



CEO Rodolfo De Benedetti's statement on 2009 Sorgenia capital increase

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"The two capital increases made in the last year are proof of the commitment of our historical partner Verbund to join CIR in the important investment plan of Sorgenia, which in just ten years of business has become the number one private operator in the Italian electricity and gas market. Energy is CIR's main business in terms of revenues and value and has a central role in the long-term strategy of the group. Despite the difficult economic scenario, we are certain that Sorgenia has all it needs to grow in the future as well. CIR's commitment as controlling shareholder is to support the management of the company in reaching this objective".