# **SARAS First Quarter 2007 Results**

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- Adjusted net income<sup>1</sup> EUR 71 ml, up 7%, both on Q1/06 and Q4/06
- Proforma comparable EBITDA<sup>2</sup> EUR 155 ml, up 8% EUR 143.6 ml in Q1/06 and up 11% vs EUR 138.9 ml in Q4/06
- Saras refining&power margin at 10.4 \$/bl (9.2 \$/bl in Q4/06):
  - ✓ refining margin 6.7 \$/bl with EMC benchmark at 3.0 \$/bl, rebounded from Q4/06 lows of 5.6 \$/bl
  - ✓ IGCC power margin 3.7 \$/bl (3.6 \$/bl in Q4/06)
- Net debt (NFP) decreased to EUR 135 ml from EUR 285 ml at end 2006
- Good performance from Power Generation and Marketing segment

| EUR mI              | 1Q/07 | 1Q/06 | Var.% | 4Q/06 |
|---------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| EBITDA Comparable   | 155.0 | 143.6 | 8%    | 138.9 |
| EBIT Comparable     | 115.0 | 104.4 | 10%   | 95.2  |
| Adjusted Net Income | 71.0  | 66.3  | 7%    | 66.2  |

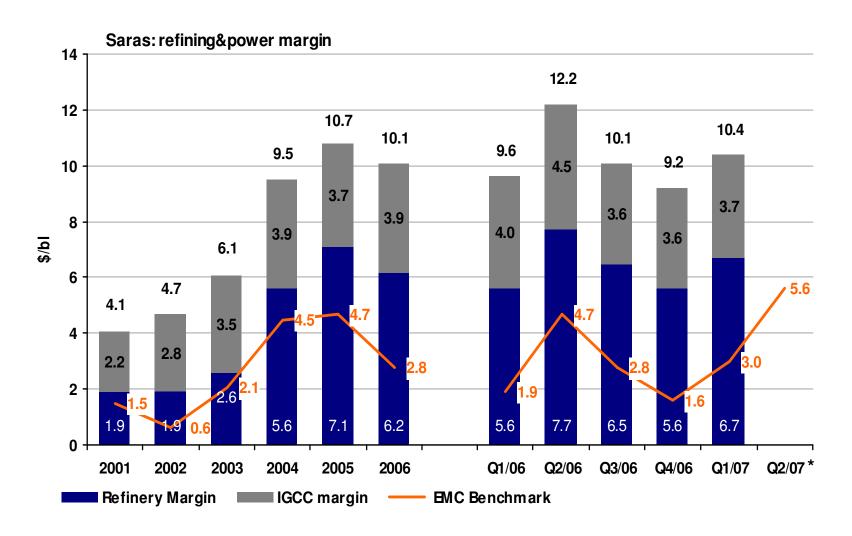
Q1/06 figures are proforma

<sup>1.</sup> reported net income adjusted by differences between inventories at LIFO and inventories at FIFO net of taxes, change of derivatives fair value net of taxes and non recurring items net of taxes

<sup>2.</sup> calculated using IFRS accounting principles and evaluating inventories at LIFO

- CIP6: with reference to Saras' legal action aimed at challenging resolution n. 24906 dated 15/11/2006 from the "Autorità per l'energia elettrica e il gas" (Italian Energy Authority) on 10/05/2007 the administrative tribunal ruled in Saras' favour
- Saras has been **short-listed for the acquisition of I.E.S. S.p.A.**, an Italian independent refiner whose assets include a 57,000 bl/day refinery in Mantua and about 150 retail stations in Italy

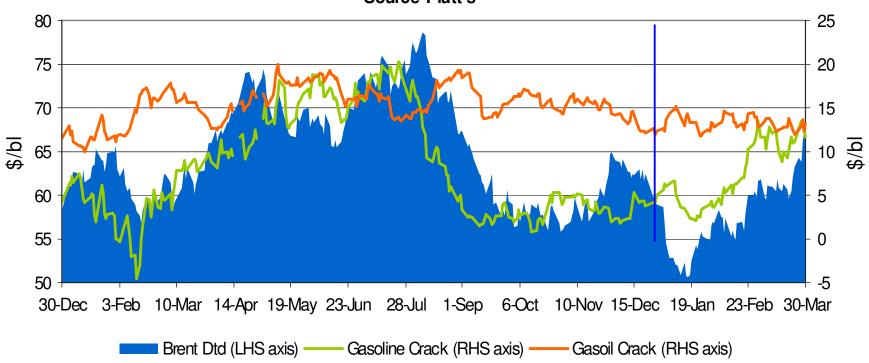
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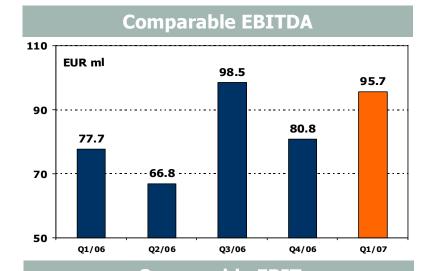
2006-07: Brent Dtd and Gasoline/ Gasoil crack spread versus Brent Source Platt's

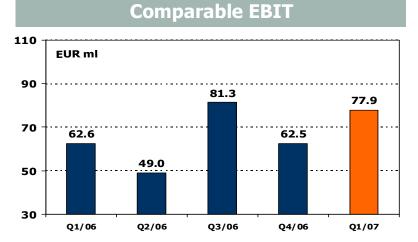


- Early start of driving season boosted gasoline crack spread
- Diesel crack spread less volatile than gasoline, although adversely affected by abnormally mild winter

# Segment Reviews Q1/07



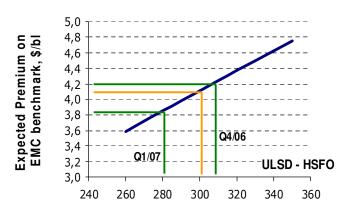




|                   | 2005  | 2006  |
|-------------------|-------|-------|
| Comparable EBITDA | 421.5 | 323.8 |
| Comparable EBIT   | 348.2 | 255.4 |

- Refinery margin 6.7 \$/bl vs 5.6 \$/bl both in Q1/06 and Q4/06
  - EMC benchmark was 3.0 \$/bl vs 1.6 in Q4/06 and 1.9 \$/bl in Q1/06
  - Actual premium vs benchmark in Q1 was 3.7
     \$/bl
  - Premium marginally impacted by lower ULSD-HSFO differential

|              |        | Q1/07 | Q4/06 | Q3/06 | Q2/06 | Q1/06 |
|--------------|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| ULSD vs HSFO | \$/ton | 280   | 307   | 347   | 339   | 287   |



Crude runs in Q1/07: 27.8 Mbl or 3.8 millon tons (309,000 b/d) in line with previous quarter



### **PRODUCTION**

|                    |              | Q1/07 | Q4/06 | 2006  |
|--------------------|--------------|-------|-------|-------|
| LPG                | thousand ton | 84    | 60    | 312   |
|                    | yield        | 2.2%  | 1.5%  | 2.2%  |
| NAPHTHA + GASOLINE | thousand ton | 1,029 | 1,055 | 3,893 |
|                    | yield        | 27.0% | 27.1% | 27.3% |
| MIDDLE DISTILLATES | thousand ton | 1,986 | 2,011 | 7,350 |
|                    | yield        | 52.1% | 51.6% | 51.4% |
| FUEL OIL & OTHERS  | thousand ton | 182   | 275   | 725   |
|                    | yield        | 4.8%  | 7.1%  | 5.1%  |
| TAR                | thousand ton | 306   | 263   | 1,152 |
|                    | yield        | 8.0%  | 6.8%  | 8.1%  |

### **CRUDE OIL SLATE**

|                       |      | Q1/07 | Q4/06 | 2006 |
|-----------------------|------|-------|-------|------|
| Light extra sweet     |      | 40%   | 38%   | 43%  |
| Light sweet           |      | 3%    | 9%    | 5%   |
| Medium sweet          |      | 0%    | 2%    | 1%   |
| Light sour            |      | 0%    | 0%    | 0%   |
| Medium sour           |      | 31%   | 23%   | 23%  |
| Heavy Sour            |      | 27%   | 28%   | 28%  |
| Average crude gravity | °API | 32.4  | 32.4  | 32.9 |

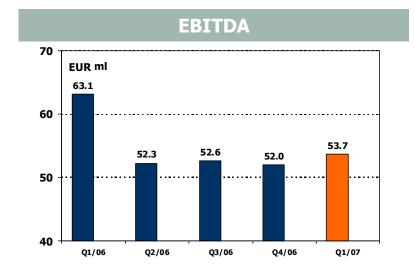
| REFINERY                       | Q1/07 | Q4/06 | 2006  |
|--------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|
|                                |       |       |       |
| refinery runs (Mbl)            | 27.8  | 28.4  | 104.3 |
| exchange rate                  | 1.31  | 1.29  | 1.26  |
| refining IFRS LIFO EBITDA (M€) | 95.7  | 80.8  | 321.7 |
| EEITDA margin (\$/bl)          | 4.5   | 3.7   | 3.9   |
|                                |       |       |       |
| fixed costs (\$/bl)            | 2.2   | 1.9   | 24    |
| variable costs (\$/bl)         | 1.5   | 1.6   | 1.8   |

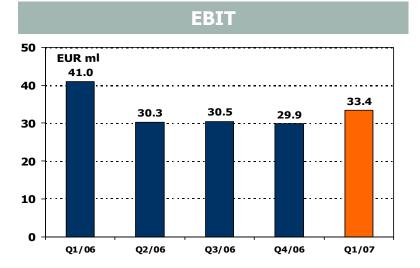
| IGCC                   | Q1/07 | Q4/06 | 2006  |
|------------------------|-------|-------|-------|
|                        |       |       |       |
| refinery runs (Mbl)    | 27.8  | 28.4  | 104.3 |
| exchange rate          | 1.31  | 1.29  | 1.26  |
| Sarlux IFFS ⊞ITDA (M€) | 53.7  | 52.0  | 220.0 |
| EBITDA margin (\$/bl)  | 25    | 24    | 26    |
|                        |       |       |       |
| fixed costs (\$/bl)    | 1.2   | 1.2   | 1.2   |
| variable costs (\$/bl) | 0.8   | 0.7   | 0.7   |

| REFINERY   | Q2/07                                | Q3/07     | Q4/07              | 2007      | 2008      |
|--|--------------------------------------|-----------|--------------------|-----------|-----------|
| PLANT  | 1 Topping<br>1 Vaacum<br>Visbreaking |           | 1 Topping<br>1 MHC |           |           |
| estimated RUNS (Mton)                            | 3.25-3.35                            | 3.70-3.80 | 3.35-3.45          | 14.0-14.4 | 15.0-15.2 |
| estimated RUNS (Mbl)                             | 23.7-24.5                            | 27.0-27.7 | 24.5-25.2          | 102-105   | 110-111   |
| additional estimated loss on EBITDA (Million \$) | 7-10                                 |           | 7-10               | 14-20     |           |

| IGCC POWER PLANT            | Q2/07                   | Q3/07   | Q4/07                   | 2007    | 2008    |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------|---------|-------------------------|---------|---------|
| PLANT                       | 1 gasifier<br>1 turbine |         | 1 gasifier<br>1 turbine |         |         |
| estimated power prod. (MWh) | 1.0-1.1                 | 1.1-1.2 | 1.0-1.1                 | 4.2-4.6 | 4.2-4.6 |

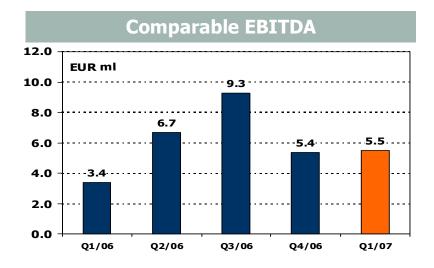
- 2007 maintenance schedule will affect refinery runs and also marginally conversion; no major maintenance in 2008
- Maintenance on IGCC power plant will have negligible impact on IFRS EBITDA since maintenance cycles already included in the linearization procedure required by IFRS accounting principles

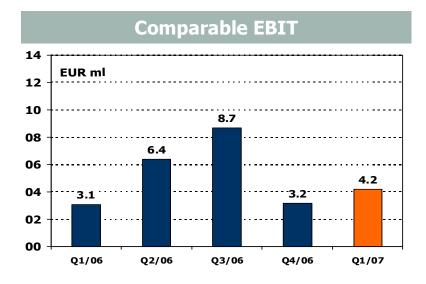




- Electricity production at record high of 1,215,000 MWh, up 5% vs Q1/06
- Power tariff -5% vs Q1/06 due to lower crude prices
- EBITDA in line with expectations
- Italian GAAP EBITDA EUR 85.6 ml vs EUR 79.5 in Q1/06

| EUR ml | 2005  | 2006  |
|--------|-------|-------|
| EBITDA | 213.4 | 220.0 |
| EBIT   | 120.4 | 131.7 |

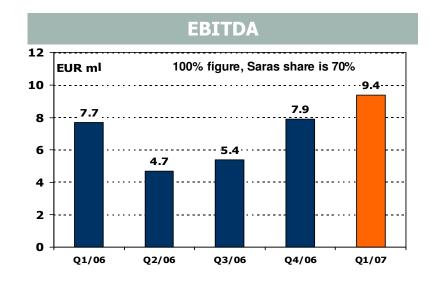




- Q1/07 comparable EBITDA +35% vs Q1/06 despite a weaker margin environment
- Strong increase of sales: +16% versus same period last year driven by our Spanish operations (+26%)
- Market share increased both in Spain and Italy

| EUR ml            | 2005 | 2006 |
|-------------------|------|------|
| Comparable EBITDA | 23.0 | 24.8 |
| Comparable EBIT   | 21.8 | 21.4 |

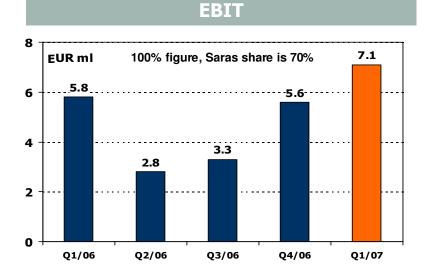
## Wind (Saras shareholding 70%)



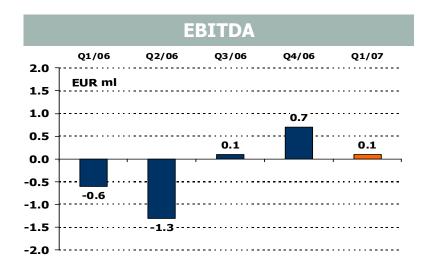
Electricity sales +4% versus Q1/06

 Power tariff and green certificate prices both increased versus Q1/06 respectively by +2% and +9%

- Net income (100% figure):
  - ✓ EUR 3.8 ml vs EUR 3.4 ml in Q1/06



- Adjusted net income (100 % figure):
  - ✓ EUR 3.4 ml unchanged vs Q1/06



Results close to break-even

|      |        |       | EBIT  |       |       |
|------|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 0.0  | Q1/06  | Q2/06 | Q3/06 | Q4/06 | Q1/07 |
| 0.0  |        |       |       |       |       |
| -0.5 |        | -0.5  | -0.5  | -0.4  | -0.5  |
| -1.0 |        |       |       |       |       |
| -1.5 |        |       |       |       |       |
| -2.0 |        |       |       |       |       |
| -2.5 | 2.3    |       |       |       |       |
| -3.0 | EUR ml |       |       |       |       |

| EUR ml | 2005  | 2006  |
|--------|-------|-------|
| EBITDA | (4.3) | (1.1) |
| EBIT   | (7.7) | (3.7) |

# **Financial Overview**



## Key Income Statement Figures

| EUR million                                    | Q1/07  | Q1/06  | var % | Q4/06  |
|--|--------|--------|-------|--------|
|  |        |        |       |        |
| EBITDA   | 145.3  | 138.1  |       | 104.4  |
| Comparable EBITDA(1)                           | 155.0  | 143.6  | 8%    | 138.9  |
| Depreciation                                   | (40.0) | (39.2) |       | (43.7) |
| EBIT   | 105.3  | 98.9   |       | 58.7   |
| Comparable EBIT(2)                             | 115.0  | 104.4  | 10%   | 95.2   |
| Net financial income (expenses)                | (23.5) | (8.0)  |       | 5.9    |
| Adjustment to the value of financial assets(4) | 2.6    | 2.4    |       | 2.5    |
| Non recurring items (5)                        | 0.0    | 0.0    |       | (9.3)  |
| Profit before taxes                            | 84.4   | 100.5  |       | 57.8   |
| Taxes  | (33.5) | (37.7) |       | (22.1) |
| Net income                                     | 50.9   | 62.8   |       | 35.7   |
| Adjusted net income(3)                         | 71.0   | 66.3   | 7%    | 66.2   |

Proforma figures for Q1/2006

- 1. Comparable EBITDA: calculated evaluating inventories at LIFO
- 2. Comparable EBIT = Comparable EBITDA depreciation&amortization
- 3. Adjusted NET INCOME = reported NET INCOME
  - +/- (inventories at LIFO-inventories at FIFO) net of taxes
  - +/- non recurring items net of taxes
  - +/- change in derivatives fair value net of taxes
- 4. Adjustment to the value of financial assets: joint ventures consolidated by the Equity method (Wind)
- 5. Non recurring items: includes certain IPO costs in 2006 and other non recurring.



# Detail of consolidated net income adjustments

| EUR million   | Q1/07 | Q1/06 | Q4/06 |
|---|-------|-------|-------|
|   |       |       |       |
| Reported net income (A)                                 | 50.9  | 62.8  | 35.7  |
|   |       |       |       |
| (inventories at LIFO- inventories at FIFO) net of taxes | 6.1   | 3.5   | 22.9  |
| Non recurring items net of taxes                        | 0.0   | 0.0   | 6.6   |
| Change in derivatives fair value net of taxes           | 14.0  | 0.1   | 8.0   |
| Total adjustments to reported net income (B)            | 20.1  | 3.5   | 30.4  |
|   |       |       |       |
| Adjusted net income (A+B)                               | 71.0  | 66.3  | 66.2  |



### **CASHFLOW**

| EUR million                                | Q1/07 | Q1/06 | Q4/06 |
|--|-------|-------|-------|
|  |       |       |       |
| Initial net financial position             | (285) | (573) | (187) |
|  |       |       |       |
| Cash flow from operations (a)              | 185   | 116   | (57)  |
| p/l+ dep&amortization+change in provisions | 107   | 148   | 93    |
| working capital                            | 78    | (32)  | (151) |
|  |       |       |       |
| Cash flow from investments (b)             | (36)  | (27)  | (41)  |
| investments in tangible&intangible assets  | (36)  | (27)  | (41)  |
| acquisitions                               | 0     | 0     | 0     |
|  |       |       |       |
| Cash flow from financing (c)               | 0     | (170) | 0     |
| capital increase                           | 0     | 0     | 0     |
| dividends                                  | 0     | (170) | 0     |
|  |       |       |       |
| Total cash flow from the period (a+b+c)    | 139   | (81)  | (98)  |
|  |       |       |       |
| Final net financial position               | (135) | (655) | (285) |

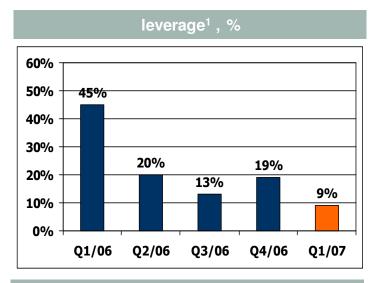
| EUR million                          | 31-Mar-07 | 31-Dec-06 |
|--------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
|                                      |           |           |
| Current assets                       | 1,682     | 1,514     |
| cash                                 | 395       | 231       |
| other current assets                 | 1,287     | 1,282     |
| Non Current assets                   | 1,705     | 1,707     |
| TOTAL ASSETS                         | 3,387     | 3,220     |
| Non interest bearing liabilities     | 1,507     | 1,410     |
| Interest bearing liabilities         | 542       | 525       |
| Sarlux project finance               | 369       | 369       |
| Equity                               | 1,336     | 1,285     |
| EQUITY AND TOTAL LIABILITIES         | 3,387     | 3,220     |
| Loans to unconsolidated subsidiaries | 13        | 9         |
| Net financial position (*)           | (135)     | (285)     |
| NFP/EBITDA (**)                      | 0.22      | 0.38      |
| LEVERAGE (***)                       | 9%        | 18%       |

<sup>\*</sup> Net financial position = Interest bearing liabilities - cash - loans to unconsolidated subsidiaries (wind)

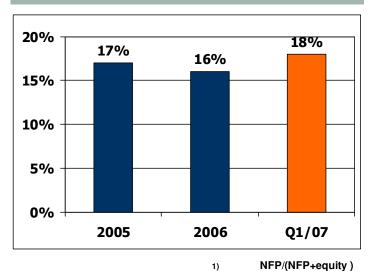
<sup>\*\*</sup> Calculated using comparable EBITDA figures

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> NFP / (NFP + Equity)

# **Key Ratios**

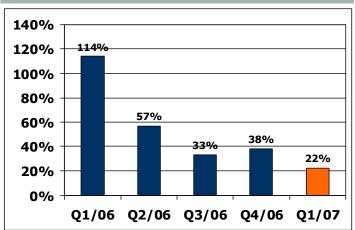




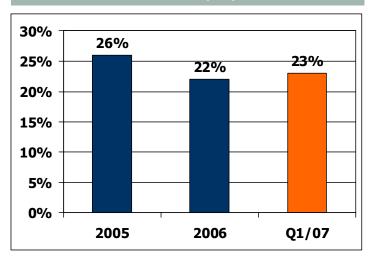


- NFP/(NFP+equity)
- 2) after tax, quarterly figures are 1 year rolling

### NFP/EBITDA, %



### Return on Equity, %



# Strategy Overview



### Organic growth - 2007/2009

- 2-3 \$/bl refining margin improvement
- CAPEX approx EUR 600 million of which half is maintain capacity
- expected after tax project IRR higher than 20%

### **External growth**

- IN OUR CORE BUSINESSES
  - **✓** M&A opportunities in Refining, Marketing, Oil logistics (depots, pipelines,..)
- IN RELATED SECTORS
  - ✓ WIND: pipeline of projects in the permitting phase
  - ✓ **BIODIESEL**: 200,000 tons/year plant operational from 2008 (investment 35 m€/IRR>20%)
  - ✓ GAS EXPLORATION: committed about EUR 10 ml for seismic tests

### **BASIS FOR INVESTMENT**

- high fire-power
- > Stringent investment criteria:
  - PROJECT IRR AFTER TAX ~ 20%
  - No growth for growth's sake
  - EPS accretive from day 1

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# Short term outlook

- Margins are expected to remain robust in the medium term due to very tight refining capacity and constantly increasing demand. During the last months we have observed numerous cancellations and delays of projects which aimed to increase refining capacity.
- An early start of the driving season due to mild weather and higher than normal maintenance and outages in US refineries caused margins to reach the highest levels so far in 2007 at the beginning of Q2/07. Saras' EMC benchmark averaged 4.7 \$/bl in April and above 9 \$/bl in the first days of May.
- Processing contracts: all but one have been renewed at improved conditions; negotiations in progress for the remainder.
- In Q2/07 there will be a planned maintenance cycle and upgrading investments that will involve one of the three crude distillation units, one of the two vacuum units and the visbreaker:
  - the estimated impact of the shutdown, in addition to the reduction of crude runs, will be 7-10 million USD
  - as of Q3/07 these investments will increase diesel production by 150,000 tons on a yearly basis and increase reliability
  - gasoline production will not be affected by the maintenance because the gasoline producing units will maintain maximum runs.

# Short term outlook

- IGCC is also expected to undergo 2 maintenance cycles during Q2 and Q4 but without any impact on EBITDA since maintenance cycles are already included in the linearization procedure required by IFRS.
- Gas exploration: seismic tests in Sardinia are continuing with encouraging preliminary findings; final results are expected by end 2008.
- Sarlux project finance renegotiation was concluded during Q1/07. Benefits from Q2/07 will be about EUR 1 million per quarter (about EUR 0.5 ml on interest and balance on EBITDA).
- CIP6: Saras' legal action to challenge resolution n. 24906 dated 15th November 2006 of the "Autorità per l'energia elettrica e il gas" (Italian Energy Authority) on 10/05/2007 was resolved in Saras's favour. The ruling by the tribunal might still be appealed by the Authority at the highest administrative level (Consiglio di Stato).

# **Additional Information**

| EUR Million           |                          | Q1/07 | Q1/06 | var % | Q4/06 |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| EBITDA                |                          | 88.5  | 68.3  | 30%   | 55.1  |
| EBITDA comparable     |                          | 95.7  | 77.7  | 23%   | 80.8  |
| EBIT                  |                          | 70.7  | 53.2  | 33%   | 36.8  |
| EBIT comparable       |                          | 77.9  | 62.6  | 24%   | 62.5  |
|                       |                          |       |       |       |       |
| CAPEX                 |                          | 30.0  | 22.7  |       | 26.0  |
|                       |                          |       |       |       |       |
|                       |                          | Q1/07 | Q1/06 | var % | Q4/06 |
| REFINERY RUNS         | Mton                     | 3,809 | 3,709 | 3%    | 3,895 |
|                       | Mbl                      | 27.8  | 27.1  | 3%    | 28.4  |
|                       | Mbl/day                  | 309   | 301   | 3%    | 309   |
|                       |                          |       |       |       |       |
| of which: Processing  | for own account Mton     | 2,420 | 2,012 |       | 2,085 |
| Processing on beha    | If of third parties Mton | 1,389 | 1,697 |       | 1,810 |
|                       |                          |       |       |       |       |
| EMC BENCHMARK MARGIN  | \$/bl                    | 3.0   | 1.9   | 58%   | 1.6   |
| SARAS REFINERY MARGIN | \$/bl                    | 6.7   | 5.6   | 20%   | 5.6   |

| € Milion                | Q1/07 | Q1/06 | var % | Q4/06 |
|-------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| EBITDA                  | 53.7  | 63.1  | -15%  | 52.0  |
| EBIT                    | 33.4  | 41.0  | -19%  | 29.9  |
| EBITDA ITALIAN GAAP     | 85.6  | 79.5  | 8%    | 68.8  |
| EBIT ITALIAN GAAP       | 72.4  | 66.3  | 9%    | 55.2  |
| NET INCOME ITALIAN GAAP | 43.4  | 39.3  | 10%   | 32.4  |
|                         |       |       |       |       |
| CAPEX                   | 4.0   | 0.9   |       | 13.0  |

|                        |          | Q1/07 | Q1/06 | var % | Q4/06 |
|------------------------|----------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| ELECTRICITY PRODUCTION | MWh/1000 | 1,215 | 1,155 | 5%    | 999   |
| POWER TARIFF           | c€/KWh   | 12.67 | 13.31 | -5%   | 13.49 |
| POWER IGCC MARGIN      | \$/bl    | 3.7   | 4.0   | -8%   | 3.6   |

| € Million         |      | Q1/07 | Q1/06 | var % | Q4/06 |
|-------------------|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| EBITDA            |      | 3.0   | 7.3   | -59%  | (5.4) |
| EBITDA comparable |      | 5.5   | 3.4   | 62%   | 5.4   |
| EBIT              |      | 1.7   | 7.0   | -76%  | (7.6) |
| EBIT comparable   |      | 4.2   | 3.1   | 35%   | 3.2   |
|                   |      |       |       |       |       |
| CAPEX             |      | 0.3   | 0.0   |       | 6.0   |
|                   |      |       |       |       |       |
|                   |      | Q1/07 | Q1/06 | var % | Q4/06 |
|                   |      |       |       |       |       |
| TOTAL SALES       | Kton | 934   | 803   | 16%   | 870   |
| of which Italy    | Kton | 255   | 263   | -3%   | 276   |
| of which Spain    | Kton | 680   | 540   | 26%   | 594   |



| EUR million             | Q1/07 | Q1/06 | var % | Q4/06 |
|-------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| EBITDA                  | 9.4   | 7.7   | 22%   | 7.9   |
| EBIT                    | 7.1   | 5.8   | 23%   | 5.6   |
| NET INCOME              | 3.8   | 3.4   | 11%   | 3.2   |
| Adjusted NET INCOME (*) | 3.4   | 3.4   | 0%    | 1.7   |

(\*) A djusted Net Income: Net Income adjusted by non recurring items after taxes and change in the derivatives fair value after taxes

|                      |        | Q1/07  | Q1/06  | var % | Q4/06  |
|----------------------|--------|--------|--------|-------|--------|
| ELECTRICY PRODUCTION | MWh    | 54,910 | 52,902 | 4%    | 39,708 |
| POWER TARIFF         | c€/KWh | 7.6    | 7.5    | 2%    | 8.2    |
| GREEN CERTIFICATES   | c€/KWh | 11.9   | 10.9   | 9%    | 12.1   |



| From/To Multiply by | tonnes<br>metric | Barrels | US<br>Gallons | tonnes<br>per year | BTU       |
|---------------------|------------------|---------|---------------|--------------------|-----------|
| tonnes metric       | 1                | 7.3     | 308           | -                  | -         |
| Barrels             | 0.14             | 1       | 42            | -                  | -         |
| US Gallons          | 0.003            | 0.02    | 1             | -                  | -         |
| barrels per day     | -                | -       | -             | 50                 | -         |
| MWh                 | -                | -       | -             | -                  | 3,412,000 |

| Products | tonnes to<br>barrels | barrels to tonnes |
|----------|----------------------|-------------------|
| LPG      | 11.6                 | 0.09              |
| Gasoline | 8.5                  | 0.12              |
| Gasoil   | 7.5                  | 0.13              |
| Fuel Oil | 6.7                  | 0.15              |

**Source: BP Statistical Review of World Energy**