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Attention: Special Counsel, Office of International Corporate Finance

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Dear Sir or Madam,

please find enclosed a copy, translated in English, of the press release.

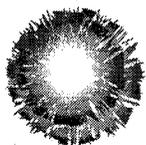
Please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned in Milan (Italy) at 00-39-02-7720-3089, should you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

  
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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **A2A, Iride and Gazprom Group PROCEED WITH CLOSING OF THE JV PROJECT FOR THE SALE OF NATURAL GAS ON THE ITALIAN MARKET**

**Milan, March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2009** – On the date hereof, through the subscription of a share capital increase, ZMB GmbH, a company belonging to the Gazprom group, has acquired title to a quota representing 50% of the corporate capital of A2A Beta S.p.A., a company participated also by A2A Alfa S.r.l. (70% A2A group and 30% Iride group). By such transaction, the parties have implemented the agreements previously entered into among them in relation to the joint venture project for the sale of natural gas in the Italian market

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