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FRANCE'S COUNCIL OF STATE UPHOLDS AUTOSTRAD PER L'ITALIA'S APPEAL - ECO-TAXE CONTRACT WIN CONFIRMED

Atlantia CEO, Castellucci: "Confirmation of the win, beating off competition from such highly qualified bidders with a well-established presence in the French market, strengthens the Group's position as the world's leading supplier of electronic tolling systems"

Rome, 22 June 2011 –France's Council of State today reversed the sentence passed by the administrative court in Cergy-Pontoise on 11 March of this year, annulling the tender that resulted in the award of a contract for the implementation and operation of a satellite-based toll system for heavy vehicles, weighing over 3.5 tonnes, using a part of the country's 15,000-km road network (*Eco Taxe Poids Lourds*). At the end of the tender process, launched in May 2009 by France's Ministry of Ecology, Sustainable Development, Transport and Public Housing (the MEDDTL), the contract had been awarded to Autostrade per l'Italia.

The tender was annulled following a legal challenge brought by Sanef, Siemens and Atos Origin, members of the second-placed ALVIA consortium (which also included Caisse Depots et Consignations and Egis Projects).

The Council of State, whose ruling also relates to the merits of the case, has confirmed the legitimacy of the tender process and the full compliance with the tender terms and conditions of

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Autostrade per l'Italia's bid, adjudged to be the most competitive in terms of both overall cost and technical performance.

The latest judgement will enable Autostrade per l'Italia to re-start the process of finalising the contract documentation, which will result in signature of the partnership agreement with the MEDDTL.

The contract will have a duration of thirteen years and is expected to be worth over €2bn in revenue.

"We were always confident in the fairness of the tender process and in the competitiveness of our bid, as the Council of State's ruling has confirmed," declared Atlantia's CEO, Giovanni Castellucci. *"Confirmation of the win,"* added Mr Castellucci, *"after beating off competition from such highly qualified bidders with a well-established presence in the French market, strengthens the Group's position as the world's leading supplier of electronic tolling systems, based primarily on our experience over the years in Italy, Austria and the USA".*