

SIA: SHAREHOLDERS' MEETING APPROVES THE 2018 BALANCE SHEET AND DIVIDEND DISTRIBUTION

A record year, net profit at €84.6 million

Dividend to €0.35 per share

+28% increase revenues from abroad

Milan, 29 April 2019 - SIA's Ordinary Shareholders' Meeting, held today under the **chairmanship of Giuliano Asperti** with the participation of 92.8% of the Company's capital, **approved the balance sheet for the financial year 2018** and the **distribution of the dividend**.

The Shareholders' Meeting decided to **distribute an ordinary dividend for the financial year 2018 of approximately €60 million, corresponding to €0.35** for each of the 171,343,227 shares. Said dividends will be paid starting from 6 May 2019.

The Shareholders' Meeting also confirmed **Nicola Cordone** and **Francesco Silva**, who had already been elected during the previous Board of Directors' Meetings. Both will remain in office until the approval of the 2019 balance sheet. The Shareholders' Meeting appointed **Massimo Sarmi** as a Member of the Board of Directors, replacing **Marco Lucchini** who resigned.

The **new Board of Statutory Auditors** has also been appointed. It will remain in office until the 2021's full-year results will be approved by the Shareholders' Meeting.

The Board is made up of **Riccardo Ranalli** (elected **Chairman**), **Andrea Bignami** and **Fabrizio Bianchi**, as standing statutory auditors, **Franca Brusco** and **Antonia Coppola** as substitute statutory auditors. It was agreed that an annual flat fee of €45,000 will be paid to the Chairman and €30,000 to each standing statutory auditor.

Deloitte & Touche was appointed to be the **new Auditing Firm** for the financial years 2019-2021.

2018, A RECORD YEAR FOR ECONOMIC RESULTS AND BUSINESS TRENDS

The 2018 financial year of **SIA S.p.A.** closed with **revenues of €411.9 million** and an **EBITDA of €124.5 million**, the **operating result** reached **€97.4 million** while **net profit** was **€84.6 million**.

In 2018, **Group revenues** rose to **€614.8 million** and **EBITDA** increased to **€201.4 million**. There has also been an increase in **EBIT** at **€122.3 million**, the **pre-tax result** is **€110.3 million** while **net profit at Group level** is **€79.5 million**.

During the year, SIA has **further strengthened its international positioning**, and has **become a leader in central and south-eastern Europe** as a result of the acquisition of the cards processing business from First Data and **increasing foreign sales by 28%**.

The achievement of these results has been made possible thanks to the **quality and the innovation of the solutions offered** and the **high level of reliability in the management of "mission-critical" infrastructures**, with **levels of service availability** to the **highest standards in the market**.

In 2018, SIA Group processed **7.2 billion card transactions** in total, **14 billion institutional services transactions** and **3 billion payment transactions relating to credit transfers and collections**.

On the **financial markets**, the number of **trading and post-trading transactions** was **51.7 billion**.

SIA handled a **volume of traffic of over 1,204 terabytes of data** on the **186,000 km of the SIANet network**, with total infrastructure availability and **100% service levels**.

SIA is European leader in the design, creation and management of technology infrastructures and services for Financial Institutions, Central Banks, Corporates and the Public Sector, in the areas of payments, cards, network services and capital markets. SIA Group provides its services in 50 countries, and also operates through its subsidiaries in Austria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia and South Africa. The company also has branches in Belgium and the Netherlands, and representation offices in the UK and Poland.

In 2018, SIA managed 14 billion institutional services transactions, 7.2 billion card transactions, 3 billion payments, 51.7 billion financial transactions and carried 1,204 terabytes of data on the network.

The Group, which currently has over 3,400 employees, closed 2018 with revenues of €614.8 million.

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