

PRESS RELEASE

Milan, 9 April 2009 – With regard to certain rumors circulated by media about a possible capital increase by Camfin SpA, the Company, as requested by Consob (Stock Exchange Regulatory Authority), reiterates to have already begun, as announced during the presentation of the 2008 draft financial statements, a program focused on strengthening the Group's balance sheet through a series of actions which, with the support of Mediobanca, are currently being evaluated with the primary lenders but have yet to be defined. Furthermore, as previously announced to the market, Camfin SpA main shareholder has already indicated the intention to continue to support the Company in the way and through the actions deemed most appropriate.

It follows that the terms, methods and type of any transaction involving the share capital could only be announced after the appropriate corporate bodies have completed their examinations and evaluations.

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