



**PRESS RELEASE**

**SORGENIA (CIR GROUP): EXTENDED FROM 2012 TO 2015 THE DURATION OF TWO  
LOANS FOR A TOTAL OF 805 MILLION EURO**

*Milan, March 24 2010* – **Sorgenia SpA**, the subsidiary of **CIR** in which the Austrian provider **Verbund** has an interest, **has extended from 2012 to 2015 the maturities of two syndicated loans** signed in 2007 for a total of **805 million** euro. This extension refers to a credit facility lead-managed by **Banca Monte dei Paschi di Siena** for an amount of **500 million** euro, and to another loan lead-managed by **IntesaSanpaolo** for **305 million** euro.

This deal will make it possible to **further improve the financial structure** of Sorgenia in line with the development plans of the group, which has important investments both in progress and planned in new generation capacity, especially in the sector of renewable energies.

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