

Caltagirone Editore: the Board of Directors approves 2023 results

THE GROUP CLOSES THE YEAR WITH EUR 16.2 MILLION NET PROFIT (EUR 7 MILLION IN 2022)

DIVIDEND: EUR 0,04 PER SHARE INCREASING BY 33% COMPARED TO THE PREVIOUS YEAR (EUR 0,03)

- Revenues reached EUR 116.5 million (EUR 118 million in 2022)
- Ebitda reached EUR 5.6 million (EUR 4.4 million in 2022)
- Ebit reached EUR -1.6 million (EUR -13.7 million in 2022)
- Net financial result reached EUR 16.7 million (EUR 16.9 million in 2022)
- Group net profit reached EUR 16.2 million (EUR 7 million in 2022)
- The Board of Directors has resolved to propose to the Shareholders' Meeting to distribute a dividend of EUR 0,04 per share

Rome, March 7th 2024 – The Board of Directors of Caltagirone Editore, chaired by Mrs Azzurra Caltagirone, examined and approved the draft financial statements for the year ended on December 31st, 2023.

Group Performance

Caltagirone Editore Group closed the 2023 financial year with a positive result of EUR 16.2 million increasing compared to the EUR 7 million of 2022.

Operating revenues reached EUR 116.5 million (EUR 118 million in 2022) down by 1.3% due the decrease in publishing revenues partly mitigated by the growth of advertising and other revenues. Circulation revenues recorded an 8% decrease compared to 2022 in line with market trend. The Group's advertising revenues went up by 3.5% compared 2022 due to the good performance of internet advertising revenues that, also considering advertising carried out on behalf of third parties, marks an increase of 15.9% compared to 2022, reaching 31% of total advertising revenue. On December 2023 the websites of the Caltagirone Editore network recorded 3,934 million average daily Total Audience PC or Mobile users, up by 5% compared to the same month of the previous year.



Operating costs recorded a decrease by 2.4% reaching EUR 110.9 million (EUR 113.6 million in 2022). The cost of raw materials decreased by 2.6% during the year due to the decrease in the price of paper and to the smaller quantities used in the production process. The cost of labour, including non-recurring charges of EUR 634 thousand (EUR 1.6 million in 2022), decreased by 2.3%. Other operating costs, thanks to the cost control policies implemented by the Group companies, decreased by 2.5%.

Ebitda reached EUR 5.6 million rising by 26.3% compared 2022 (EUR 4.4 million).

Ebit reached EUR -1.6 million (EUR -13.7 million as of December 2022) after amortizations of EUR 6.4 million (EUR 6.4 million as of 2022), provisions of EUR 623 thousand (EUR 210 thousand as of 2022) and credits write-downs for EUR 138 thousand (EUR 308 thousand as of 2022). It should be noted that the 2022 financial year included write-downs of intangible assets with an indefinite life for 11.2 million euros.

Net financial result reached EUR 16.7 million (in line with 2022) and includes EUR 17.2 million as dividends received on listed shares (EUR 17.5 million as of 2022) and income from bonds and government bonds amounting to EUR 753 thousand (EUR 57 thousand in 2022).

Net financial position reached EUR 12.7 million up by EUR 12.6 million compared the amount as of December 31st, 2022 of EUR 58 thousand mainly as a result of dividends income on listed share and of the reclassification from non-current financial assets to current financial assets of Italian government bonds maturing within the financial year for EUR 7.8 million, net of dividends distributed for EUR 3.2 million and net of investments in listed shares and bonds for EUR 8 million.

Consolidated Group Shareholders' Equity reached EUR 435.4 million (EUR 385.2 million as of December 31st 2022). The increase is mainly due to the positive effect in the *fair value* valuation of the equity investments held by the Group and to the result of the year.

On December 31st 2023 the Group employed 576 people, (584 on December 31st 2022).

The Board of Directors resolved to propose to the Shareholders' Meeting the distribution of a dividend of EUR 0,04 for each of the n. 106.790.262 ordinary shares currently in circulation, considering the treasury shares in portfolio, currently equal to n. 18.209.738. The dividend will be paid on May 22nd (coupon detachment on the Stock Exchange on May 20th) and with record date on May 21st.



The Ordinary Shareholders' Meeting will be held on first call, on April 19th, 2024 and on second call on May the 3rd, 2024 to approve the financial statement at December 31st, 2023, the renewal of the Board of Directors and the Auditors Committee for the period 2024 - 2025 and 2026 and the Remuneration Report.

The Board of Directors has approved the Report on corporate governance pursuant to art. 123-bis of Legislative Decree n. 58/1998 as well as the Remuneration Report pursuant to art. 123-ter of Legislative Decree n. 58/1998 and art. 84-quater of the "Regolamento Emittenti", which will be made available in the time required by the law at the registered office, on the company website www.caltagironeeditore.com in the Governance/Shareholders' Meetings section and on the website www.emarketstorage.com (storage mechanism operated by Teleborsa srl and authorized by CONSOB).

The Board of Directors confirmed that Mr Francesco Gianni, Mrs Federica Barbaro, Mr Massimo Confortini, Mrs Annamaria Malato and Mrs Valeria Ninfadoro possess the requirements of independence in compliance with the provisions contained in the Legislative Decree n. 58 of February 24th, 1998 "Testo unico delle disposizioni in materia di intermediazione finanziaria".

Outlook

The Group continues its initiatives to enhance the multimedia versions and improve internet activities to increase new advertising flows and to acquire new readers. The Group will also continue to implement measures to contain all discretionary costs and to reduce direct and operating costs.

Luigi Vasta, as the Executive responsible for preparing the Company's financial reports, declares in accordance with article 154 bis, paragraph 2, of the "Testo Unico della Finanza", that the accounting information contained in this press release corresponds to the underlying documents, records and accounting entries.

Enclosed the financial statements, currently being examined by the independent audit firm and by the Board of Statutory Auditors.

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CALTAGIRONE EDITORE GROUP CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET



(in Euro thousands)	31.12.2023	31.12.2022
Non-current assets		
Intangible assets with definite life	430	235
Intangible assets with indefinite life	91,803	91,803
Newspaper titles	91,803	91,803
Property, plant and equipment	40,316	44,733
of which related parties	11,259	13,448
Equity investments and non-current securities	270,449	231,882
Other non-current assets	139	151
Deferred tax assets	55,559	53,215
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS	458,696	422,019
Current assets		
Inventories	2,175	2,532
Trade receivables	35,933	34,246
of which related parties	105	75
Current financial assets	18,162	-
Tax receivables	-	20
Other current assets	4,375	2,986
of which related parties	8	-
Cash and cash equivalents	16,041	23,994
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	76,686	63,777
TOTAL ASSETS	535,382	485,796

CALTAGIRONE EDITORE GROUP CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET



SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY AND LIABILITIES

(in Euro thousands)	31.12.2023	31.12.2022
Shareholders' Equity		
Share capital	125,000	125,000
Share capital issue costs	(18,865)	(18,865)
Other reserves	313,007	272,128
Profit/(loss) for the year	16,231	6,996
Group shareholders' equity	435,373	385,259
TOTAL SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY	435,373	385,259
LIABILITIES		
Non-current liabilities		
Employee provisions	10,041	11,318
Other non-current provisions	234	210
Non-current financial liabilities	9,606	12,126
of which related parties	8,395	10,688
Other non-current liabilities	978	1,293
Deferred tax liabilities	18,685	17,118
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES	39,544	42,065
Current liabilities		
Current provisions	8,868	8,651
Trade payables	21,138	19,910
of which related parties	724	1,100
Current financial liabilities	11,899	11,810
of which related parties	3,085	2,954
Tax payables	14	-
Other current liabilities	18,547	18,101
of which related parties	24	22
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	60,466	58,472
TOTAL LIABILITIES	100,009	100,537
TOTAL SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY AND LIABILITIES	535,382	485,796

CALTAGIRONE EDITORE GROUP CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT



(in Euro thousands)	2022	2022
Revenues		
Revenues from sales and supply of services	108,652	109,867
of which related parties	145	204
Other operating revenues	7,813	8,167
of which related parties	73	76
TOTAL REVENUES	116,465	118,034
Costs		
Raw material costs	(11,177)	(11,470)
Personnel costs	(48,292)	(49,425)
of which restructuring charges	(634)	(1,574)
Other operating charges	(51,428)	(52,731)
of which related parties	(765)	(1,196)
TOTAL COSTS	(110,897)	(113,626)
EBITDA	5,568	4,408
Amortisation and depreciations	(2,521)	(2,726)
Leasing depreciations	(3,899)	(3,679)
of which related parties	(3,155)	(2,965)
Provisions	(623)	(210)
Intangible assets with indefinite life depreciation	-	(11,200)
Other write-downs	(138)	(308)
Amortisation, depreciation, write-downs &	(7,181)	(18,123)
provisions	(1,101)	(10,123)
EBIT	(1,613)	(13,715)
Financial income	18,437	18,053
Financial charges	(1,690)	(1,163)
of which related parties	(150)	(144)
Net financial result	16,747	16,890
PROFIT/(LOSS) BEFORE TAX	15,134	3,174
Income taxes for the period	1,097	3,822
	16,231	6,996
PROFIT/(LOSS) FROM CONTINUING OPERATIONS	3,231	2,000
NET PROFIT/(LOSS) FOR THE YEAR	16,231	6,996
Group net loss	16,231	6,996
Minority interest share	-	-
Earnings per share/Diluted earnings per share	0.152	0.066

CALTAGIRONE EDITORE GROUP Consolidated Comprehensive Income Statement



(in Euro thousands)	2022	2022
Net loss for the year	16,231	6,996
Items which are not reclassified subsequently to profit/(loss) for the period		
Effect of actuarial gain/loss, net of tax effect	(109)	508
Gain/Loss on disposal of investments in equity instruments, net of fiscal effect	1,210	4,329
Gain/(loss) from recalculation of capital instruments assets, net of fiscal effect	36,449	(26,306)
Total other items of the Comprehensive Income Statement	37,550	(21,469)
Total comprehensive loss for the year	53,781	(14,473)
Attributable to:		
Parent Company shareholders Minority interest	53,781 -	(14,473) -

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Statement of changes in consolidated shareholders' equity



(in Euro thousands)	Share Capital	Quotation charges	Treasury shares	Fair Value reserve	Other reserves	Net profit/loss	Group net equity	Minority interest net equity	Total net equity
Balance at January 1st 2022	125,000	(18,865)	(23,641)	31,693	260,077	28,733	402,997	-	402,997
Previous year result carried forward					28,733	(28,733)	-		-
Dividends distributed					(3,204)		(3,204)		(3,204)
Acquisition of treasury shares							-		-
Amount set aside to BoD					(74)		(74)		(74)
Total operations with shareholders	-	-	-	-	25,455	(28,733)	(3,278)	-	(3,278)
Change in fair value reserve				(26,306)			(26,306)	-	(26,306)
Change in employment termination reserve					508		508		508
Change in other reserve					4,329		4,329		4,329
Net Result						6,996	6,996	-	6,996
Comprehensive Profit/(Loss) for the year	-	-	-	(26,306)	4,837	6,996	(14,473)	-	(14,473)
Other Changes					13		13		13
Balance at December 31st 2022	125,000	(18,865)	(23,641)	5,387	290,382	6,996	385,259	-	385,259
Balance at January 1st 2023	125,000	(18,865)	(23,641)	5,387	290,382	6,996	385,259	-	385,259
Previous year result carried forward					6,996	(6,996)	-		-
Dividends distributed					(3,204)		(3,204)		(3,204)
Amount set aside to BoD					(411)		(411)		(411)
Total operations with shareholders	-	-	-	-	3,381	(6,996)	(3,615)	-	(3,615)
Change in fair value reserve				36,449			36,449	-	36,449
Change in employment termination reserve					(109)		(109)		(109)
Change in other reserve					1,210		1,210		1,210
Net Result						16,231	16,231	-	16,231
Comprehensive Profit/(Loss) for the year	-	-	-	36,449	1,101	16,231	53,781	-	53,781
Other Changes					(52)		(52)		(52)
Balance at December 31st 2023	125,000	(18,865)	(23,641)	41,836	294,812	16,231	435,373	-	435,373

Caltagirone Editore Group Consolidated Cash Flow Statement



(in Euro thousands)	2023	2022
CASH AND CASH EQUIV. AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	23,994	66,610
Net loss for the year	16,231	6,996
Amortisation & Depreciation	6,420	6,405
(Revaluations) and write-downs	138	11,508
Net financial income/(charges)	(16,747)	(16,769)
Income taxes	(1,097)	(3,822)
Changes in employee provisions	(1,814)	(1,968)
Changes in current and non-current provisions	241	(1,037)
OPER. CASH FLOW BEFORE CHAN. IN W.CAPITAL	3,372	1,313
(Increase) Decrease in inventories	357	(837)
(Increase) Decrease in Trade receivables	(1,826)	2,511
Increase (Decrease) in Trade payables	1,228	66
Change in other current and non-current liabilities	(2,078)	222
Change in deferred and current income taxes	61	(148)
OPERATING CASH FLOW	1,114	3,127
Interest received	954	73
Interest paid	(760)	(673)
Other incomes received/(expenses paid)	245	32
Income taxes paid	(349)	(1,102)
A) CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	1,204	1,457
Dividends received	17,161	17,466
Investments in intangible fixed assets	(185)	(152)
Investments in tangible fixed assets	(375)	(252)
Non-current investments and securities	(16,904)	(130,450)
Sale of equity investments and non-current securities	8,864	73,736
Change in current fin. assets	(10,180)	-
B) CASH FLOW FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES	(1,619)	(39,652)
Change in current fin. liabilities	(4,334)	(1,217)
Dividends Distributed	(3,204)	(3,204)
C) CASH FLOW FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES	(7,538)	(4,421)
Change in net liquidity	(7,953)	(42,616)
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT END OF PERIOD	16,041	23,994

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(in Euro)	31.12.2023	31.12.2022
Non-current assets		
Property, plant and equipment	1,413,858	1,513,638
of which related parties	1,413,858	1,513,638
Equity investments valued at cost:		
subsidiary companies	353,838,620	350,911,172
other companies	10	10
Equity investments and non-current securities	54,435,000	55,117,910
Deferred tax assets	47,065,453	44,818,781
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS	456,752,941	452,361,511
Current assets		
Trade receivables	456,098	456,099
of which related parties	456,098	456,099
Current financial assets	17,511,457	11,229,734
of which related parties	9,529,734	11,229,734
Other current assets	5,054,753	3,508,553
of which related parties	5,031,594	3,455,819
Cash and cash equivalents	181,044	102,583
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	23,203,352	15,296,969
TOTAL ASSETS	479,956,293	467,658,480

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SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY AND LIABILITIES

(in Euro)	31.12.2023	31.12.2022
Shareholders' Equity		
Share capital	125,000,000	125,000,000
Share capital issue costs	(18,864,965)	(18,864,965)
Other reserves	265,197,035	241,249,932
Profit/(loss) for the year	3,976,456	20,567,178
SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY	375,308,527	367,952,145
LIABILITIES		
Non-current liabilities		
Employee provisions	109,873	100,872
Non - Current financial liabilities	1,196,657	1,312,292
of which related parties	1,196,657	1,312,292
Deferred tax liabilities	178,922	93,935
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES	1,485,451	1,507,099
Current liabilities		
Trade payables	1,132,466	1,139,565
of which related parties	781,544	665,431
Current financial liabilities	53,977,852	52,623,150
of which related parties	53,977,011	52,623,150
Other current liabilities	48,051,998	44,436,521
of which related parties	42,078,705	38,988,979
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	103,162,315	98,199,236
TOTAL LIABILITIES	104,647,766	99,706,335
TOTAL SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY AND LIABILITIES	479,956,293	467,658,480

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INCOME STATEMENT

(in Euro)	2023	2022
Other operating revenues of which related parties TOTAL REVENUES	458,789 458,000 458,789	458,000 458,000 458,000
Personnel costs Other operating charges of which related parties	(232,519) (1,714,531) (675,205)	(263,053) (1,963,029) (889,117)
TOTAL COSTS	(1,947,050)	(2,226,082)
EBITDA	(1,488,261)	(1,768,082)
Leasing depreciation of which related parties	(238,962) (238,962)	(218,839) (218,839)
EBIT	(1,727,223)	(1,986,921)
Financial income Financial charges of which related parties	7,233,831 (2,166,196) (1,378,592)	22,328,595 (231,753) (124,940)
Net financial result	5,067,635	22,096,842
PROFIT/(LOSS) BEFORE TAX	3,340,413	20,109,921
Income taxes for the period	636,044	457,257
PROFIT/(LOSS) FROM CONTINUING OPERATIONS	3,976,456	20,567,178
NET PROFIT/(LOSS) FOR THE YEAR	3,976,456	20,567,178

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Comprehensive Income Statement

(in Euro)	2023	2022
Net profit/(loss) for the year	3,976,456	20,567,178
Items which are not reclassified subsequently to profit/(loss) for the period		
Effect of actuarial gain/loss, net of tax effect	(2,285)	8,047
Gains/(losses) on disposal of Investments in equity instruments net	_	365,824
of tax effect Gain/(loss) from recalculation of capital instruments assets, net of fiscal effect	6,997,263	(8,026,092)
Total other items of the Comprehensive Income Statement	6,994,978	(7,652,221)
Total comprehensive profit/(loss) for the year	10,971,434	12,914,957

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Statement of changes in shareholders' equity



(in Euro)	Share Capital	Quotation charges	Treasury shares	Fair Value reserve	Other reserve	Net Profit/Loss	Net equity
Balance at January 1st 2022	125,000,000	(18,864,965)	(23,640,924)	15,760,108	256,378,929	3,681,374	358,314,523
Dividends distributed					(3,203,708)		(3,203,708)
Amount set aside to BoD					(73,627)		(73,627)
Total operations with shareholders	125,000,000	(18,864,965)	(23,640,924)	15,760,108	256,782,968	-	355,037,188
Change in fair value reserve				(8,026,092)			(8,026,092)
Change in employment termination reserve					8,047		8,047
Change in other reserve					365,824		365,824
Net Result						20,567,178	20,567,178
Comprehensive Profit/(Loss) for the year	-	-	-	(8,026,092)	373,871	20,567,178	12,914,957
Balance at December 31st 2022	125,000,000	(18,864,965)	(23,640,924)	7,734,016	257,156,839	20,567,178	367,952,145
Balance at January 1st 2023	125,000,000	(18,864,965)	(23,640,924)	7,734,016	257,156,839	20,567,178	367,952,145
Dividends distributed					(3,203,708)		(3,203,708)
Previous year result carried forward					20,567,178	(20,567,178)	-
Amount set aside to BoD					(411,344)		(411,344)
Total operations with shareholders	125,000,000	(18,864,965)	(23,640,924)	7,734,016	274,108,965	-	364,337,093
Change in fair value reserve				6,997,263			6,997,263
Change in employment termination reserve					(2,285)		(2,285)
Net Result						3,976,456	3,976,456
Comprehensive Profit/(Loss) for the year	-	-	-	6,997,263	(2,285)	3,976,456	10,971,434
Balance at December 31st 2023	125,000,000	(18,864,965)	(23,640,924)	14,731,279	274,106,680	3,976,456	375,308,527

Caltagirone Editore SpA Cash Flow Statement



(in Euro)	2023	2022
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CASH AND CASH EQUIV. AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	102,583	416,870
Net loss for the year	3,976,528	20,567,178
Amortisation & Depreciation	238,962	218,839
(Revaluations) and write-downs	(2,927,448)	(18,609,882)
Net financial income/(charges)	(2,140,187)	(3,486,960)
of which related parties	1,378,592	124,940
Income taxes	(636,044)	(4,952)
Changes in employee provisions	3,028	10,237
OPER. CASH FLOW BEFORE CHAN. IN W.CAPITAL	(1,485,161)	(1,762,797)
(Increase) Decrease in Trade receivables	-	(143,310)
Increase (Decrease) in Trade payables	(7,096)	(43,251)
Change in other current and non-current liabilities	1,676,041	(36,289)
Change in deferred and current income taxes	(1,628,827)	(318,568)
OPERATING CASH FLOW	(1,445,043)	(2,304,215)
Dividends received	3,306,000	3,584,500
Interest received	7,533	732
Interest paid	-	(45,680)
A) CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	1,868,490	1,235,337
Non-current investments and securities	-	(7,708,085)
Sale of equity investments and non-current securities	-	7,300,000
Change in current fin. assets	1,700,000	2,500,000
B) CASH FLOW FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES	1,700,000	2,091,915
Change in current fin. liabilities	(286,322)	(437,832)
Dividends distributed	(3,203,707)	(3,203,707)
C) CASH FLOW FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES	(3,490,029)	(3,641,539)
D) Effect exc. diffs. on cash & cash equivalents	(5,555,020)	(-,, <u>-</u>
Change in net liquidity	78,461	(314,287)
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT END OF PERIOD	181,044	102,583
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