



PRESS RELEASE

SERVIZI ITALIA: contract renewed in Tuscany for a total amount of € 52.8 million.

Medical linen laundering and surgical instruments sterilisation now underway for the healthcare and university hospital facilities of the Area Vasta Centro.

A visit is planned today to the facilities at the Careggi Hospital in Florence, with the participation of Councillor Enrico Rossi.

According to the forecasts, in 2009 the Group's turnover will grow by more than 20%.

Servizi Italia S.p.A., a company listed in the STAR division of the Electronic Stock Market (MTA) of Borsa Italiana, in its role as group leader in a Temporary Association of Companies, was re-awarded a contract in Tuscany for the management of medical linen laundering and surgical instruments sterilisation services for the Healthcare and University Hospital facilities of the Area Vasta Centro; this was already indicated in the half-yearly report of 12 August.

This afternoon the company will be opening the doors of the site on which it operates at the Careggi hospital, to welcome a guided visit to the hospital departments of the most important healthcare facilities in the region by the Councillor for the Right to Health of the Tuscany Region, Enrico Rossi.

This event was organised following the start of the contract for the management of services for the Healthcare and University Hospital facilities of the Area Vasta Centro and the renovation of the infrastructures of the Careggi site, which employs a staff of 195 people and is characterised by a modern, efficient industrial laundry, attached to which is a technological centre for the sterilisation of operating theatre linen and surgical instruments.

For Servizi Italia the contract is worth around € 52.8 million for the entire duration of 4 years, with the possibility of renewal for a further four.

Specifically, Servizi Italia will carry out all the medical linen laundering and linen sterilisation services for the Careggi University Hospital, the Meyer University Hospital, the U.S.L. 10 Local Health Authority of Florence and the U.S.L. 4 Local Health Authority of Prato.

This operation strengthens the position of Servizi Italia in the Centre – North area, a market with significant potential and commissioning bodies, such as ESTAV Centro, which are part of the most important healthcare facilities in Tuscany and that have seen Servizi Italia S.p.a. as a professional company with which to do business, thus allowing the firm to carry ahead its significant thirty-year history that began with washing services, then moved onto linen laundering and hire services and finally to high-added-value sterilisation services.



End-of-year forecasts for 2009 predict a rise in revenues of over 20% compared to 2008, in line with the first 9 months of the year, and on the basis of the order portfolio already in the firm's possession, Servizi Italia aims to reach a turnover of 200 million in 2011.

According to these estimates, the Company may pay out a dividend at the end of FY09.

"This new contract – commented Luciano Facchini, Managing Director of Servizi Italia – adds to our client portfolio and strengthens our position in Central Italy; together with the other contracts renewed during the year, it provides confirmation of our mission to keep existing clients and attract new ones. The duration of the contracts signed, lasting several years, also assures us guaranteed revenues in the future, thus enabling us to optimise production management and thereby improve profitability".

Servizi Italia S.p.A., a company with registered office in Castellina di Soragna (PR), listed on the electronic stock market (MTA) of Borsa Italiana S.p.A. is the leading Italian integrated provider of rental, laundry, and sterilisation services for medical linens and surgical instruments in hospitals.

With a technologically advanced production platform of 11 laundry facilities, 6 linen sterilisation centres, 11 surgical instrument sterilisation centres, and 110 wardrobes, the Company – that forms Servizi Italia Group together with its subsidiaries – primarily deals with public and private health care facilities in Central and Northern Italy, with a wide array of services offered.

In 2008, Servizi Italia achieved total consolidated revenues of € 154.4 million (+8% from 2007), consolidated EBITDA of € 43.6 million (+4.3%), and a net consolidated profit of € 6.5 million.

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