

Press Release

**Notice *ex art. 84* of the Issuers' Regulation  
Merger by incorporation of Il Sole 24 ORE Business Media S.r.l.  
into Il Sole 24 ORE S.p.A.**

Milan, February 4, 2010 - Notice is given that the documents regarding the merger of Il Sole 24 ORE Business Media S.r.l. into Il Sole 24 ORE S.p.A. have been made available at the Company's head office and on its website ([www.gruppo24ore.com](http://www.gruppo24ore.com)).

Since Il Sole 24 ORE Business Media S.r.l. is wholly owned by Il Sole 24 ORE S.p.A., and as this is a simplified merger under art. 2505 of the Civil Code, the foregoing documents comprise the merger plan, the merger financial statements and the 2006, 2007 and 2008 approved financial statements of the companies taking part in the merger. The documents have also been made available at Borsa Italiana S.p.A. ([www.borsaitaliana.it](http://www.borsaitaliana.it)).

Notice is also given that the merger plan was filed on February 4, 2010 with the Business Register of Milan. As from such date, shareholders of Il Sole 24 ORE S.p.A. holding at least 5% of the share capital, have 8 days to request the Company, through its Legal Office, to have the merger approved by the extraordinary shareholders' meeting of Il Sole 24 ORE S.p.A., pursuant to art. 2502 of the Civil Code.