



COFIDE – GRUPPO DE BENEDETTI S.p.A.

Milan – Via Ciovassino 1

Share Capital: Euro 359,604,959.00 fully paid up – Reg. of Companies and Tax Code 01792930016
Company subject to management and coordination by F.lli De Benedetti S.p.A.

NOTICE OF GENERAL MEETING

The shareholders are invited to attend the Extraordinary and Ordinary General Meeting of the Shareholders to be held at a single calling on July 19 2019 at 11.00 a.m. at the TOGETHER TO GO (TOG) Foundation Onlus (9th floor), in Milan, to discuss and pass resolution on the following

AGENDA

Extraordinary Part

1. Approval of the planned merger of CIR S.p.A. – Compagnie Industriali Riunite by incorporation into COFIDE – Gruppo De Benedetti S.p.A.. Consequent share capital increase to service the merger and the stock option plans adopted by the Board of Directors of CIR S.p.A. – Compagnie Industriali Riunite on April 30 2009 and April 30 2010: consequent amendments to the Company Bylaws. Resolutions pertaining to and resulting from the same.

Ordinary Part

1. Approval of a stock grant plan in replacement of stock grant plans adopted by CIR S.p.A. – Compagnie Industriali Riunite outstanding as of the date of the merger by incorporation of CIR S.p.A. – Compagnie Industriali Riunite into COFIDE – Gruppo De Benedetti S.p.A., which will take effect on completion of the merger; resolutions pertaining to and resulting from the same.

INFORMATION ON THE SHARE CAPITAL

The share capital amounts to € 359,604,959.00 and consists of 719,209,918 ordinary shares each with a nominal value of € 0.50 and with voting rights except for the own shares for which voting rights are suspended.

Each share is assigned one vote or two votes as per the terms of Art. 8 of the Company Bylaws if the Board of Directors has ascertained that such a right exists.

ATTENDING THE SHAREHOLDERS' MEETING IN PERSON AND BY PROXY

Entitlement to take part in the Meeting and exercise a vote is attested by a notification – made by an authorized intermediary as per the terms of Art. 83-*sexies* of D.Lgs. no. 58/98 and subsequent amendments and additions (TUF) – in favour of the individual who has the right to vote based on evidence available at the close of business on Wednesday July 10 2019, the seventh trading day preceding the date fixed for the single call of the Shareholders' Meeting. Any persons who obtain entitlement only after that date will not have the right to attend or vote at the Meeting.

To make it easier to check their entitlement to take part in the proceedings of the Meeting, participants are requested to show their copy of the notice made to the Company, which the authorized intermediary, in accordance with current regulations, is required to make available to them.

Any holders of shares that have not yet been dematerialized should first present their share certificates to an authorized intermediary for input into the centralized clearing system in electronic form, in accordance with the provisions of Article 36 of the single Measure on post-trading issued by Consob and Bank of Italy on August 13 2018, and should request that the notification be sent in as above.

Persons with voting rights can appoint a proxy to represent them at the Shareholders' Meeting in accordance with Art. 2372 of the Civil Code and with any other rules or regulations applicable. The proxy form at the bottom of the notification issued by the authorized intermediary may be used or alternatively there is a proxy form that can be downloaded from the company website www.cofide.it in the section Documents. The proxy form can be sent by registered post with advice of receipt (A.R.) to the Milan Office – Via Nervesa 21 – or, alternatively, may be sent to the certified e-mail address segre@legalmail.it. If the proxy gives or sends the Company a copy of the proxy form, he or she must certify under his or her own responsibility that the copy corresponds to the original and confirm the identity of the person appointing such proxy.

In accordance with legislation on the subject, Shareholders can, without incurring any charges, appoint as proxy Studio Segre S.r.l. as the Representative Designated by the Company as per the terms of Art. 135-*undecies* of the TUF. The proxy is appointed by signing the appropriate form available in the above-mentioned section of the website. The signed document must be sent to the Designated Representative, Studio Segre S.r.l. – Via Valeggio, 41 – 10129 Turin by registered post with advice of receipt (A.R.) or sent by e-mail to the certified address segre@legalmail.it by the end of the second trading day before the date fixed for the Shareholders' Meeting at the single call (i.e. by Wednesday July 17 2019). The proxy is not valid for the motions for which no voting instructions have been given. The proxy and the voting instructions are revocable until the dates by which they must be given.

The notice sent to the company by the authorized intermediary attesting the Shareholder's entitlement to attend the meeting is needed even when the Designated Representative of the Company is appointed as proxy. Therefore, in the absence of the above-cited notification the proxy will not be valid.

RIGHT TO ASK QUESTIONS ON THE ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

Shareholders who wish to ask questions regarding the items on the Agenda of the Shareholders' Meeting may send their questions by registered post with advice of receipt (A.R.) to the Company's Milan Office, Via Nervesa 21, or by certified e-mail to the address segre@legalmail.it attaching either the certification issued by an authorized intermediary proving that they are entitled to exercise this right or the notification attesting their entitlement to attend the Shareholders' Meeting and to exercise their right to vote. Questions must be received by the close of the third day preceding the date fixed for the meeting at the single calling, i.e. July 16 2019.

The Company will give its response during the Shareholders' Meeting at the latest. Questions with the same content will receive a single response.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA AND PRESENTATION OF NEW RESOLUTION PROPOSALS

As per the terms of Art. 126-*bis* of the TUF, Shareholders representing even jointly at least one fortieth of the share capital may request, within ten days of the publication of this notice, an addition to the items on the Agenda to be dealt with, indicating in their request the further items proposed, or they may submit proposed resolutions on subjects already on the Agenda. It should be remembered, however, that any such addition is not allowed for the items on which the Shareholders, as per the terms of the law, vote on a proposal made by the Directors or on a plan or a report prepared by the same, other than those included in Art. 125-*ter*, paragraph 1 of the TUF.

Requests should be made by registered post with advice of receipt (A.R.) to the Milan Office of the Company, Via Nervesa 21, or by certified e-mail to the address segre@legalmail.it and must be accompanied by a report on the subject being put forward as well as by the certification(s) issued by

an authorized intermediary attesting the person's entitlement to exercise this right. Notice will be given of any additions to the Agenda and of any new proposed resolutions in the same form as those on this notice of meeting, at least fifteen days before the date fixed for the single call of the Shareholders' Meeting, by which time the report prepared by the proposers of the same will be made available to the public.

The documentation relating to the items on the Agenda, as required by current legislation, which includes, among other things, the complete text of the proposed resolutions, will be available to the public as per the terms of the law at the Company's Milan Office, Via Nervesa 21, (the Registered Office in Via Ciovassino 1 is being renovated), from Borsa Italiana S.p.A., on the authorized storage mechanism eMarket STORAGE website www.emarketstorage.com and on the Company website www.cofide.it in the section Documents. Shareholders have the right to obtain a copy of this documentation.

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The Company Bylaws are available on the Company website www.cofide.it in the section Corporate Governance.

Milan, June 18 2019

For the Board of Directors
The Chairman – Rodolfo De Benedetti