (14.6% in the first half of 2008).

The significant decrease in revenues and Ebitda are principally due to the sharp reduction in advertising revenues following the financial and economic crisis that hit the western economies.

The Caltagirone Editore Group, in order to offset the drop in revenues from the fall-off in advertising and the difficulties presented by the macroeconomic situation, is rolling out a rationalisation and cost containment restructuring programme which extends also to personnel. Agreements were therefore reached with the respective Trade Union organisations relating to reducing the workforces of II Gazzettino, II Mattino and Concessionaria di Pubblicità Piemme, while the procedure is in the conclusion phase for II Messaggero.

The key financial results compared to the first half of 2008 are shown below:

Caltagirone Editore SpA



in thousands of Euro

INCOME STATEMENT	1H2009	1H2008	Changes%
VALUE OF PRODUCTION	128,054	155,386	-17.6%
CIRCULATION REVENUES	40,868	43,173	-5.3%
PROMOTIONS REVENUES	2,687	4,399	-38.9%
ADVERTISING REVENUES	80,749	104,096	-22.4%
OTHER INCOME AND REVENUES	3,750	3,718	0.9%
COSTS OF PRODUCTION	(125,105)	(132,624)	-4.5%
RAW MATERIALS, SUPPLIES & CONSUMABLE STORES	(16,663)	(18,720)	-11.0%
LABOUR COSTS	(55,096)	(56,630)	-2.7%
SERVICES	(46,011)	(49,547)	-7.1%
RENT, LEASES & SIMILAR COSTS	(4,772)	(4,987)	-4.3%
OTHER CHARGES	(1,655)	(1,864)	-11.2%
OTHER OPERATING CHARGES	(908)	(876)	3.7%
EBITDA	2,949	22,762	-87.0%
AMORTISATION, DEPREC. & WRITE-DOWNS	(9,070)	(6,960)	30.3%
EBIT	(6,121)	15,802	-138.7%
SHARE OF COMPANIES VALUED AT EQUITY	(6,858)	992	NA
FINANCIAL INCOME	6,040	9,771	-38.2%
FINANCIAL CHARGES	(14,285)	(6,286)	127.3%
FINANCIAL RESULT	(8,245)	3,485	-336.6%
PROFIT (LOSS) BEFORE TAX	(21,224)	20,279	-204.7%
INCOME TAXES	2,175	(8,744)	-124.9%
NET PROFIT (LOSS)	(19,049)	11,535	-265.1%
MINORITY INTEREST PROFIT	227	(41)	Na
GROUP NET PROFIT (LOSS)	(18,822)	11,494	Na



The reduction in Operating Revenues is due to the contraction in all of the principal revenue lines. The decrease in advertising revenues was particularly significant, dropping 22.4% on the first half of 2008 following the continuance of the domestic and international economic crisis which has sharply hit consumption. Circulation and promotions revenues also decreased, by 5.3% and 38.9% respectively. Revenues from promotional products sold with the group's newspapers recorded a significant decrease also due to the reduced demand for these products. The fall in circulation revenues is also due to the growing market share of the free newspapers and online reading of daily newspapers.

The cost of raw materials decreased by 11.0% principally due to the lower quantities utilised in the production process following the fall in advertising space sold and the decrease in circulation revenues.

Labour costs decreased on the same period of the previous year by approx. 2.7% - showing the first effects of the restructuring begun in recent periods.

Service costs decreased principally due to the reduction in revenues and the lower number of promotional products offered. The decrease in costs relating to these products was Euro 1.4 million on lower revenues of Euro 1.7 million.

The account relating to amortisation, depreciation, write downs and provisions consists of amortisation and depreciation for Euro 5.1 million, write down of receivables by the subsidiary Piemme Concessionaria di Pubblicità for approx. Euro 1.2 million, both substantially in line with the values in the first half of 2008 and provisions for risks of approx. Euro 2.8 million; this account also includes the estimated charges in relation to agreements reached with the trade unions relating to the corporate restructuring plans.

The net loss of Euro 6.8 million from the valuation of companies under the equity method mainly relates to the effect of the recording of the loss by the Caltagirone Editore Group of Euro 6.7 million sustained by the associated company Rofin 2008 S.r.l., following the sale on the market, in the first quarter of 2009, of listed shares held in portfolio at December 31<sup>st</sup> 2008.

The financial management result includes financial income of Euro 6.0 million, of which Euro 2.7 million interest income on funds held and Euro 3 million as dividends received. The decrease on the first half 2008 is due to the drop in income from liquidity held following the reduction in the market rates and the curtailed funds available due to the investments carried out in the half year. Financial charges, totalling Euro 14.3 million, include Euro 12.3 million of



a loss recorded following the sale on the market of listed shares and Euro 2 million mainly comprising interest expense.

The Group Net Cash Position at June 30<sup>th</sup> 2009 is as follows:

	in thousands of Euro	
NET CASH POSITION	30/06/09	31/12/08
CURRENT FINANCIAL ASSETS	5,582	29,711
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	286,790	308,349
NON-CURRENT FINANCIAL LIABILIITES	(45,116)	(49,061)
CURRENT FINANCIAL LIABILITIES	(21,254)	(26,446)
TOTAL	226,002	262,553

The reduction in the Net Cash Position at June 30<sup>th</sup> 2009 was principally due to the distribution of dividends for Euro 6.2 million, net investments in listed shares for Euro 22.1 million and the covering of losses of the associated company ROFIN 2008 Srl for Euro 6.8 million.

The consolidated net equity fell from Euro 822.1 million at December 31<sup>st</sup> 2008 to Euro 795.0 million at June 30<sup>th</sup> 2009, due to the losses in the first half year and the adjustments to fair value of the shareholdings.

The Balance sheet ratios are provided below:

	2009	2008
Equity Ratio (Net equity/total assets)	0.75	0.74
Liquidity Ratio (Current assets/current liabilities)	3.92	4.01
Capital Invested Ratio (Net equity/non current assets)	1.17	1.22

Despite the losses in the period, the balance sheet ratios confirm Group financial and balance sheet equilibrium, with good stability in the ratio between own funds and debt<sup>1</sup>, a

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> An optimal equity ratio is considered as between 0.5 and 1.



good capacity to meet short-term commitments through liquid funds<sup>2</sup> and finally a good equilibrium between own funds and fixed assets<sup>3</sup>.

 <sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The liquidity ratio is considered optimal when it is higher than 1.
 <sup>3</sup> The capital invested ratio is considered good when it is higher than 1.



# **GROUP ACTIVITIES IN THE FIRST HALF OF 2009**

# **1. PUBLISHING ACTIVITIES**

#### in thousands of Euro

CIRCULATION REVENUES	1H2009	1H2008	Change %
SALES OF NEWSPAPERS	40,868	43,173	-5.3%
PROMOTIONAL PRODUCTS	2,687	4,399	-38.9%
TOTAL	43,555	47,572	-8.4%

Revenues from sales, for the reasons outlined above, recorded a total decrease of 8.4% on the first half of 2008. In particular, circulation revenues of Euro 40.9 million fell by 5.3%.

In Italy, as in the other principal western economies, the newspaper market is affected by the general drop in consumption following the severe international economic crisis.

This reduction in demand has affected the entire daily newspaper market both in Italy and in the principal western economies.

Within this current environment and the increasing online publication of newspapers, the Group has continued the development and promotion of the Internet sites of its newspaper titles.

Revenues from promotional products sold together with the group's newspapers recorded a decrease, as previously described, due to the lower demand for these products and the general economic environment.



# 2. ADVERTISING REVENUES

in thousands of Euro

ADVERTISING	1H2009	1H2008	Change %
ll Messaggero	36,714	48,141	-23.7%
ll Mattino	13,197	17,761	-25.7%
Il Gazzettino	11,786	15,020	-21.5%
Leggo	11,775	14,740	-20.1%
Quotidiano di Puglia	2,943	3,732	-21.1%
Corriere Adriatico	2,667	3,112	-14.3%
Total newspapers	79,082	102,506	-22.9%
Other advertising revenues	1,667	1,590	0.5%
TOTAL	80,749	104,096	-22.4%

In the first half of 2009 Group advertising revenues decreased by 22.4% on the same period in the previous year with a slight easing of the downward trend in the last two months of the half-year. The contraction in advertising revenues has affected all daily newspapers, national and foreign. The data published by Nielsen Media Research shows daily newspaper advertising decreasing by 21.8% in the period January/May 2009 on 2008 and the free press by 27.3% with the overall advertising market shrinking 16.5%.

Other revenues principally derive from advertising on the Telefriuli television network and on specialised Internet sites and Group newspapers - these latter recording positive performances in line with the market but not contributing significantly to overall results.

# **3. OTHER ACTIVITIES**

		in thousands of Euro		
	1H2009	1H2008	Change %	
OTHER REVENUES	3,750	3,718	0.9%	

Other revenues derive from the recharging of costs, prior year income and other minor income.

# TRANSACTIONS WITH RELATED PARTIES

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The transactions with "related parties" in accordance with IAS No. 24 are disclosed in the notes to the present report. These relate to transactions carried out in the normal course of business and at normal market conditions and do not relate to extraordinary and/or atypical operations or activities not relating to the Group.

# **OTHER INFORMATION**

In June 2009, the Parent Company Caltagirone Editore purchased the remaining 15% of Quotidiano di Puglia for Euro 1.2 million.

During the period, the companies of the Caltagirone Editore Group did not carry out any research and development activity.

In accordance with that set out by paragraph 26 of the technical regulations on security, which comprise attachment B of Legislative Decree No. 196 of June 30<sup>th</sup> 2003 (code for the protection of personal data) and in compliance with law, the programmed document on security was updated. This document contained adequate information relating to the security measures adopted by the company, on the treatment of personal data, on the analysis of risks and the attribution of duties and responsibility in the treatment of data, in order to minimise the risk of destruction or loss, also accidental, of personal data, of non authorised access or of non consenting treatment and not in line with the reasons for its collection. Among the other information required by law is that the above stated document must outline the necessary measures to guarantee the completeness and the availability of the data.

During the half-year, the Parent Company did not purchase or sell treasury shares or shares in subsidiary companies, nor through trust companies.

The Parent Company is not subject to management and co-ordination pursuant to art. 2497 and subsequent of the Italian Civil Code.

At June 30<sup>th</sup> 2009, there were 1,198 employees (1,234 at December 31<sup>st</sup> 2008).

# **OUTLOOK FOR FULL YEAR 2009**

The current data available, and in consideration of the general economic outlook and consumption, indicates a performance substantially in line with the first half of 2009.

# **MANAGEMENT OF RISKS**

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The activities of the Caltagirone Editore Group are subject to various financial risks: market risks (raw materials prices and the movements in listed share prices), credit risk, exchange rate risk, interest rate risk and liquidity risk. The management of the financial risks of the Group is undertaken through organisational directives which govern the management of these risks and the control of all operations which have importance in the composition of the financial and/or commercial assets and liabilities.

The Group has not used derivative financial instruments, nor do specific financial risks exist in relation to price, credit or liquidity (other than that deriving from the operating activities).

#### Market risk (price of raw materials – paper)

The Group is exposed to fluctuations in the price of paper - the principal raw material; this risk is managed through supply contracts with Italian and foreign companies with fixed prices and quantities for a maximum period of approximately 12 months, and through procurement from suppliers based in different geographic areas in order to avoid the risks related to an excessive concentration of suppliers and to obtain the most competitively priced supplies.

#### • Price risk of the equity shareholdings

In relation to the risk of changes in the fair value of the equity shareholdings held as available for sale, the Group monitors the changes of share prices and for this reason constantly records the movements in the listed shares in portfolio. Based on this data, the investment and divestment policies of the Group are defined with the objective to optimise medium and long-term cash flows, also considering the distribution of dividends from the shares in portfolio. The investment and divestment strategies of the equity investments are also considered in relation to the diversification of risk.

The price risk is greater within the current Italian and international stock market conditions, which are undergoing strong turbulence and which have seen a reduction in the current stock market values of all of the listed companies throughout all sectors. The Group equity investments do not report any losses in value of more than 30% on the carrying value. This percentage limit was established by the Group as an accounting principle and therefore the write-down to the income statement of the equity investments



available-for-sale is carried out when the fair value is reduced on the initial carrying value by over 30% in a 12 month period.

#### Credit risk

The receivables at the end of the period are prevalently of a commercial nature, as indicated in the Notes to the consolidated half-year financial statements and to which reference should be made. In general, receivables are recorded net of any write-downs, calculated on the basis of the risk of non-fulfilment by the counterparty, determined considering the information available on the clients solvency and historical insolvency data in relation to the varying expiry dates of receivables. Historically, there are no significant situations which are particularly problematic in relation to the solvency of the clients, as the policy of the Group is only to sell to clients after a prudent evaluation of their credit capacity and therefore within the established credit limits. Finally, no significant debtor positions were recorded which would equate to an excessive concentration of credit. On this basis, the credit risk to which the Group is exposed can be considered limited.

#### Currency risk

The Group operates exclusively in the Euro area and therefore is not exposed to exchange rate risks.

#### Interest rate risk

The interest rate risk relates to an uncontrolled increase of the charges deriving from variable interest rates on medium/long-term loans of Group companies. The interest rate risk to which the Group is exposed is considered limited as the risk is principally related to medium-long term financing operations of guaranteed mortgage loans based on secured guarantees on fixed assets. For further information on financial liabilities, reference should be made to the Notes.

# Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is linked to the difficulty in obtaining funds to cover commitments at a given moment. The Caltagirone Editore Group has access to its own liquidity which is in the form of short-term deposits and therefore easily accessible and highly liquid. This risk therefore does not pertain to the Group.



#### Environment and security risk

Existing regulations and laws are rigorously applied to workplace health and security and hence govern this area of risk. The Group, in relation to workplace security and in order to protect the health of its employees, has identified risk factors which affect operational activity, the mandatory security measures for the carrying out of working activities and a programme for the prevention of risks at work.

#### **Principal uncertainties and going concern**

Further to that stated in the paragraph on business risks, the current conditions in the financial markets and the real economy do not allow accurate evaluations of the short-term outlook. This situation does not however cause concern in relation to the going concern principle in that the Group relies on its own funds and no uncertainties exist that could compromise the capacity of the Group to carry out its operating activities.

# SUBSEQUENT EVENTS TO JUNE 30<sup>TH</sup> 2009

No significant events occurred after June 30<sup>th</sup> 2009.

Rome, August 5<sup>th</sup> 2009

For the Board of Directors

The Chairman

Cav. Lav. Francesco Gaetano Caltagirone





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# **Consolidated Balance Sheet**

#### ASSETS

	Note	30/06/2009	31/12/2008
Non-current assets			
Intangible assets with definite life	1	3,173	3,401
Goodwill and other indefinite intangible assets	2	464,308	463,374
Property, plant and equipment	3	91,095	95,329
Equity investments valued at cost	4	2,486	2,486
Equity investments valued at equity	5	4,589	4,498
Equity investments and non-current securities	6	92,466	83,914
Non-current financial assets	7	27	27
Other non-current assets	8	1,234	991
Deferred tax assets	9	25,427	20,071
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS		684,805	674,091
Current assets			
Inventories	10	2,981	4,783
Trade receivables	11	79,937	87,130
Current financial assets	12	5,582	29,711
of which related parties		5,431	29,203
Tax receivables	9	900	1,627
Other current assets	13	1,796	3,126
Cash and cash equivalents	14	286,790	308,349
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		377,986	434,726
TOTAL ASSETS		1,062,791	1,108,817



LIABILITIES	Note	30/06/2009	31/12/2008
Net Equity			
Share capital		125,000	125,000
Share capital issue costs		(18,865)	(18,865)
Other reserves		707,721	726,931
Loss for the period		(18,822)	(10,985)
Group Shareholders' Equity		795,034	822,081
Minority interest shareholders' equity		3,030	2,599
TOTAL SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY	15	798,064	824,680
Liabilities			
Non-current liabilities			
Employee provisions	17	43,431	45,245
Other non-current provisions	18	8,736	8,407
Non-current financial liabilities	16	45,116	49,061
Other non-current liabilities	20	3,292	3,437
Deferred tax liabilities	9	66,244	66,240
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		166,819	172,390
Current liabilities			
Current provisions	18	6,066	4,516
Trade payables	19	33,308	40,032
Current financial liabilities	16	21,254	26,446
Current income taxes		-	-
Other current liabilities	20	37,280	40,753
CURRENT LIABILITIES		97,908	111,747
TOTAL LIABILITIES		264,727	284,137
TOTAL SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY AND LIABILITIES		1,062,791	1,108,817



# **Consolidated Income Statement**

	Note	1H2009	1 <b>H2008</b>
Revenues from sales and services Other operating revenues TOTAL REVENUES	21 22	124,304 3,750 <b>128,054</b>	151,668 3,718 <b>155,386</b>
Raw material costs Labour costs Other operating charges	23 16 24	16,663 55,096 53,346	18,720 56,630 57,274
TOTAL COSTS		125,105	132,624
EBITDA		2,949	22,762
Amortisation, depreciation & provisions Provisions Goodwill write-down Other write-downs	25 25 25 25	5,066 2,812 - 1,192	5,226 580 - 1,154
EBIT		(6,121)	15,802
Net result of the share of associates Financial income Loss on sale of listed shares Financial charges Net financial income/(charges)	26	(6,858) 6,040 12,306 1,979 (8,245)	<b>992</b> 9,771 1,860 4,426 <b>3,485</b>
PROFIT/(LOSS) BEFORE TAX		(21,224)	20,279
Income taxes for the period	9	2,175	(8,744)
PROFIT/(LOSS) FROM CONTINUING OPERATIONS		(19,049)	11,535
PROFIT (LOSS) FOR THE PERIOD		(19,049)	11,535
Profit (loss) of Parent Company shareholders Profit (loss) of minority interest shareholders		(18,822) (227)	11,494 41
Earnings (loss) per share Diluted earnings (loss) per share	27 27	(0.152) (0.152)	0.092 0.092



# Comprehensive Consolidated Income Statement

	Note	1H2009	1H2008
Gains or losses recorded through profit or loss		(19,049)	11,535
Profits (losses) from redetermination of available- for-sale financial assets Tax effect		(3,380) 930	(4,103) 1,128
Total net other profits/(losses)		(2,450)	(2,975)
Total profits/(losses)	15	(21,499)	8,560
Attributabl e to:			
Shareholders of the parent company Minority shareholders		(21,272) (227)	8,519 41



# Statement of change in consolidated shareholders' equity

	Share Capital	Quotation charges	Fair Value reserve	Other reserve s	Net profit (loss)	Group net equity	Minorit y interes t N.E.	Total net equity
Balance at January 1 <sup>st</sup> 2008	125,000	(18,865)	399	695,523	61,241	863,298	2,842	866,140
Dividends distributed					(25,000)	(25,000)	(113)	(25,113)
Retained earnings (acc. Losses)				34,757	(34,757)	0		0
Total operations with shareholders	125,000	(18,865)	399	730,280	1,484	838,298	2,729	841,027
Valuation at fair value			(2,975)			(2,975)		(2,975)
Other changes			44	(3,806)	(1,484)	(5,246)		(5,246)
Net profit					11,494	11,494	41	11,535
Balance at June 30 <sup>th</sup> 2008	125,000	(18,865)	(2,532)	726,474	11,494	841,571	2,770	844,341

Balance at January 1 <sup>st</sup> 2009	125,000	(18,865)	(1,620)	728,551	(10,985)	822,081	2,599	824,680
Dividends distributed				(6,250)		(6,250)		(6,250)
Retained earnings (acc. losses)				(10,985)	10,985	-		-
Total operations with shareholders	125,000	(18,865)	(1,620)	711,316	-	815,831	2,599	818,430
Valuation at fair value			(2,450)			(2,450)		(2,450)
Change in consolidation area				(460)		(460)	658	198
Other changes				935		935		935
Net loss					(18,822)	(18,822)	(227)	(19,049)
Balance at June 30 <sup>th</sup> 2009	125,000	(18,865)	(4,070)	711,791	(18,822)	795,034	3,030	798,064



# **Consolidated Cash Flow Statement**

in thousands of Euro		30/06/2009	30/06/2008
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS – PREVIOUS YEAR		308,349	444,146
Net profit/(loss) for the period		(19,049)	11,535
Amortisation & Depreciation	25	5,066	5,226
(Revaluations) and write-downs	25-26	1,039	1.156
Net result of the share of associates		6,858	(992)
Net financial income/(charges)		8,398	(5,346)
(Gains)/losses on disposals	26	(36)	1,856
Income taxes	9	(2,175)	8,744
Changes in employee provisions	17	(1,814)	(2,766)
Changes in current and non-current provisions	18	1,880	(593)
OPER. CASH FLOW BEFORE CHAN. IN W.CAPITAL		167	18,820
(Increase) Decrease in inventories	10	1,802	157
(Increase) Decrease in Trade receivables	11	6,078	1,954
Increase (Decrease) in Trade payables	19	(6,880)	(1,151)
Change in other current and non-current liabilities		1,957	(3,870)
Change in deferred and current income taxes		(4,918)	1,086
OPERATING CASH FLOW		(1,794)	16,996
Dividends received		911	0
Interest received		2,565	7,027
Interest paid		(1,534)	(1,855)
Income taxes paid		(1,786)	(2,108)
A) CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		(1,638)	20,060
Investments in intangible fixed assets	1-2	(1,171)	(278)
Investments in tangible fixed assets	3	(252)	(392)
Investments in equity holdings and securities	6	(42,520)	(32,280)
Sale of intangible, tangible and fin. assets		20,395	34,253
B) CASH FLOW FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		(23,548)	1,303
Change in non-current fin. assets & liabilities		(10,355)	(12,432)
Change in current fin. assets & liabilities		20,547	(41,543)
Dividends Distributed	15	(6,250)	(25,113)
Other changes		(315)	-
C) CASH FLOW FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES		3,627	(79,088)
D) Effect exc. diffs. on cash & cash equivalents		-	-
Change in net liquidity		(21,559)	(57,725)
CASH AND CASH EQUIV. – PRESENT PERIOD		286,790	386,421





# NOTES TO THE CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED HALF-YEAR FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

June 30<sup>th</sup> 2009

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#### Introduction

Caltagirone Editore SpA (Parent Company) is a limited liability company with its registered office at Rome (Italy), Via Barberini, No. 28.

At June 30<sup>th</sup> 2009, the shareholders with holdings above 2% of the share capital, as per the shareholders register, the communications received in accordance with article 120 of Legislative Decree No. 58 of 24<sup>th</sup> 1998, and other information available are:

1) Francesco Gaetano Caltagirone: 81,955,300 shares (60.76%).

This investment is held:

- Directly for 22,500,000 shares (18.0%)
- Indirectly through the Companies:
- Parted 1982 SpA (35.56%)
- Gamma Srl (7.2%)
- 2) Gaetano Caltagirone 3,000,000 shares (2.40%)
- 3) Edizione Srl 2,799,000 shares (2.24%)

Caltagirone Editore SpA is fully consolidated in the condensed consolidated half-year financial statements of the Caltagirone Group.

At the date of the preparation of the present report, the ultimate holding company was FGG SpA, due to the shares held through subsidiary companies.

The present half-year report was authorised for publication by the Board of Directors on August 5<sup>th</sup> 2009.

# Compliance with international accounting standards approved by the European Commission

The present condensed consolidated financial statements for the period ended June 30<sup>th</sup> 2009 of the Caltagirone Editore Group were prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS), International Accounting Standards (IAS) and the relative Interpretations of the International Financial Reporting Interpretations Committee (IFRIC) and of the Standing Interpretations Committee (SIC), approved by the European Commission (hereafter also "IFRS") at the above date and utilised in the consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31<sup>st</sup> 2008. In particular, the present



condensed consolidated half-year financial statements at June 30<sup>th</sup> 2009 are in accordance with article 154-ter, paragraph 3, Legislative Decree No. 58/1998 and subsequent modifications and were prepared in accordance with International Accounting Standard IAS 34 applicable for the preparation of interim accounts. These financial statements contain condensed information compared to the applicable accounting standards and must be read together with the consolidated annual accounts of the Group for the year ended December 31<sup>st</sup> 2008. As stated elsewhere, the financial statements conform with the annual Financial Statements revised following the updated version of IAS 1 – Presentation of Financial Statements (revised in 2007).

The accounting principles adopted in the preparation of the condensed consolidated halfyear financial statements are those utilised for the 2008 consolidated financial statements, to which reference should be made.

# Basis of presentation

The condensed consolidated half-year financial statements consist of the Balance Sheet, the Income Statement, the Comprehensive Income Statement, the Consolidated Cash Flow Statement, the Statement of changes in Shareholders' Equity and the Notes to the financial statements.

As already reported, with the entry into force of the new version of IAS1 (Presentation of Financial Statements) the statement of changes in shareholders' equity illustrates the operations carried out with shareholders, and the comprehensive income statement which includes all of the income and charges in the period both in the income statement and recorded directly to net equity.

The Balance Sheet is presented in a format which separates the current and non-current assets and liabilities, the Comprehensive Income Statement is classified on the basis of the nature of the costs, while the Consolidated Cash Flow statement is presented utilising the indirect method.

The comparative balance sheet shown in the notes to the financial statements relates to December 31<sup>st</sup> 2008 in order for a better comparison of the financial position, while the economic data, net equity and cash flow statement are compared with the relative data of the corresponding period of the previous year. The classification, order and nature of the accounts in the financial statements have not changed compared to those adopted for the annual accounts.

The condensed consolidated half-year financial statements are presented in Euro and the amounts are shown in thousands, except where indicated otherwise.



It is recalled that CONSOB resolution No. 15519 of July 27<sup>th</sup> 2006 requires that the above condensed consolidated half-year financial statements report, where the amounts are significant, additional sub-accounts to those already specifically required by IAS 1 and other international accounting standards in order to show the balances and transactions with related parties as well as the relative income statement accounts relating to non-recurring or unusual operations. These accounts are not reported separately in the Consolidated Cash Flow Statement as the amounts are not significant.

#### **Use of estimates**

The preparation of the condensed consolidated half-year financial statements require the Directors to apply accounting principles and methods that, in some circumstances, are based on difficulties and subjective valuations and estimates based on the historical experience and assumptions which are from time to time considered reasonable and realistic based on the relative circumstances. The application of these estimates and assumptions impact upon the amounts reported in the financial statements, such as the financial situation and balance sheet, the income statement and the cash flow statement, and on the disclosures in the notes to the accounts. The final outcome of the accounts in the financial statements, which use the above-mentioned estimates and assumptions, may differ from those reported in the financial statements due to the uncertainty which characterises the assumptions and conditions upon which the estimates are based.

The estimates and assumptions are reviewed periodically and the effects of all variations recorded in the income statement, when they relate only to that year. When the revision relates to both current and future periods (for example the revision of the useful life of fixed assets), the changes are recorded in the period in which the revision is made and in the relative future periods.

Some valuation processes, in particular the determination of any significant reduction in fixed assets, are generally made on a complete basis on the preparation of the annual accounts, when all the necessary information is available, except where there are specific indications of impairment which require an immediate valuation of any loss in value.

Similarly, the actuarial valuations necessary for the determination of the employee benefit plans based on IAS 19 are normally calculated in the preparation of the annual accounts.

Income taxes are calculated on the basis of the best estimate of the expected tax rates at consolidated level for the entire year.



# **Consolidation scope**

The consolidation scope includes the parent company and all of its subsidiaries, directly or indirectly held (hereinafter the "Group").

All the companies in which the Group has the power to determine, directly or indirectly, the financial and operating policies of an entity, so as to obtain benefits from its activities are considered as subsidiary companies. In the evaluation of control, consideration is also taken of the potential voting rights that are effectively exercisable or convertible.

The list of subsidiaries included in the consolidation scope is as follows:

	Location	30.06.2009	31.12.2008	Activities
Caltagirone Editore SpA	Rome	Parent Com.	Parent Com.	Finance
Il Messaggero SpA (1)	Rome	100%	100%	Publishing
Il Mattino SpA	Rome	100%	100%	Publishing
Piemme SpA (2)	Rome	100%	100%	Advertising
Leggo SpA	Rome	90%	90%	Publishing
Finced Srl	Rome	100%	100%	Finance
Corriere Adriatico SpA.	Ancona	100%	100%	Publishing
Quotidiano di Puglia SpA	Rome	100%	85%	Publishing
II Gazzettino SpA	Venice	98.64%	99.91%	Publishing
Centro Stampa Veneto SpA (3)	Venice	98.64%	99.91%	Publishing
Imprese Tipografiche Venete SpA (3)	Venice	98.64%	99.91%	Publishing
P.I.M. Srl <i>(3)</i>	Milan	98.64%	99.91%	Publishing
Ideco Holding S.A. (3)	Lugano	98.64%	99.91%	Finance
Telefriuli SpA <i>(4)</i>	Udine	84.85%	85.94%	Television

(1) 94.6% directly held and 5.4% through Piemme SpA.; (2) Held through Messaggero SpA.; (3) Held through II Gazzettino SpA.; (4) 86.02% held through II Gazzettino SpA.

In the first half of 2009, the remaining 15% of Quotidiano di Puglia SpA was acquired which generated a consolidation difference of Euro 936 thousand attributable to the higher value of the newspaper of Quotidiano di Puglia SpA.

In March 2009, the option on 1.27% of the share capital of II Gazzettino SpA was exercised and therefore the percentage held reached 98.64%.

#### Associated companies

The consolidation scope includes the following associated companies:



	Location	30/06/2009	31/12/2008	30/06/2008
Rofin 2008 Srl	Rome	30.00%	30.00%	30.00%
E-care SpA	Rome	24.50%	24.50%	24.50%
Editrice Telenuovo SpA	Verona	39.96%	39.96%	39.96%

Associated companies (companies in which the Group exercises a significant influence but does not control - or jointly controlled entities - the financial and operating policies) are measured under the equity method. The profits and losses pertaining to the Group are recognised in the consolidated income statement at the date when the significant influence begins and until the date of termination.

#### New accounting standards

From January 1st 2009, the following international accounting standards applicable to the Group entered into force:

## IAS 1 revised - Presentation of Financial Statements

The revised IAS 1 requires, as well as the traditional financial statements, the presentation of a "statement of comprehensive income" which shows both the results of the income statement (defined as the result of the changes generated from transactions with non shareholders) and the income statement results recorded directly to net equity (other comprehensive income). The standard allows the company to present this result in a single "comprehensive income statement" or in separate statements presented consecutively:

- a first separate statement ("income statement") which shows the profit (loss) components of the period; and
- a second statement ("comprehensive income statement recorded in the period") which, beginning with the profit (loss) in the period, includes the other comprehensive income statement components (other comprehensive income).

The Group opted for the presentation through the two separate statements called respectively the "income statement" and the "comprehensive income statement".

#### IAS 23 revised – Borrowing costs

The revised IAS 23 eliminates the option of recording immediately to the income statement borrowing costs directly attributable to the acquisition, production or construction of assets according for which a certain period of time normally passes before the assets become available for use or for sale (qualifying assets), requiring instead the capitalisation as part of the cost of the asset. The application of this standard did not have any accounting effects, in that it is not relevant to the Group.



#### IAS 38 revised - Intangible assets:

IAS 38 revised establishes the recognition to the income statement of promotional and advertising costs. In addition, it establishes in the case in which the enterprise incurs charges with future economic benefits without the recording of intangible assets, these should be recorded in the income statement when the enterprise has the right to utilise the asset, if this relates to the acquisition of assets, or in which the service is rendered, if it relates to the acquisition of services. The application of this standard did not have any accounting effects, in that these factors are not applicable to the Group.

## IFRS 8 – Operating segments

IFRS 8, which replaces IAS 14, substantially requires the identification and recording of operating segment results under the "management approach", or rather under the methodology utilised by management in the internal reporting used to evaluate the performance and allocate resources between the segments. The adoption of the new standard did not have any impact on the Group in that the manner of presentation of the results of the segment utilised previously were substantially in line with that of the new standard.

#### IFRIC 14 on IAS 19 - Limit on a defined benefit asset, minimum funding requirements

The interpretation provides general guidelines on measuring the limit established by IAS 19 for the recognition of the assets servicing the plans and provides an explanation on the accounting effects caused by the presence of a minimum funding requirement clause in the plan. The application of this standard did not have any accounting effects for the Group.

For those newly issued amendments, standards and interpretations which have not yet been approved by the European Union, but concern current or potential issues relevant to the Group, the Parent Company is evaluating the potential impact on the financial statements from their application, taking into account their efficacy.



# **ASSETS**

Historical cost	Research & devel.	Patents	Trademarks	Others	Total
01/01/2008	751	956	4,316	5,668	11,691
Increases		142	40	469	651
Decreases					-
Reclassifications		228		(81)	147
31/12/2008	751	1,326	4,356	6,056	12,489
01/01/2009	751	1,326	4,356	6,056	12,489
Increases	101		· _	,	· · ·
Decreases		48	12	164	224
	(511)				(511)
Reclassifications					-
30/06/2009	240	1,374	4,368	6,220	12,202
Amortisation and loss in value	Research & devel.	Patents	Brands	Others	Total
01/01/2008	744	904	1,641	4,717	8,006
Increases	5	149	363	565	1,082
Decreases	-				-
Reclassifications					-
31/12/2008	749	1,053	2,004	5,282	9,088
01/01/2009					
Increases	749	1,053	2,004	5,282	9,088
Decreases	1	79	165	207	452
	(511)				(511)
Reclassifications					-
30/06/2009	239	1,132	2,169	5,489	9,029
Net value					
01/01/2008	7	52	2,675	951	3,685
31/12/2008	2	273	2,352	774	3,401

# 1. Intangible assets with definite life

The amortisation rates used are shown below:

Category	Average rate
Development Costs	20.0%
Industrial patents and intel. property rights	34.3%
Trademarks, concessions and licenses	28.7%
Others	31.00%



# 2. Goodwill and other indefinite intangible assets

The indefinite intangible assets, comprising of goodwill and newspaper titles, are not amortised, but annually subject to verifications to determine the existence of any loss in value.

Historical cost	Goodwill	Newspa per titles	Total
01/01/2008	190,421	286,799	477,220
Increases	,	,	,
Decreases		(1)	(1)
Write-downs	(13,019)	( )	(13,019)
Other changes	(825)		(825)
31/12/2008	176,577	286,798	463,375
01/01/2009	176,577	286,798	463,375
Increases		936	936
Decreases		(3)	(3)
Write-downs			-
Other changes			-
30/06/2009	176,577	287,731	464,308

The table below shows the movements in the indefinite intangible assets:

The increase is due to the purchase of the remaining 15% of Quotidiano di Puglia SpA.

In thousands of Euro	Cost
Fair value of the net assets acquired	315
Goodwill	935
Price paid for the acquisitions	1,250
Cash from the companies acquired	(379)
Net cash flow deriving from the acquisitions	871

The goodwill is allocated to the following cash-generating units:

	30/06/2009	31/12/2008
II Gazzettino	87,723	87,723
II Messaggero	51,613	51,613
Piemme (Advertising agency)	27,521	27,521
II Mattino	9,720	9,720
Total	176,577	176,577

The breakdown of the balance relating to the newspaper titles is shown below:



II Messaggero S.p.A II Mattino SpA	<b>01/01/200</b> <b>8</b> 90,808 44,496	Increases	Decreases	Change in consolidation scope	Write- downs	<b>31/12/200</b> <b>8</b> 90,808 44,496
Quotidiano di Puglia SpA	26,131					26,131
Corriere Adriatico SpA Il Gazzetino S.p.A.	24,656 100,700					24,656 100,700
Other minor newspaper titles	7		(1)			6
Total	286,798	-	(1)	-	-	286,797
	01/01/200 9	Increases	Decreases	Change in consolidation	Write-	30/06/200
	9			SCODE	downs	9
II Messaggero S.p.A II Mattino SpA	90,808 44,496			scope	downs	<b>9</b> 90,808 44,496
Il Mattino SpA Quotidiano di Puglia	90,808			scope	downs	90,808
Il Mattino SpA Quotidiano di Puglia SpA Corriere Adriatico SpA Il Gazzetino S.p.A.	90,808 44,496			scope	downs	90,808 44,496
Il Mattino SpA Quotidiano di Puglia SpA Corriere Adriatico SpA	90,808 44,496 26,131 24,656		(2)	scope	downs	90,808 44,496 26,131 24,656

In the absence of indications of a loss in value of the Cash Generating Units to which the values of the newspaper titles are attributed and of the goodwill, the Group did not make an estimate of the recoverable value in the period. Therefore the last estimate remains the estimate made for the consolidated financial statements at December 31<sup>st</sup> 2008.

# 3. Property, plant and equipment

Historical cost	Land	Buildings	Plant and machinery	Commercial and industrial equipment	Other assets	Assets in progress	Total
01/01/2008	8,556	51,435	98,895	1,033	21,041	656	181,616
Increases	,	48	1157	9	599	10	1,823
Decreases			(1,091)		(457)	(7)	(1,555)
Change in							
consolidation scope Revaluations/							0
(Write-downs) Reclassifications	11	(11)	292	(1)	(435)	(640)	- (702)
		( )	-	( )	( )	(649)	(793)
31/12/2008	8,567	51,472	99,253	1,041	20,748	10	181,091
01/01/2009	8,567	51,472	99,253	1,041	20,748	10	181,091
Increases	-,	- ,	22	1-	333	67	422
Decreases			(7)	(2)	(274)		(283)
Change in					. ,		
consolidation scope							-
Revaluations/							
(Write-downs)							
Reclassifications	(127)	117	10	26		(26)	0
30/06/2009	8,440	51,589	99,278	1,065	20,807	51	181,230



Depreciation and loss in value	Land	Buildings	Plant and machinery	Commercial and industrial equipment	Other assets	Assets in progress	Total
01/01/2008							
	-	11,122	48,805	873	17,674	-	78,474
Increases							
_	-	1,678	6,255	65	1,459		9,457
Decreases	-		(1,091)		(431)	-	(1,522)
Change in							_
consolidation scope	-		_	(.)	()		0
Reclassifications			9	(1)	(655)		(647)
31/12/2008	0	12,800	53,978	937	18,047	0	85,762
01/01/2009							
	-	12,800	53,978	937	18,047	-	85,762
Increases							
	-	839	3,167	29	579		4,614
Decreases	-		(2)	(2)	(237)		(241)
Change in							
consolidation scope	-						-
Reclassifications			(2)		2		0
30/06/2009		13,639	57,141	964	18,391	0	90,135
Net value							
01/01/2008	8,556	40,313	50,090	160	3,367	656	103,142
	3,000	-,	,		.,		
31/12/2008	8,567	38,672	45,275	104	2,701	10	95,329
30/06/2009	8,440	37,950	42,137	101	2,416	51	91,095

The account "Other assets" includes, in addition to computers, servers and network appliances, leasehold improvements and restructuring relating to rented offices. Depreciation relating to leasehold improvements is calculated based on the duration of the contract which is lower than the useful life of the asset.

# 4. Equity investments valued at cost

This account has not changed compared to December 31<sup>st</sup> 2008:

Investments in subsidiary companies	Locatio n	%	01/01/2008	Increases (Decreases)	Change in consolidation area	Write-downs	31/12/2008
Noisette Lda	Madeira (Port)	99.8	5		-		5
Edime Sport Srl in	Naples	99.5					
liquidation			1			(1)	-
Total			6	-	-	(1)	5
			01/01/2009	Increases	Change in	Write-downs	30/06/2009
				(Decreases)	consolidation area		
Noisette Lda		99.8	5				5
Total			5	-	-	-	5



Equity investments in Loca other companies tion	%	01/01/2008	Increases (Decreases)	Change in consolidation area	Write-downs	31/12/2008
Euroqube	14.82	1,891			(625)	1,266
Ansa	6.71	1166			. ,	1,166
Sviluppo Quotidiani	33.34	15			(15)	-
Other minor		49				49
Total		3,121	-	-	(640)	2,481
Equity investments in other companies		01/01/2009	Increases (Decreases)	Change in consolidation area	Write-downs	30/06/2009
Euroqube	14.82	1,266				1,266
Ansa	6.71	1,166				1,166
Other minor		49				49
Total		2,481	-	-	-	2,481

The investments in other companies are recorded at purchase cost, as the fair value cannot be reliably determined, since no information on the development of the activities or a listed market price in an active market was available.

## 5. Investments in associated companies

The amount recorded of Euro 4.59 million relates for Euro 595 thousand to the company Editrice Telenuovo SpA, held 39.96% by II Gazzettino SpA, and for Euro 3.98 million to the company E-Care SpA and for Euro 19 thousand to Rofin 2008 Srl, held respectively for 24.5% and 30% by Caltagirone Editore SpA.

These investments are valued under the equity method.

The valuation under the equity method was a loss of Euro 6.9 million, due for Euro 6.7 million to the loss of Rofin 2008 Srl. Caltagirone Editore SpA holds 20% of Rofin 2008 Srl; the loss follows the losses realised by Rofin Srl from the sale of the Assicurazioni Generali SpA shares.

	01/01/2009	Purchases	Increases (Decreases) recorded to the income statement	Other movements	30/06/2009
Rofin 2008 S.r.l.	-		(6,681)	6,700	19
Total	-	-	(6,681)	6,700	19

The key half-year financial data relating to these investments is summarised below:



Investments in associated companies	Location	Share capital	Shareholders' equity June 30 <sup>th</sup> 2009	Net profit June 30 <sup>th</sup> 2009	% held
E-Care SpA	Rome	344	7,971	(388)	24.50%
TNV Editrice Telenuovo SpA	Verona	546	1,067	(38)	39.96%
ROFIN 2008 Srl	Rome	10	63	(22,269)	30.00%

# 6. Equity investments and non-current and current securities

The breakdown of the Equity investments and non-current securities is as follows:

Inv. available-for-sale	01/01/2008	Increases	(Decreases)	Valuation at fair value	31/12/2008
Generali SpA	37,510	(5,750)	-	3,322	35,082
Monte dei Paschi di Siena SpA	-	· · ·	54,330	(5,498)	48,832
Total	37,510	(5,750)	54,330	(2,176)	83,914
	01/01/2009	Increases	(Decreases)	Valuation at	30/06/2009
				fair value	
Generali SpA Monte dei Paschi di Siena SpA	35,082 48,832	44,595	(386) (32,277)	fair value (5,241) 1,861	74,050 18,416

The increase of Euro 44.60 million is due to the purchase of 3,222,000 Assicurazioni Generali SpA shares, while the decrease of Euro 386 thousand is due to the sale of 22,000 shares which incurred a loss of Euro 72 thousand.

In relation to the holding in Banca Monte dei Paschi di Siena SpA, the decrease of Euro 32.28 million relates to the sale of 16,000,000 shares; the sale generated a loss of Euro 12.20 million.

The fair value change in these investments, as per the official stock exchange prices at June 30<sup>th</sup> 2009, is recorded in a separate equity reserve, net of the relative tax effect.

#### 7. Non-current financial assets

The account, amounting to Euro 27 thousand, principally relates to receivables for deposits due within five years.

## 8. Other non-current assets



The account principally is composed of receivables for deposits for Piemme SpA (Euro 118 thousand), II Gazzettino SpA (Euro 119 thousand), II Mattino SpA (Euro 41 thousand) and Telefriuli SpA (Euro 13 thousand) and the receivable of Telefriuli SpA from the Communication Ministry for grants to local television providers under Ministerial Decree No. 378/1999 (Euro 885 thousand).

# 9. Deferred taxes, receivables for current taxes and income taxes for the period

The deferred taxes refer to temporary differences between the values recorded in the financial statements and the corresponding values recognised for tax purposes. The movements are shown below of the deferred tax assets and liabilities:

	01/01/2009	Provisions	Utilisat ions	Other changes	30/06/200 9
Deferred tax assets	20,071	6,201	(1,088)	243	25,427
Deferred tax liabilities	(66,240)	(1,117)	425	688	(66,244)
Net deferred tax liabilities	(46,169)	5,084	(663)	931	(40,817)

The change compared to the previous year is principally due to the recording of deferred tax assets on the tax losses for the period.

The other changes relate to specific fiscal calculations on the adjustments to fair value of the AFS shareholdings.

Current assets include the receivables for current taxes, which shows the net position for income taxes, represented by the payments on account and other tax credits, net of income taxes payable:

in thousands of Euro	30/06/2009	31/12/200 8
Receivables for direct taxes	2,743	2,139
Reimbursement request of direct taxes	151	151
Other receivables	766	1,168
Payables for IRES/IRAP/substitute taxes	(2,760)	(1,831)
Total	900	1,627

The income taxes for the period consist of:



Current income tax	2,246	3,181
Current income tax	2,246	3,181
Provision for deferred tax liabilities	1,117	1,140
Utilisation of deferred tax liabilities	(425)	(532)
Deferred tax charge	692	608
Recording of deferred tax asset	(6,201)	(222)
Utilisation of deferred tax assets	1,088	5,177
Deferred tax income	(5,113)	4,955
Total income taxes	(2,175)	8,744

## **10.Inventories**

The inventories at June 30<sup>th</sup> 2009 amount to Euro 2.98 million (Euro 4.78 million at December 31<sup>st</sup> 2008) and consist exclusively of raw materials, ancillary and consumables. Raw materials consist prevalently of paper and ink and relate for Euro 1.43 million to II Messaggero SpA., for Euro 693 thousand to the companies of II Gazzettino SpA, for Euro 657 thousand to II Mattino SpA, for Euro 50 thousand to Corriere Adriatico Spa and for Euro 149 thousand to Quotidiano di Puglia SpA.

The cost of inventory recorded in the income statement is Euro 1.80 million and is included in the account Raw material costs (see Note 23).

Inventories are measured at the lower of the purchase price, calculated using the weighed average cost method, and the realisable value.

There is no inventory provided as a guarantee on liabilities.

# **11. Trade receivables**

This account can be broken down as follows:

	30/06/2009	31/12/2008
Trade receivables	96,416	103,231
Provisions for doubtful debts	(17,471)	(17,091)
Trade receivables	78,945	86,140
Receivables from other Group companies	949	936
Advances to suppliers	43	54
Total trade receivables	79,937	87,130

Trade receivables principally relate to the Group advertising revenues of Piemme SpA. There are no receivables due over 12 months.


# **12. Current financial assets**

This account can be broken down as follows:

	30/06/2009	31/12/2008
Financial assets from subsidiaries	14	14
Financial assets from associated companies	5,431	29,203
Accrued interest	137	494
Total current financial assets	5,582	29,711

The decrease on December 31<sup>st</sup> 2008 relates to the receipt of part of the receivable from Rofin 2008 SrI for Euro 17.1 million, as well as the partial cancelation of the same financial receivable for Euro 6.8 million.

The accrued interest refers to the interest income matured on long-term bank deposits.

### **13. Other current assets**

This account can be broken down as follows:

	30/06/2009	31/12/2008
Receivables from employees	235	168
VAT receivables	226	962
Other receivables	636	526
Prepaid expenses	699	1,470
Total other current assets	1,796	3,126

The prepaid expenses relate to rental (Euro 26 thousand), insurance (Euro 99 thousand) and others (Euro 574 thousand).

# 14. Cash and cash equivalents

This account can be broken down as follows:





Bank and postal deposits	286,568	308,120
Cash in hand and similar	222	229
Total cash and cash equivalents	286,790	308,349

The reduction in bank deposits in the first half of 2009 is due to the distribution of dividends for approx. Euro 6 million and net investments in listed shares for Euro 22.1 million, net of Group operating activities.



## LIABILITIES

#### 15. Shareholders' equity

For the movements in the Consolidated Shareholders' Equity, reference should be made to the Financial Statements. The movements in the Shareholders' Equity accounts relate to the shareholders' meeting resolutions of April 27<sup>th</sup> 2009, as well as the valuation at fair value of the holdings in Banca Monte dei Paschi di Siena SpA and in Assicurazioni Generali SpA.

#### Share capital

The share capital amounts to Euro 125 million, consisting of 125 million ordinary shares at a nominal value of Euro 1 each. The number of ordinary shares outstanding did not change during the period.

#### **Dividends**

The dividend issued in the period was Euro 0.05 per share. This dividend was approved by the Shareholders' Meeting of April 27<sup>th</sup> 2009.

#### Other reserves

The Other Reserves includes the Share Premium Reserve of Euro 521.02 million and the Legal Reserve of the Parent Company of Euro 25 million set up in accordance with article 2430 of the Civil Code, the consolidation reserve consisting of the higher value of the Group net equity share compared to the cost of some investments, retained earnings and finally, the actuarial gains and losses deriving from the valuation of the employee leaving indemnity based on the provisions of IAS 19.

#### Fair value reserve

The fair value reserve includes all the market value changes at the reporting date of the present half-year financial statements of the investments in other companies available-for-sale until these investments are maintained in the accounts. The change in the period, amounting to Euro 2.45 million, is due to the valuation of the investment in the companies Banca Monte dei Paschi di Siena SpA and Assicurazioni Generali SpA at the official stock market price at June 30<sup>th</sup> 2009 and the reversal of the fair value reserve recorded at December 31<sup>st</sup> 2008 on the amount of the same investments sold in the first half of 2009, net of the relative tax effect.



# **16. Financial liabilities**

	30/06/2009	31/12/2008
Non-current financial liabilities		
Payables for assets in leasing	537	580
Bank payables	40,736	43,412
Other lenders	3,843	5,069
Total	45,116	49,061
Current financial liabilities		
Bank payables	14,154	18,618
Short-term portion of non-current loans	4,548	3,844
Payables for assets in leasing	127	166
Other lenders	2,425	3,818
Total	21,254	26,446

The non-current financial liabilities to banks are represented by a loan to finance the construction in 2005 of a printing centre located at Torrespaccata in Rome. The loan is at a variable interest rate (Euribor at 6 months + spread 0.5%) amounting to Euro 60 million, granted by San Paolo - IMI to the company S.E.M. SpA., incorporated in 2006 into II Messaggero SpA. The first capital repayment was made in December 2005, while the final repayment is due in June 2018. The loan is secured by a mortgage on a building owned by II Messaggero SpA for a total amount of Euro 60 million. In addition, a special privileged guarantee was given on the factory assets amounting to Euro 43.4 million.

The payables to other lenders relates to two loans provided by Mediocredito Lombardo to the Parent Company Caltagirone Editore SpA and to II Mattino SpA for Euro 11.62 million and Euro 9.81 million respectively.

For the loans to the Parent Company and II Mattino SpA, the final repayment is due in 2011. The interest rate applied on these loans is a variable Euribor at 6 months + spread 0.70%.

As guarantee on these loans, mortgages were provided on the land and buildings of the factory of II Mattino SpA at Caivano amounting to Euro 37.51 million and special privileges on the factory assets amounting to Euro 17.17 million.

### **17. Personnel**

#### Employee benefit plans



The movements in the Employee Leaving Indemnity provision were as follows:

	30/06/2009	31/12/2008
No. ( Pol. Wessel Louis Ast	45.045	40.405
Net liability at January 1 <sup>st</sup>	45,245	46,185
Current cost for the period	384	458
Interest charge (income ), net	537	1,442
Actuarial (profit)/loss	-	2,402
(Services paid)	(2,735)	(5,242)
Net liability at June 30 <sup>th</sup>	43,431	45,245

The employee leaving indemnity incorporates also the Senior Management Indemnity Provision as this provision has similar characteristics to the employee leaving indemnity provision.

The change between the liability determined at nominal value and that under IFRS was principally caused by interest rates.

### Cost and personnel numbers

	30/06/2009	30/06/2008
Salaries and wages	37,787	38,795
Social security expenses	12,431	12,752
Employee leaving indemnity prov.	384	130
Employee leaving indemnity to Complementary Fund	2,349	2,519
Pension costs	-	120
Other costs	2,145	2,314
Total personnel costs	55,096	56,630

The following table shows the average number of employees by category:

	30.06.200 9	31.12.200 8	Average 2009	Average 2008
Executives	26	27	26	27
Managers & white collar	417	413	420	421
Journalists	604	632	620	637
Print workers	151	162	154	168
Total	1,198	1,234	1,220	1,253

# **18. Provisions for risks and charges**

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	Legal disputes	Agents' indemnity	Other provisions	Total
Balance at January 1 <sup>st</sup> 2008	9,820	509	2,225	12,554
Provisions	1,740		1,593	3,333
Utilisations	(1,527)	(5)	(1,432)	(2,964)
Reclassifications	112		(112)	-
Balance at December 31 <sup>st</sup> 2008	10,145	504	2,274	12,923
of which:				
Current portion	2,496		2,020	4,516
Non-current portion	7,649	504	254	8,407
Total	10,145	504	2,274	12,923
Balance at January 1 <sup>st</sup> 2009	10,145	504	2,274	12,923
Provisions	597		2,215	2,812
Utilisations	(611)	(43)	(279)	(933)
Reclassifications	(42)		42	-
Balance at June 30 <sup>th</sup> 2009	10,089	461	4,252	14,802
of which:				
Current portion	2,859		3,207	6,066
Non-current portion	7,230	461	1,045	8,736
Total	10,089	461	4,252	14,802

The provision for legal disputes refers principally to the provisions made by the companies II Messaggero SpA, II Mattino SpA, II Gazzettino SpA and P.I.M. Pubblicità Italiana Multimediale SrI against liabilities deriving from damages requested for slander and from employees. The provision was estimated taking into account the nature of the business, based on experience in similar cases and all of the information available at the date of the preparation of the condensed consolidated half-year financial statements, considering the difficulty in estimating charges connected to each single case.

The agent's indemnity provision, which reflects the prudent increase in the risk connected to the termination of the mandate conferred to agents in accordance with law, principally refers to the company Piemme SpA.

The other provisions principally relate to II Gazzettino SpA and II Mattino SpA for the restructuring plans.

### **19. Trade payables**

	30/06/200 9	31/12/2008
Trade payables	33,110	39,909
Payables to group companies	198	123



	Total	33,308	40,032
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Trade payables principally refer to operating subsidiaries in the publishing sector II Messaggero SpA, II Mattino SpA, Piemme SpA, Leggo SpA, il Gazzettino SpA and Centro Stampa Veneto SpA and relate to the purchase of raw materials and capital expenditures. There are no payables due over 12 months.

## **20. Other Liabilities**

	30/06/2009	31/12/2008
Other non-current liabilities		
Other payables	81	85
Deferred income	3,211	3,352
Total	3,292	3,437
Other current liabilities		
Social security institutions	6,463	9,408
Employee payables	13,462	10,865
VAT payables	1,869	1,105
Payables for withholding taxes	3,735	4,474
Other payables	10,731	13,578
Accruals	811	1,241
Deferred income	209	82
Total	37,280	40,753

The other non-current liabilities include deferred income principally relating to the grants received by II Mattino SpA, in accordance with Law No. 488/1992.

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#### 21. Revenues from sales and services

	1H2009	1H2008
Circulation revenues	40,868	43,173



Promotions revenues	2,687	4,399
Advertising	80,749	104,096
Total revenues from sales and services	124,304	151,668

The sales relating to the principal newspapers and the revenues from advertising are commented upon in the Interim Directors' Report on operations.

# 22. Other operating revenues

	1H2009	1H2008
Operating grants	268	219
Recovery of expenses from third parties	968	778
Capital grant contributions	288	289
Gains on disposal of assets	36	4
Prior year income	195	147
Other revenues	1,995	2,281
Total other operating revenues	3,750	3,718

## 23. Raw material costs

	1H2009	1H2008
Paper Other publishing materials	12,694 2,161	15,457 3,090
Other	6	35
Change in inventory of raw materials and goods	1,802	138
Total raw materials costs	16,663	18,720

# 24. Other operating costs

	1H2009	1H2008
Editorial services	8,818	7,240
Editorial services	0,010	7,240



Total other operating costs	53,346	57,274
Total other costs	2,563	2,740
Others	908	876
Other operating charges	1,655	1,864
Total rent, lease and hire costs	4,772	4,987
Hire	1,384	1,575
Rental	3,388	3,412
Total service costs	46,011	49,547
Other costs	4,977	5,049
Insurance, postal and telephone	1,157	1,166
Directors and statutory auditors fees	904	1,073
Purchase of advertising space third parties	109	25
Consulting	1,817	2,050
Maintenance and repair costs	1,951	1,857
Utilities and power	1,723	1,943
Commissions and agent costs	4,859	5,460
Advertising & promotions	1,938	2,103
Promotions revenues	2,283	3,687
Outside contractors	6,865	9,158
Transport and delivery	8,610	8,736

# 25. Amortisation, depreciation & provisions

	1H2009	1H2008
Amortisation of intangible assets	452	503
Depreciation of tangible assets	4,614	4,723
Provision for risks and charges	2,812	580
Doubtful debts	1,192	1,154
Deprec., amortisation, provisions & write-downs	9,070	6,960

The depreciation of the tangible fixed assets principally relates to the depreciation on printing and rotary plant.

The increase in provisions for risks and charges principally refers to the charges in relation to the restructuring plans.



# 26. Net financial income/(charges)

Financial income	1H2009	1H2008
Dividends	2,987	-
Interest income from bank deposits	2,679	9,313
Exchange gains	1	-
Revaluations of investments	153	
Other financial income	220	458
Total	6,040	9,771
Financial charges	1H2009	1H2008
Loss on transfer of investments	12,306	1,860
Loan interest	880	1,637
Interest on bank current accounts	397	708
Interest on leaving indemnity	537	1,158
Financial charges from discounting	-	757
Banking commissions and charges	77	80
Other financial expenses	88	86
Total	14,285	6,286
Net financial income/(charges)	(8,245)	3,485

The dividends included in the financial income relate to the shareholdings in Banca Monte dei Paschi di Siena SpA and Assicurazioni Generali SpA.

The loss on the sale of investments to associated companies relate to the sale on the market, at current values, of 16,000,000 Banca Monte dei Paschi di Siena SpA shares (Euro 12.2 million) and 22,000 Assicurazioni Generali SpA shares (Euro 72 thousand).

The discounting charges at June 30<sup>th</sup> 2008 refer to the option contracts on II Gazzettino SpA shares matured at December 31<sup>st</sup> 2008.

### 27. Earnings per share

The basic earnings (loss) per share is calculated by dividing the Group net result for the period by the weighted average number of ordinary shares outstanding in the period.

1H2009 1H2008



Net Profit (loss)	(19,049)	11,535
Number of ordinary shares outstanding (000)	125,000	125,000
Basic earnings (loss) per share	(0.152)	0.092

The diluted earnings (loss) per share is identical to the basic result per share as Caltagirone Editore SpA has only issued ordinary shares.

## 28. Transactions with related parties

#### Transactions with companies under common control

The transactions of Group companies with related parties generally relate to normal operations and are regulated at market conditions. They principally relate to the exchange of goods, the provision of services, and the provision and use of financial resources by associated companies and subsidiaries excluded from the consolidation scope, as well as with other companies belonging to the Caltagirone Group or under common control.

There are no atypical or unusual transactions which are not within the normal business operations. Where such operations exist, detailed information is provided in the present paragraph.

The table below shows the operations considered significant, or rather those above Euro 100 thousand:

	Trade receivables	Financial receiv.	Trade payables	Operating costs	Financial income
Rofin 2008 Srl	-	5,431	-	-	-
Ical SpA	-	-	-	1,172	-
Editrice Telenuovo SpA	840	-	-	-	153
Vianini Lavori SpA	-	-	142	-	-
Total	840	5,431	142	1,172	153
% on total in accounts	1 <b>.0</b> 5%	96.83%	0.43%	0.94%	2.53%

The company II Gazzettino SpA undertakes commercial transactions with the associated company Editrice Telenuovo SpA.

The account Financial Receivables only includes the loan provided by the Parent Company to the associated company Rofin 2008 Srl.

The account Trade payables relates to the payables from Vianini Lavori SpA.



Operating costs also includes rental costs by the Parent Company and II Messaggero S.p.A. for their respective head offices from companies under common control.

The account Financial income relates to the revaluation of the holdings in Editrice Telenuovo SpA.

#### 29. Business segment information

The disclosures required in accordance with IFRS 8 on the segment information are provided below. The Caltagirone Editore Group has adopted the sector of operating activity as the primary disclosure of information, defined as a separate and distinctly identifiable part of the Group, which provides related products and services and that is subject to risks and benefits different than those of the other sectors of activity of the Group. This break-down is used by Management to carry out an analysis of operational performance and for the specific management of risks related to each sector.

The Group operates exclusively in Italy.

in thousands of Euro	Newspape rs	Advertising revenues	Other activities	Consol. Adjustments	Consolidat ed pre- segment eliminatio ns	Segment elimination s	Consolidat ed
30/06/2008							
Segment revenues	136,112	106,118	930		243,160	-	-
Inter-segment revenues	85,687	1332	673	82	87,774	(87,774)	-
Revenues from third parties	50,425	104,786	257	(82)	-	-	155,386
Segment result	20,280	3,285	(803)		22,762	-	22,762
Amortisation, depreciation, write- downs and provisions	5,280	1,458	222		6,960	-	6,960
Interest income	2,216	768	6,786		9,770	-	9,770
Interest expense	3,060	367	156		3,583	-	3,583
Segment assets	564,767	141,308	428,529	29,229	1,163,833	-	1,163,833
Segment liabilities	242,173	24,728	53,548	(957)	319,492	-	319,492
Investments valued at NE	442		(162)	4,455	4,735	-	4,735
Share of profit (loss) valued at equity			992		992	-	992
Investments in intangible and tangible fixed assets	1,431	188	150		1,769	-	1,769



in thousands of Euro	Newspape rs	Advertising revenues	Other activities	Consol. Adjustments	Consolidat ed pre- segment eliminatio ns	Segment elimination s	Consolidat ed
30/06/2009							
Segment revenues	108,789	82,862	894		192,545	-	-
Inter-segment revenues	63,161	1,049	473	(192)	64,491	(64,491)	-
Revenues from third parties	45,628	81,813	421	192	128,054	-	128,054
Segment result	595	3,321	(967)		2,949	-	2,949
Amortisation, depreciation, write- downs and provisions	7,419	1,456	195		9,070	-	9,070
Interest income	693	387	1,649		2,729	-	2,729
Interest expense	1,627	179	85		1,891	-	1,891
Segment assets	537,642	124,197	374,319	26,633	1,062,791	-	1,062,791
Segment liabilities	235,022	18,999	13,466	(2,760)	264,727	-	264,727
Investments valued at NE	595		2,103	1,891	4,589	-	4,589
Share of profit (loss) valued at equity			(6,858)		(6,858)	-	(6,858)
Investments in intangible and tangible fixed assets	499	141	939		1,579	-	1,579

The sectors of activity in which the group operates are not significantly affected by seasonal factors.

## **30.Net Cash Position**

The Net Cash Position, as required by CONSOB Communication DEM 6064291 of July 28th 2006 is as follows:

in thousands of Euro	30/06/2009	30/06/2008
A. Cash	222	167
B. Bank deposits	286,568	386,254
D. Liquidity (A)+(B)	286,790	386,421
E. Current financial receivables	5,582	37,400
F. Bank payables – current portion	14,154	18,208
G. Current portion of long-term loans	4,548	3,764
H. Current payables to other lenders	2,552	2,375
I. Current debt (F)+(G)+(H)	21,254	24,347



J. Net current cash position (I)-(E)-(D)	(271,118)	(399,474)
K. Non-current bank payables	40,736	46,116
L. Non-current payables to other lenders	4,380	47,386
M. Non-current debt (K)+(L)	45,116	93,502
N. Net cash position (J)+(M)	(226,002)	(305,972)