

Poste Italiane: € 229 million of dividends distributed to shareholders (+96% on 2005).

Shareholders' Meeting approves the 2006 financial statements

Rome, 14 May 2007 – The Shareholders' Meeting of Poste Italiane today approved the 2006 financial statements thus confirming the figures disclosed by the Board of Directors on 26 March 2007. The Shareholders' Meeting also resolved **for the second year running to distribute dividends to shareholders. This year, said dividends amount to € 229 million, up by 96% compared to € 117 million in 2005.**

The Financial Statements, drafted in accordance with international accounting standards (IAS/IFRS), closed in the black for the fifth year running with **Group revenues of € 17.1 billion**, up by 3.5% compared to the previous year and an **operating result of € 1.5 billion**, up by 46.6%. **Consolidated net profit totalled € 676 million: up by 94% (€ 349 million in 2005).**

The results achieved by the parent company were also positive with total **revenues** of over € 9 billion (up by 4.5% compared to 2005), an **operating result** of € 1.2 billion (up by 44.4% on 2005) and **net profit** of € 483 million, showing a record 94.8% increase compared to 2005 (€ 248 million).

Poste Italiane is the largest service-provider group in Italy. Thanks to its extensive presence throughout the country, and the effective integration of its activities, today the group is able to offer integrated products and services in the areas of communication, logistics, and finance. The group meets the needs of an extremely diverse clientele, and ensures high standards of quality, which are certified and correspond to those of other major countries in Europe.

Members of the Poste Italiane Group include: the SDA Group, which offers express courier, logistics, and urban express delivery services; Postecom which manages Poste Italiane's internet services and integrates innovative services; PosteVita and BancoPosta Fondi SGR, which offer life insurance and investment funds respectively; and Postel, European leader in hybrid email and in the document processing sector.