

PRESS RELEASE

Lodo Mondadori

Fininvest notifies Cir of its appeal to the Court of Cassation

Marina Berlusconi: "A law was fabricated to find us guilty"

Today Fininvest requested that CIR be notified regarding its appeal to the Court of Cassation against the ruling of the Milan Court of Appeals that sentenced the company on July 9 of last year to pay CIR € 564 million in the Lodo Mondadori case.

The 226 page appeal is organized around fifteen reasons that clearly make evident all the pressure, oversight, misrepresentation and lack of logic behind the original sentence. Included are circumstances previously stated by Fininvest chairman Fininvest Marina Berlusconi to the Minister of Justice and the Attorney General at the Court of Cassation regarding the Court of Milan "inventing," by eliminations and omissions of language, an non-existent precedent to give them the power to decide a law suit that the code of civil procedure prohibits them from deciding.

"The appeal articulated by our lawyers emphasizes that the Milan Court of Appeals has packaged together a custom-made law aimed at overcoming judicial obstacles, which would otherwise be insurmountable, to enable it to condemn us," said Marina Berlusconi. "After two verdicts by the Milan judges that, in the first and second degree, have mortified legal principles and the facts, we can't help but have faith that the Court of Cassation finally will recognize the complete correctness of our actions as well as the total groundlessness of what is, and remains, a scandalous expropriation at our expense."

Milan, November 2, 2011

A comprehensive summary of the appeal is available on the website: www.fininvest.it/en/area_media.