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Press Release

EDISON: FIRST QUARTER REVENUES UP 8.1% TO 3.4 BILLION EUROS, EBITDA DOWN TO 2 MILLION EUROS DUE TO THE COMPRESSION OF MARGINS ON LONG-TERM GAS CONTRACTS

Net financial debt at 2,555 million euros (2,613 million euros at Dec. 31, 2012)

Milan, April 23, 2013 – Edison's Board of Directors met today to review the Quarterly Report at March 31, 2013.

Hydrocarbon exploration and production activities, an abundance of water resources during the period and a positive performance by the electric power activities are the factors that bolstered the results for the period, despite a highly negative scenario that further increased competitive pressure on the sales price of natural gas tied to long-term procurement contracts.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE EDISON GROUP

in millions of euros	**3 months 2013**	**3 months 2012**[1]	**Δ %**
Sales revenues	**3,374**	**3,121**	*8.1*
EBITDA	**2**	**168**	*n.m.*
EBIT	**(140)**	**(14)**	*n.m.*
Profit (Loss) before taxes	**(144)**	**(42)**	*n.m.*
Group interest in profit (loss)	**(142)**	**(51)**	*n.m.*

[1] The reported data were prepared in accordance with IFRS 5, treating Edipower and the negative contribution to EBITDA from the tolling contract to supply natural gas to Edipower as discontinued operations.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE ELECTRIC POWER AND HYDROCARBONS OPERATIONS

in millions of euros	**3 months 2013**	**3 months 2012**	**Δ %**
Electric Power Operations [2]			
Sales revenues	**1,804**	**1,548**	*16.5*
Adjusted EBITDA [3]	**157**	**112**	*40.2*
Hydrocarbons Operation			
Sales revenues	**1,846**	**1,996**	*(7.5)*
Adjusted EBITDA [3]	**(132)**	**79**	*n.m.*

Operating Performance of the Group at March 31, 2013

The first quarter of 2013 saw a continuation of the trend of steady negative growth that has been afflicting the Italian economy since 2008. A situation of economic stagnation that is reflected in the drop of electric power and gas national consumption.

In the first three months of 2013, **Italian demand for electric power decreased to 80.4 TWh, or 4% less than in the same period in 2012** (-2.8% on a comparable calendar basis). This contraction was to the exclusive detriment of thermoelectric production, due both to the structural growth of renewable-source capacity and the abundance of water resources during the period.

A similar reduction occurred for **consumption of natural gas in Italy, which in the first quarter fell to 26.1 billion cubic meters, for a decrease of 4.9% compared with the same period last year,** even though cold weather in March boosted gas demand, particularly from residential users. The protracting of a situation of low demand coupled with production overcapacity further increased competitive pressure on gas sales prices. For months now, we have been witnessing an increasing **misalignment between the price of gas sold in the marketplace and the price tied to long-term procurement contracts.** This situation compromised to a significant extent the profitability of long-term procurement contracts, which Edison intends to restore with the second round of price reviews currently being pursued to obtain the price reduction specifically provided for in the contracts.

In this scenario, Edison ended the first quarter of the year with **sales revenues up 8.1% to 3,374 million euros thanks to a positive contribution by the electric power operations** (+16.5% to 1,804 million euros), which benefited from an increase in sales volumes. **The contribution of the hydrocarbons operations was negative** (-7.5% to 1,846 million euros), penalized by a reduction in sales prices tied to conditions in the benchmark scenario.

[2] The data for 2012 were prepared excluding Edipower's contribution, classified under "discontinued operations." The data are comparable for the purpose of commenting the Group's industrial performance.

[3] Adjusted EBITDA reflect the reclassification of the results of commodity and foreign exchange hedges executed in connection with contracts to import natural gas from the Hydrocarbons Operations to the Electric Power Operations, for the portion of gains or losses attributable to them, in order to provide an operational presentation of the Group's industrial results.

EBITDA totaled 2 million euros (168 million euros in the first quarter of 2012) reflecting a **drastic reduction in the profitability of the hydrocarbons operations** (adjusted EBITDA of -132 million euros, as against positive 79 million euros in the same period in 2012). The trend in gas prices discussed above compromised the profitability of the activities engaged in the supply and sales of this raw material, that has been **offset only in part by the positive margins of the E&P segment, the activities in regulated infrastructures and the electric power operations.** The adjusted EBITDA of the electric power sector jumped by 40.2% compared with the same period in 2012 to a total of 157 million euros, driven by improved thermoelectric and hydroelectric generation margins and by the positive contribution by Dispatching Services Market segment.

EBIT were negative by 140 million euros (-14 million euros in last year's first quarter) due to the contraction in profitability mentioned above and asset depreciation and amortization amounting to 122 million euros compared to 174 million euros in the same period of 2012, inclusive of 21 million euros as write-downs.

The **Profit (Loss) before taxes was negative by 144 million euros** compared with a loss of 42 million euros in the same period in 2012.

The **Group interest in profit (loss) was negative by 142 million euros** (loss of 51 million euros in the first quarter of 2012).

The Group's debt exposure showed an improvement at March 31, 2013, with net financial debt totaling 2,555 million euros, down from 2,613 million euros at December 31, 2012, mainly thanks to the improvement of the operating working capital.

Business Outlook

The persistence of a very difficult market scenario, particularly in the gas area, will have a negative impact on Edison's expected margins on gas supply and sales, which will remain negative until completion of the next round of price reviews for long-term procurement contracts. More specifically, going forward, EBITDA will tend to stabilize at the 2012 level, with major fluctuations in 2013 and 2014, depending on the timing of the conclusion of the price reviews. With regard to this topic Edison is continuing the activities for the price review of long-term gas procurement contracts with its suppliers.

Key Events in the First Quarter of 2013

January 16, 2013 – Edison, through its Edison International subsidiary, was awarded two new hydrocarbon exploration and production licenses in the Norwegian Continental Shelf. The awarded licenses, both in the Norway Sea, are for Blocks 6608/4 and 6608/7 (Edison at 30% in a joint venture with OMV at 40%, North Energy at 15% and Skagen 44 at 15%) and for Blocks 6509/3, 6510/1 and 6510/2 (Edison at 30% in a joint venture with Repsol at 40% and Skagen 44 at 30%).

March 22, 2013 – Edison's Shareholders' Meeting elected a new Board of Directors for a term of office of three years. Henri Proglio was reappointed President of the Company, with Bruno Lescoeur as Chief Executive Officer.

April 9, 2013 - Edison signed agreements with companies of Edf Group **two facilities for a total amount of 1.4 billion euros, which have been mainly used to refinance an expiring credit line of 1.5 billion euros.** These loans represent the preponderant portion of a structured refinancing plan that can offer Edison an efficient coverage both of its short-term needs and its medium/long-term operating requirements, while enabling it to maintain an adequate level of financial flexibility.

Pertinent Documents

The Quarterly Report at March 31, 2013 approved today by the Board of Directors of Edison Spa, will be available to the public on **April, 29 2013** at the Company's head office and on the websites of Borsa Italiana Spa (www.borsaitaliana.it) and Edison Spa (www.edison.it).

Corporate calendar update

Edison Spa informs that the date of the Board of Directors called for the approval of the Semiannual Report at June 30, 2013 has been postponed to the 26th of July 2013, from the 23rd of July 2013.

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This press release and, specifically, the section entitled "Business Outlook" contains forward-looking statements. These statements are based on the Group's current projections and expectations with regard to future events, which, by their very nature, are subject to an intrinsic component of risk and uncertainty. Actual results could be materially different from those contained in the abovementioned statements due to a number of factors, including continued volatility and a deterioration of the capital and financial markets, fluctuations in raw material prices, changes in macroeconomic conditions and economic growth rates and other changes in business conditions, changes in the statutory and regulatory framework and institutional scenario (both in Italy and abroad), and many other factors, most of which are beyond the Group's control.

The Group's income statement, showing the other components of the comprehensive income statement, balance sheet, cash flow statement and the statement of changes in consolidated shareholders' equity are annexed to this press release.

Public disclosure required by Consob Resolution No. 11971 of May 14, 1999, as amended.

CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT
(in millions of euros)

2012 full year (**)		1st quarter 2013	1st quarter 2012 (*) (**)
12.014	Sales revenues	3.374	3.121
830	Other revenues and income	85	170
12.844	**Total net revenues**	**3.459**	**3.291**
(11.523)	Raw materials and services used (-)	(3.402)	(3.071)
(218)	Labor costs (-)	(55)	(52)
1.103	**EBITDA**	**2**	**168**
(6)	Net change in fair value of commodity derivatives	(20)	(8)
(868)	Depreciation, amortization and writedowns (-)	(122)	(174)
229	**EBIT**	**(140)**	**(14)**
(121)	Net financial income (expense)	(5)	(28)
6	Income from (Expense on) equity investments	1	-
(37)	Other income (expense), net	-	-
77	**Profit (Loss) before taxes**	**(144)**	**(42)**
(41)	Income taxes	1	7
36	**Profit (Loss) from continuing operations**	**(143)**	**(35)**
50	Profit (Loss) from discontinued operations	-	(17)
86	**Profit (Loss)**	**(143)**	**(52)**
	Broken down as follows:		
5	Minority interest in profit (loss)	(1)	(1)
81	**Group interest in profit (loss)**	**(142)**	**(51)**
	Earnings (Loss) per share (in euros)		
0,0147	Basic earnings (loss) per common share	(0,0276)	(0,0102)
0,0447	Basic earnings per savings share	0,0125	0,0125
0,0147	Diluted earnings (loss) per common share	(0,0276)	(0,0102)
0,0447	Diluted earnings per savings share	0,0125	0,0125

(*) 1st quarter 2012 amounts reflect the new presentation of "Net change in fair value of commodity derivatives" and the application of IFRS 5.
(**) 2012 amounts reflect the application of IAS 19 revised.

OTHER COMPONENTS OF THE COMPREHENSIVE INCOME STATEMENT
(in millions of euros)

2012 full year (**)		1st quarter 2013	1st quarter 2012 (**)
86	**Profit (Loss)**	**(143)**	**(52)**
	Other components of comprehensive income:		
(8)	**A) Change in the Cash Flow Hedge reserve**	**78**	**(3)**
(16)	- Gains (Losses) arising during the period	130	(2)
8	- Income taxes (-)	(52)	(1)
4	**B) Change in reserve for available-for-sale investments**	**(2)**	**-**
4	- Gains (Losses) arising during the period not realized	(2)	-
-	- Income taxes (-)	-	-
(6)	**C) Differences on the translation of assets in foreign currencies**	**7**	**1**
-	**D) Pro rata interest in other components of comprehensive income of investee companies**	**-**	**-**
-	**E) Actuarial gains (losses) (**) (***)**	**(2)**	**-**
-	- Actuarial gains (losses)	(2)	-
-	- Income taxes (-)	-	-
(10)	**Total other components of comprehensive income net of taxes (A+B+C+D+E)**	**81**	**(2)**
76	**Total comprehensive profit (loss)**	**(62)**	**(54)**
	Broken down as follows:		
5	Minority interest in comprehensive profit (loss)	(1)	(1)
71	**Group interest in comprehensive profit (loss)**	**(61)**	**(53)**

(**) 2012 amounts reflect the application of IAS 19 revised.
(***) Items not reclassificable in Income Statement.

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET
(in millions of euros)

03.31.2012 (**)		03.31.2013	12.31.2012 (**)
	ASSETS		
5.062	Property, plant and equipment	4.751	4.786
10	Investment property	9	9
3.231	Goodwill	3.231	3.231
1.016	Hydrocarbon concessions	927	948
94	Other intangible assets	103	105
49	Investments in associates	50	51
195	Available-for-sale investments	189	194
81	Other financial assets	76	75
109	Deferred-tax assets	138	145
117	Other assets	122	108
9.964	**Total non-current assets**	**9.596**	**9.652**
279	Inventories	140	390
3.245	Trade receivables	3.407	3.391
24	Current-tax assets	16	25
634	Other receivables	781	562
639	Current financial assets	97	99
156	Cash and cash equivalents	1.097	753
4.977	**Total current assets**	**5.538**	**5.220**
1.430	**Assets held for sale**	**1**	**1**
(550)	**Eliminations of assets from and to discontinued operations**	**-**	**-**
15.821	**Total assets**	**15.135**	**14.873**
	LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY		
5.292	Share capital	5.292	5.292
1.698	Reserves and retained earnings (loss carryforward)	1.752	1.693
(3)	Reserve for other components of comprehensive income	70	(11)
(51)	Group interest in profit (loss)	(142)	81
6.936	**Total shareholders' equity attributable to Parent Company shareholders**	**6.972**	**7.055**
140	Shareholders' equity attributable to minority shareholders	124	132
7.076	**Total shareholders' equity**	**7.096**	**7.187**
34	Provision for employee severance indemnities and provisions for pensions	36	35
171	Provision for deferred taxes	85	79
884	Provisions for risks and charges	878	863
1.794	Bonds	1.796	1.796
1.327	Long-term financial debt and other financial liabilities	171	174
29	Other liabilities	31	31
4.239	**Total non-current liabilities**	**2.997**	**2.978**
79	Bonds	95	104
1.184	Short-term financial debt	1.758	1.461
2.272	Trade payables	2.470	2.440
32	Current taxes payable	30	11
660	Other liabilities	689	692
4.227	**Total current liabilities**	**5.042**	**4.708**
829	**Liabilities held for sale**	**-**	**-**
(550)	**Eliminations of liabilities from and to discontinued operations**	**-**	**-**
15.821	**Total liabilities and shareholders' equity**	**15.135**	**14.873**

(**) 2012 amounts reflect the application of IAS 19 revised.

CASH FLOW STATEMENT

2012 full year (**)	(in millions of euros)	1st quarter 2013	1st quarter 2012 (*) (**)
77	**Profit (Loss) before taxes**	**(144)**	**(42)**
868	Depreciation, amortization and writedowns	122	174
14	Net additions to provisions for risks	2	55
(2)	Interest in the result of companies valued by the equity method (-)	-	-
1	Dividends received from companies valued by the equity method	-	-
1	(Gains) Losses on the sale of non-current assets	-	1
(1)	Change in the provision for employee severance indemnities and provisions for pensions	(1)	(2)
13	Change in fair value recorded in EBIT	2	15
(294)	Change in operating working capital	264	(205)
115	Financial income (expense)	19	35
(93)	Net financial expense paid	(27)	(26)
(190)	Income taxes paid	(27)	(17)
45	Change in other operating assets and liabilities	(100)	(35)
554 A.	**Cash flow from continuing operations**	**110**	**(47)**
(459)	Additions to intangibles and property, plant and equipment (-)	(53)	(98)
-	Additions to non-current financial assets (-)	-	-
(2)	Price paid on business combinations (-)	-	-
6	Proceeds from the sale of intangibles and property, plant and equipment	-	-
684	Proceeds from the sale of non-current financial assets	-	-
8	Repayment of capital contribution by non-current financial assets	2	3
529	Change in other current financial assets	2	(11)
766 B.	**Cash used in investing activities from continuing operations**	**(49)**	**(106)**
603	Receipt of new medium-term and long-term loans	353	3
(1.323)	Redemption of medium-term and long-term loans (-)	(6)	(9)
(110)	Change in short-term net financial debt	(62)	25
(14)	Distribution of shareholders' equity and reserves (-)	-	-
(14)	Dividends paid to controlling companies or minority shareholders (-)	(2)	(1)
(858) C.	**Cash used in financing activities from continuing operations**	**283**	**18**
- D.	**Cash and cash equivalents from changes in the scope of consolidation**	**-**	**-**
- E.	**Net currency translation differences**	**-**	**-**
462 F.	**Net cash flow for the period from continuing operations (A+B+C+D+E)**	**344**	**(135)**
(35) G.	**Net cash flow for the period from discontinued operations**	**-**	**-**
427 H.	**Net cash flow for the period (continuing and discontinued operations) (F+G)**	**344**	**(135)**
291 I.	**Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year from continuing operations**	**753**	**291**
35 L.	**Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year from discontinued operations**	**-**	**35**
753 M.	**Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the period (continuing and discontinued operations) (H+I+L)**	**1.097**	**191**
- N.	**Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the period from discontinued operations**	**-**	**35**
753 O.	**Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the period from continuing operations (M-N)**	**1.097**	**156**

(*) 1st quarter 2012 amounts reflect the application of IFRS 5.

(**) 2012 amounts reflect the application of IAS 19 revised.

CHANGES IN CONSOLIDATED SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY

(in millions of euros)	Share capital	Reserves and retained earnings (loss carry-forward)	Reserve for other components of comprehensive income					Group interest in profit (loss)	Total shareholders' equity attributable to Parent Company shareholders	Shareholders' equity attributable to minority shareholders	Total shareholders' Equity
			Cash Flow Hedge reserve	Reserve for available-for-sale investments	Differences on the translation of assets in foreign currencies	Interest in other com-ponents of comprehen-sive income of investee companies	Actuarial gains (losses) (**)				
Balance at December 31, 2011	**5.292**	**2.568**	**(8)**	**-**	**7**	**-**	**-**	**(871)**	**6.988**	**158**	**7.146**
Appropriation of the previous year's profit (loss)	-	(871)	-	-	-	-	-	871	-	-	-
Dividends distributed	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(16)	**(16)**
Other changes	**-**	**1**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**1**	**(1)**	**-**
Total comprehensive profit (loss)	-	-	(3)	-	1	-	-	(51)	**(53)**	(1)	**(54)**
of which:											
- Change in comprehensive income for the period	-	-	(3)	-	1	-	-	-	**(2)**	-	**(2)**
- Profit (Loss) from 01.01.2012 to 03.31.2012	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(51)	**(51)**	(1)	**(52)**
Balance at March 31, 2012	**5.292**	**1.698**	**(11)**	**-**	**8**	**-**	**-**	**(51)**	**6.936**	**140**	**7.076**
Dividends and reserves distributed	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**(14)**	**(14)**
Other changes	**-**	**(5)**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**(5)**	**-**	**(5)**
Total comprehensive profit (loss)	-	-	(5)	4	(7)	-	-	132	**124**	6	**130**
of which:											
- Change in comprehensive income for the period	**-**	**-**	**(5)**	**4**	**(7)**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**(8)**	**-**	**(8)**
- Profit (Loss) from 04.01.2012 to 12.31.2012	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**132**	**132**	**6**	**138**
Balance at December 31, 2012	**5.292**	**1.693**	**(16)**	**4**	**1**	**-**	**-**	**81**	**7.055**	**132**	**7.187**
Appropriation of the previous year's profit (loss)	-	81	-	-	-	-	-	(81)	**-**	-	**-**
Dividends distributed	-	(17)	-	-	-	-	-	-	**(17)**	(7)	**(24)**
Other changes	-	(5)	-	-	-	-	-	-	**(5)**	-	**(5)**
Total comprehensive profit (loss)	-	-	78	(2)	7	-	(2)	(142)	**(61)**	(1)	**(62)**
of which:											
- Change in comprehensive income for the period	-	-	78	(2)	7	-	(2)	-	**81**	-	**81**
- Profit (Loss) from 01.01.2013 to 03.31.2013	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(142)	**(142)**	(1)	**(143)**
Balance at March 31, 2013	**5.292**	**1.752**	**62**	**2**	**8**	**-**	**(2)**	**(142)**	**6.972**	**124**	**7.096**

(**) The amounts reflect the application of IAS 19 revised.