



## **PRESS RELEASE**

**MARR: +14% revenues from sales in the first six months of 2006.**

**Consolidated revenues from sales of 458.1 million Euros, above expectations.**

*Rimini, 4 July 2006* – MARR S.p.A. (Milan: MARR.MI), leader in Italy in the distribution of food products to the foodservice, achieved consolidated revenues from sales of 458.1 million Euros during the first six months of 2006, an increase of 14% compared to 402.0 million Euros in the first six months of 2005.

This increase, which confirms MARR's capability to grow above market rates, is due to organic growth (9.2%) and to the contribution of recent acquisitions (4.8%).

In particular, following the positive performance during the first quarter of 2006, with revenues from sales increasing by 12.2%, the second quarter also saw an increase in excess of expectations. Revenues from sales reached 268.5 million Euros, an increase of 15.3%.

The figures in the quarterly report as at 30 June 2006 will be presented to the financial community, on the occasion of their approval by the MARR S.p.A. Board of Directors, on 2 August, as provided by the calendar of corporate events.

**MARR** (Cremonini Group), quoted on the STAR Segment of the Italian Stock Exchange, is the leading company in Italy in the specialised distribution of food products for non-domestic catering and is controlled by Cremonini S.p.A..

Through an organisation composed of about 650 sales agents, MARR serves more than 36,000 clients (mainly restaurants, hotels, pizza outlets, tourist villages and company canteens), with an offer including about 10,000 food products, including fish, meat, general food products and fruit and vegetables.

The company operates nationwide through a logistical and distribution network comprising more than 20 distribution centres, 4 cash&carry points, 4 agents with warehouses, and uses about 550 vehicles.

In 2005, MARR achieved consolidated revenues of 884.2 million Euros, a consolidated EBITDA of 53 million Euros and net consolidated profits of 22.1 million Euros.

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