



FIRST QUARTER REPORT AS OF 31st March 2010

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COMPANY POSITIONS

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Chairman Filippo Casadio

Executive Director Francesco Gandolfi Colleoni
Not Executive Director Gianfranco Sepriano

Independent Director Fabio Senese Independent Director Orfeo Dallago

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Alternate Auditor Davide Galli

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REPORT ON THE TREND OF THE FIRTS QUARTER 2010

The results of the first quarter of this year confirmed the positive signals recorded at the end of 2009 in the winding wire segment, which shows a good recovery. The cable segment's sales are instead still under the level of the previous years as a result of the persistent depressed demand.

Consolidated sales were €. 81.4 million, 50.2% higher than in the first quarter of last year (€. 54.2), thanks also to the higher copper prices (the average LME price of the first quarter has almost doubled vis-à-vis the average LME price of the first three months of last year).

In total also consolidated non-metal sales¹ increased by 11.6%. While, however, winding wires non-metal sales registered a 29.0% growth against the first quarter of last year, cables non-metal sales recorder a decrease of 26.3%.

During the first quarter we continued to use the redundancy fund due to the production reduction.

In detail:

Consolidated non-metal sales (€/million)	2010 1° Quarter		200 1° Qua	Variation	
	Value	%	Value	%	%
Winding wires	16.0	79.2%	12.4	68.5%	29.0%
Cables	4.2	20.8%	5.7	31.5%	-26.3%
Total	20.2	100.0%	18.1	100.0%	11.6%

Within this framework, EBITDA and EBIT of 2010 first quarter have improved versus the first three months of last year.

Net result has been positive: €. 1.1 versus a €. 3.2 loss of the first quarter of 2009.

Consolidated financial data (€/million)	2010 1° Quarter	2009 1° Quarter	Variation
SALES ² EBITDA	81.4 5.2	54.2 3.6	50.2% 44.4%
EBITDA Adjusted ³ EBIT	4.0 3.2	2.0 1.8	100.0% 77.8%
EBIT Adjusted ³	2.0	0.1	1.900.0%
NET PROFIT/(LOSS)	1.1	(3.2)	134.4%

¹ The non-metal sales total (or hollow turnover) corresponds to the revenues subtracting the metal component.

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 $^{^{\}rm 2}$ The item "Sales" represents the "Revenues" as explained in Profit and Loss Account.

³ Adjusted EBITDA and adjusted EBIT are measured, respectively, as the sum of EBITDA and EBIT and the income/costs deriving from copper derivatives transactions, according to note 14. These indicators are measurements used by Group Management to monitor and evaluate its operational performance and are not identified as an accounting measure under IFRS. Since the composition of these measurements is not governed by the reference accounting standards, it is possible that the Group's benchmark may not be the same as that used by others, and could therefore not be comparable.



Consolidated net financial debt at the end of March 2010 was €. 59.2 million, up by €. 15.3, if compared to the € 43.9 at the end of 2009, as a result of investments and of the larger working capital.

(€/million)	31.03.2010	31.12.2009	Variation
NET FINANCIAL DEBT ⁴	59.2	43.9	34.9%

Consolidated investments of the period were €. 3.7 million. Most of them were related to the production capacity increase of IRCE Ltda and Smit Draad Numegen BV.

Forecasts for the rest of the year, although still difficult, follow the recovery of the demand in the winding wire segment, which, however, has not yet reached the pre-crisis level. In the cable segment, demand has not yet shown a sign of recovery, as the construction industry is still undergoing a severe crisis.

Imola. 14th May 2010

The Chairman

Filippo Casadio

⁴ Net Financial Debt is measured as the sum of the short-term and long-term financial liabilities less cash and cash equivalents (note 10). Please note that the methods for measuring the net financial debt comply with the measurement method of the Net Financial Position as defined by the Consob Deliberation no. 6064293 dtd. 28.07.2006 and by the CESR guidelines dtd. 20.02.2005.



CONSOLIDATED ASSETS AND LIABILITIES STATEMENT

ASSETS	Notes	31.03.2010	31.12.2009
NON CURRENT ASSETS			
Goodwill and intangibles assets	1	2,358,573	2,338,807
Land, buildings, plant and machinery	2	59,252,700	60,155,187
Industrial and commercial equipment and other assets	2	1,723,142	1,859,112
Work in progress and advance payments	2	12,445,683	9,371,345
Other financial assets		93,177	85,576
Deferred tax		10,052,615	9,861,917
TOTAL NON CURRENT ASSETS		85,925,890	83,671,944
CURRENT ASSETS			
Inventory	3	68,583,270	61,465,053
Trade receivables	4	76,121,479	66,026,923
Receivables from subsidiaries	5	1,360,013	1,360,013
Tax receivables		3,213,469	2,873,412
Other receivables		2,116,124	1,970,356
Other financial current assets	6	3,091,995	5,361,123
Cash and equivalent	7	3,794,026	3,606,456
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		158,280,376	142,663,336
TOTAL ASSETS		244,206,266	226,335,280



SHAREHOLDERS EQUITY AND LIABILITIES	Notes	31.03.2010	31.12.2009
SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY			
SHARE CAPITAL	8	14,626,560	14,626,561
RESERVES	8	114,768,404	129,979,829
PROFIT (LOSS) OF THE PERIOD		1,129,744	(15,167,855)
TOTAL GROUP SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY		130,524,708	129,438,535
MINORITY INTEREST		314,884	307,523
TOTAL SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY		130,839,592	129,746,058
NON CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Non-current financial liabilities	9	24,915,751	22,186,668
Deferred tax		2,248,182	2,221,628
Provisions for risks and charges		916,223	919,837
Provisions for employee benefits		5,284,720	5,474,623
TOTAL NON CURRENT LIABILITIES	_	33,364,876	30,802,756
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Current financial liabilities	10	41,153,998	30,651,172
Trade payables		25,396,469	21,951,010
Tax payables		3,825,936	3,037,044
Amounts due to social security		2,069,924	2,619,476
Other current liabilities		7,555,471	7,527,746
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		80,001,798	65,786,466
TOTAL SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY AND LIABILITIES		244,206,266	226,335,280



CONSOLIDATED PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

	Notes	31.03.2010	31.03.2009
Revenues	11	81,405,884	54,211,904
Other revenues and proceeds		310,224	139,376
TOTAL REVENUES		81,716,108	54,351,280
Raw material and consumable	12	(66,705,947)	(33,596,987)
Change in finished good and wip		5,096,722	(2,724,929)
Cost for services		(7,994,182)	(7,402,899)
Personnel cost		(6,644,856)	(6,444,309)
Depreciations	13	(1,960,205)	(1,753,070)
Provisions		(92,617)	(71,132)
Other operatine costs		(223,792)	(528,678)
OPERATING RESULT		3,191,231	1,829,276
Financial incomes and charges	14	(1,660,322)	(6,037,644)
RESULT BEFORE TAXES		1,530,909	(4,208,368))
Income Taxes	15	(396,279)	1,014,122
RESULT BEFORE MINORITY INTERESTS		1,134,630	(3,194,246)
Minority interest		(4,886)	11,523
NET RESULT		1,129,744	(3,182,723)



ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLES AND EXPLANATORY NOTES TO THE FIRST QUARTER REPORT 2010

COMPANY INFORMATION

The Board of Directors authorized the First Quarter Report as at March 31st, 2010 to be published on May 14th 2010.

Irce Spa is a corporate company set up according to the Law of Italy and its registred office is located in Imola (BO) via Lasie 12/a.

The Irce Group owns 8 manufacturing plants and is one of Europe leading manufacturers of electric winding wire. In Italy, the Irce Group is a leading manufacturer of electric cables.

Irce's Italian manufacturing plants are located in Imola (BO), Guglionesi (CB), Umbertide (PG) and Miradolo Terme (PV). The foreign plants are located in Nijmegen (NL), the head office of Smit Draad Nijmegen BV, Blackburn (UK), the head office of FD Sims Ltd, Joinville (Brazil), the headquarters of Irce Ltd and in Kochi (India), the head office of Stable Magnet Wire P.Ltd.

Distribution takes place through agents and the following commercial subsidiaries: Isomet AG (Switzerland), DMG GmbH (Germany), Isolveco Srl (Italy) and Irce S.L. (Spain).

FINANCIAL REPORTING PRINCIPLES

The First Quarter Report at March 31st, 2010 have been drawn up in compliance with the IAS 34 "Intermediate Balance Sheet" and with article 154 ter of TUF. This balance sheet consolidated not includes all informations requested by annual balance sheet and maust been read together with December 31st 2009 balance sheet.

The diagrams used for compiling the consolidated balance sheet of the Group have been prepared in compliance with the IAS 1 principle, in particular;

- The shareholders' equity has been introduced by separately presenting current and non-current assets and liabilities.
- The profit-and-loss account has been prepared by classifying the item "by nature".

The following notes have been indicated in thousand euro.

This First Quarter Reprt has not been subjected to Audit Review.

Evaluation usage

The compilation of consolidated shortened balance sheet according to IFRS requires the evaluation and the value assuming which affect the assets and the liabilities and the advises related to potential assets and liabilities up to reference date. The collected results could be defferent from thease evaluations. The evaluations are used to point out allowances due to credit risks, amortizations, asset depreciation and taxes.



CONSOLIDATION AREA

The table below lists the companies included in the consolidation area at March 31st, 2010:

Company	% shareholding	Registered office	Share capital		Consolidation
Isomet AG Draad Nijmegen BV FD Sims Ltd Isolveco Srl DMG GmbH IRCE S.L. IRCE Ltda Stable Magnet Wire P.Ltd.	100% 100% 100% 75,0% 100% 100% 97,12%	Switzerland Holland England Italy Germany Spain Brazil India	Fsv. €. £. €. €. Real	1,000,000 1,165,761 15,000,000 46,440 255,646 150,000 53,193,229,79 165,189,860	integrale integrale integrale integrale integrale integrale integrale

There are not changes in the consolidation area compared to Consolidated Balance Sheet as of December 31st, 2009.

DERIVATIVE

The Group currently has the following types of derivatives:

- derivatives relative to obligations for forward sales of copper, with a maturity date after March 31st 2010. The sale contracts were entered into in order to counter price reductions relative to the availability of raw materials The fair value of forward contracts for the sale of copper, open on the financial statements date, is determined according to forward prices of copper with reference to the maturity dates of any existing contracts on the financial statements closing date. These transactions do not meet the requirements for recognition as hedge accounting instruments;
- derivatives relative to obligations for forward purchases of copper, with a maturity date after March 31st 2010. The purchase contracts were entered into in order to prevent price increases relative to sales commitments with copper at fixed values. The fair value of forward contracts for the sale of copper, open on the financial statements date, is determined according to forward prices of copper with reference to the maturity dates of any existing contracts on the financial statements closing date. These transactions meet the requirements for recognition as instruments for cash flow hedge accounting;
- derivatives relative to obligations for forward purchases of GBP, with a maturity date after March 31st 2010. These transactions do not meet the requirements for recognition as instruments for cash flow hedge accounting.

The following is a summary of the commodity (copper) derivatives for forward sales and purchases, open as at 31st March 2010:

Unit of measurement of notional value	Notional value with maturity within one year, tonnes	Notional value with maturity after one year	Result with valuation at fair value, 31/03/10 €/000
Tonnes/sales	4,175	0_	(1,185)
Tonnes/purchase	1,592	0	2,899



The following is a summary of GBP derivatives for forward purchases, open as at March 31st 2010:

Unit of measurement of notional value	Notional value with maturity within one year, €/000	Notional value with maturity after one year	Result with valuation at fair value, 31/03/10 €/000
GBP	500	0	7

COMMENT TO CONSOLIDATED ASSETS AND LIABILITIES STATEMENT AS OF MARCH 31st 2010

1. INTANGIBLE ASSETS

This balance sheet item concerns the intangible assets from which economic benefits are expected in the future. The variations in intangible assets are detailed below:

€/ 000	Patent rights and intellectual property	Licenses, trade marks and similar rights	Goodwill	Total
Net value at Dec. 31 st 2009	248	60	2,031	2,339
Operations over financial year . Increment . Other changes . Reclassification . Depreciation	35 13 - (28)	- 2 - (2)	-	35 15 0 (30)
. Depreciation	(20)	(2)		(30)
Total	20	0	0	20
Net value at March 31 st 2010	268	60	2,031	2,359

Asset	Expected useful life	Depreciation method	Internally developed or purchased	Impairment tests for assessing losses in value
Patent rights and intellectual property	Definite	50%	Purchased	Review of depreciation method at each year-end, and impairment test if there
Permits and licenses	Definite	20%		are indicators of loss in value Review of depreciation method at each year-end, and impairment test if there are indicators of loss in value
Trademarks and similar rights	Definite	5,56%	Purchased	Review of depreciation method at each year-end, and impairment test if there are indicators of loss in value
Goodwill Smit Draad Nijmegen BV	Indefinite	n/a	Purchased	Subject to impairment test



The depreciation rates that concern other intangible assets are worked out depending on the extent to which they can be utilized; therefore they are examined at the financial year-end.

The goodwill entered on the Irce Group balance sheet has been estimated at its use value and refers to the major residual value paid in taking over the Draad Nijmegen holding, compared to the corresponding Shareholders' equity book value. The value is subject to impairment test once a year to assess possible losses.

The increases for the period are relative to the IRCE S.p.A. and refer to the implementation of management software.

2. TANGIBLE ASSETS

€/000	Land	Buildings	Plant & machinery	Industrial equipment & commercial facilities	Other	Assets being created & prepayments	Total
Net Value at Dec.31 st 2009	13,076	20,192	26,887	1,317	542	9,371	71,386
Operations	13,070	20,132	20,007	1,517	312	3,371	71,500
. Investments	-	103	86	29	19	3,475	3,712
. Other changes	81	228	373	7	7	191	887
. Reclasiification	-	-	(44)	4	-	(592)	(632)
. Divestments	-	-	-	(1)	-	-	(1)
. Depreciation	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
. Depreciation in the course	-	(244)	(1,485)	(155)	(46)	-	(1,930)
Total	81	87	(1,070)	(116)	(20)	3,075	2,037
Net value at March 31 st ,2010	13,157	20,279	25,817	1,201	522	12,446	73,422

The Group investments in the period were related to the production capacity increase of IRCE Ltda and Smit Draad Numegen BV.

3. INVENTORY

Inventory are detailed below:

€/000	31/03/2010	31/12/2009
- Raw and complementary materials, consumable items	17,834	16,018
- Products under development and finished products	12,856	8,567
- Finished products and goods	37,893	36,880
Total	68,583	61,465

In the course of the first quarter inventories have not been depreciated and no previous inventory writedowns have been reversed.

The stocks recorded are not mortgaged or given as securities on liabilities.



4. TRADE RECEIVABLES

€/000	31/03/2010	31/12/2009
- Customers/Bills & notes receivable	80,820	70,806
- Bad debts provision	(4,699)	(4,779)
Total	76,121	66,027

The balance of trade receivables is made up entirely of receivables due within the next 12 months.

5. RECEIVABLES FROM PARENT COMPANY

The item refers to receivables from the parent company Aequafin Spa relating to an IRES tax credit due to application of the system of national consolidation taxes.

6. OTHER CURRENT FINANCIAL ASSETS

€/000	31/03/2010	31/12/209
Forward operations for copper Mark to Market	2.899	3,326
 Forward operations for copper Mark to Market Forward operations for GBP Mark to Market 	2,099 7	3,320 20
- Fixed account for LME operations	186	2,015
Total	3,092	5,361

The item "Forward operations for copper Mark to Market" refers to the Mark to Market (Fair Value) valuation of copper purchase forward contracts open on 31.03.2010 of the Dutch subsidiary Smit Draad Nijmegen BV.

The item "Fixed account for LME operations" refers to the margin calls ("hedge requests") deposited at the Brokers for copper forward operation on LME.

7. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

This item includes bank deposits, cash in hand and valuables.

€/000	31/03/2010	31/12/2009
- Bank deposits	3,550	3,269
- Cash on hand and valuables	244	337
Total	3,794	3,606

Short-term bank deposits yield variable interest. The bank and postal deposits in effect at the closing date of the half-yearly financial statements are not subject to liens or restrictions.

8. SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY

The share capital consists of 28,128,000 nominal ordinary shares for an equivalent of \in 14,626,000. The share capital is entirely subscribed and paid up. The shares are free of any restrictions that could affect profit sharing and repayment of capital.

The company's own shares at March 31st 2010 are n. 1,654,173.



The Company Reserves are detailed below:

€/000	31/03/2010	31/12/2009
- Share premium reserve	40,538	40,538
- Legal reserve	2,925	2,925
- Comapny's own shares	(860)	(860)
- Earnings to be appropriated for investments in Souther Italy	201	201
- Conversion-related reserve	(108)	(127)
- Consolidation-related reserve	9,614	10,381
- Extraordinary Reserve	45,534	45,534
- Company surplus reserve	6,622	6,622
- IAS/IFRS transation reserve	2,009	2,009
- Retained earnings	4,687	4,687
- IAS/IFRS Fair Value reserve	17,643	18,070
- Profit (loss) previus year	(14,037)	-
Total	114,768	129,980

The translation reserve represents the differences in value resulting from conversion of the foreign holdings Isomet AG, FD Sims Ltd, IRCE Ltda and Stable Magnet Wire P.Ltd, at the official exchange rate on March 31^{st} 2010. As required under IAS 21 (Effects of changes in foreign exchange rates – net investment in a foreign operation), the translation reserve also includes the exchange differences resulting from the adjustment as at March 31^{st} 2010 of the amounts owed to the parent company IRCE SPA by the foreign subsidiary FD Sims Ltd for an amount of €/000 32 and IRCE Ltda for an amount of €/000 66.

9. NON-CURRENT FINANCIAL LIABILITIES

€/000	Currency	Rates	Company	31/03/2010	31/12/2009	Due
l Iniono dit	- France	\/awiahla	IDCE CDA	4 165	4 165	2011
Unicredit	Euro	Variable	IRCE SPA	4,165	4,165	2011
Carisbo	Euro	Variable	IRCE SPA	6,000	6,000	2012
Banca Intesa	Euro	Variable	IRCE SPA	10,000	10,000	2014
NAB	CHF	Fixed	Isomet AG	1,401	1,348	2011
Carisbo	CHF	Fixed	Isomet AG	350	674	2011
ABN AMBRO	Euro	Variable	Smit Draad Nijmegen BV	3,000	-	2013
Totale				24,916	22,187	

10. CURRENT FINANCIAL LIABILITIES

The current financial liabilities are detailed below:

€/000	31/03/2010	31/12/2009
- Due to banks	39,969	27,095
- Amounts payable for derivatives	1,185	3,556
Total	41,154	30,651

Item "Amounts payable for derivatives" refers to the Mark to Market valuation (fair value) of the sales forward contracts for copper, open as at March 31st 2010, of IRCE SPA for €/000 992 and of FD Sims Ltd for €/000 193; the contracts open concerns 3,800 tons for IRCE SPA and 375 tons for FD Sims Ltd.



With reference to the financial liabilities, **the Group's net financial position,** drawn up in accordance with the Consob Communication 6064293 dated 28^{th} July 2006 and the CESR guidelines dated 10^{th} February 2005, is as follows:

€/000	31/03/2010	31/12/2009
Available funds Other current financial assets	3,79 4 3,092	3,606 5,361
Cash and Cash equivalents	6,886	8,967
Current bank loans	(41,154)	(30,651)
Current net financial indebtedness	(34,268)	(21,684)
Non-current bank loans	(24,916)	(22,187)
Non-current financial liabilities	(24,916)	(22,187)
Net financial indebtedness	(59,184)	(43,871)

COMMENT TO CONSOLIDATED PROFIT AND LOSS AS OF MARCH 31st 2010

11. REVENUES AND OTHER ICOME

These items refer to revenues for the sales of goods after returns and discount. The revenues at March 31st 2010 for €/000 81,406 increase of 50% in respect to the same period of the previous year (€/000 54,212).

12. COSTS OF RAW MATERIALS AND CONSUMABLES

This item includes the costs borne for purchasing raw materials - such as copper, insulating materials, packaging materials and consumable items (for maintenance work), net of changes to inventories.

13. DEPRECIATION

Depreciation is as follows:

€/000	31/03/2010	31/03/2009	Variation
- Intangible asset depreciation	30	14	16
- Tangibile asset depreciation	1,930	1,739	191
Total	1,960	1,753	207



14. FINANCIAL INCOME AND CHARGES

The financial charges and proceeds are detailed below:

€/000	31/03/2010	31/03/2009	Variation
- Other financial proceeds	163	35	128
- Financial current assets on derivatives	-	175	(175)
- Interest and other financial cherges	(339)	(365)	26
- Profits (losses) currency exchange	(265)	405	(670)
Total	(441)	250	(691)

€/000	31/03/2010	31/03/2009	Variation
Chausas an davidabida	(1.210)	(6,200)	(F.0C0)
- Charges on derivatives	(1,219)	(6,288)	(5,068)

The item "charges on derivatives" refers to the result of the sales forward contracts for copper of the FD Sims Ltd for €/000 114 and to the Mark to Market (*fair value*) valuation of the sales forward contracts for copper, open as at March 31st 2010, for €/000 912 of IRCE SPA and for €/000 193 of FD Sims Ltd.

This Charges on derivatives have been considered for the EBITDA and EBIT adjusted for €/000 1,219 at March 31st 2010 and for €/000 1,684 at March 31st 2009.

15. INCOME TAX

€/000	31/03/2010	31/13/2009
- Current taxes	(281)	(217)
- Prepaid / deferred taxes	(115)	1,231
Total	(396)	1,014

16. CORRELATED PARTIES

Regarding the relationship on correlated parties, including the parent company, these are not qualified like atypic and unusual but concerned the normal activity of the Group.

17. EVENTS OCCURED AFTER BALANCE SHEET END DATE

No major events occurred in the intervening time between financial year end and the date the balance sheet was approved.

18.STATEMENT ACCORDING TO ARTICLE 154-BIS D.LGS NO.58/1998

The Executeive Manager assigned to draw up the company books, Dott.ssa Elena Casadio, declares that the information contained in this quarterly report is an accurate representation of the documents, accounting books and records.