



## **CEO Rodolfo De Benedetti's statement on FY 2010 CIR Group results, 10 March 2011**

*"2010 was a positive year overall for the group despite the difficult economic environment. Our main subsidiaries reaped the benefits of the cost cutting and business development action taken over the last two years, increasing their contribution to the results of the group. At the same time, at holding level, we have worked hard to strengthen our financial solidity even further. Having reached these objectives means we can today propose to the AGM a return to distributing a dividend to our Shareholders. In 2011 in an economic situation that is still uncertain, we will keep our focus on the main activities of the group seeking the maximum efficiency while continuing to invest and improve the growth potential of our businesses".*