

## PRESS RELEASE

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### **FININVEST: "IT'S PROVEN THAT A FIRST DEGREE SENTENCE IS INDEFENSIBLE"**

With reference to the *Lodo Mondadori* case, Fininvest has declared:

"We calmly look forward to the appellate ruling, because, as has been shown in that hearing, there are concrete reasons to feel confident. After the first degree verdict was shown to be erroneous, even at the level of determining figures, our lawyers in their closing arguments reiterated point by point how groundless and unjust the charges are. In making their arguments, company lawyers have had to remind the court, for reasons of brevity, which the most glaring errors are, refuting the principles with which CIR seeks to defend a sentence that is judicially indefensible.

In this regard, certain press releases asserting that, in today's public hearing, Fininvest lawyers, having argued that nothing is owed to CIR, then asked, as a lesser request, for a drastic reduction in the amount of damages, are entirely without foundation. Nothing could be further from the truth. No such request was made. Fininvest's position is absolutely clear: that the company is not responsible for any damage payment whatsoever and that CIR has no right to receive one."

Milan, March 4, 2011