



## AUDITORS' REPORT IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLES 14 AND 16 OF LEGISLATIVE DECREE NO. 39 OF 27 JANUARY 2010

To the Shareholders of  
Hera SpA

- 1 We have audited the financial statements of Hera SpA as of 31 December 2010, which comprise the statement of financial position, the income statement, the statement of comprehensive income, the statement of changes in shareholders' equity, the statement of cash flows and the related explanatory notes. The directors of Hera SpA are responsible for the preparation of these financial statements in compliance with the International Financial Reporting Standards as adopted by the European Union, as well as with the regulations issued to implement article 9 of Legislative Decree No. 38/2005. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.
- 2 We conducted our audit in accordance with the auditing standards and criteria recommended by CONSOB. Those standards and criteria require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain the necessary assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement and, taken as a whole, are presented fairly. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by the directors. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

The financial statements show as comparatives the amounts of the prior year's financial statements. As illustrated in the explanatory notes, the comparative amounts of the prior year's financial statements, which we audited and on which we reported on 13 April 2010, were restated by the directors to reflect the changes in financial reporting introduced by the first application of the interpretation IFRIC 12 "Service concession arrangements". We have reviewed the method applied to restate the amounts and the related disclosure in the explanatory notes for the purposes of issuing our report on the financial statements as of 31 December 2010.

- 3 In our opinion, the financial statements of the Hera SpA as of 31 December 2010 comply with the International Financial Reporting Standards as adopted by the European Union, as well as with the regulations issued to implement article 9 of Legislative Decree No. 38/2005; accordingly, they have been prepared clearly and give a true and fair view of the financial position, the result of operations and the cash flows of the Hera Group for the year then ended.
- 4 The directors of Hera SpA are responsible for the preparation of the report on operations in accordance with the applicable laws and regulations. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the consistency of the report on operations and of the specific section on corporate governance and shareholder structure limited to the information referred to in paragraph 1, letters c), d), f), l), m), and paragraph 2, letter b), of article 123-bis of Legislative Decree No. 58/98, with the financial

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statements, as required by law. For this purpose, we have performed the procedures required under Auditing Standard No. 001 issued by the Italian Accounting Profession (CNDCEC) and recommended by CONSOB. In our opinion the report on operations and the information provided in compliance with paragraph 1, letters c), d), f), l), m) and paragraph 2, letter b), of article 123-bis of Legislative Decree No. 58/98 included in the specific section of the report on operations are consistent with the financial statements of Hera SpA as of 31 December 2010.

Bologna, 7 April 2011

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Signed by  
Edoardo Orlandoni  
(Partner)

*This report has been translated from the original, which was issued in accordance with Italian legislation, solely for the convenience of international readers. We have not examined the translation of the financial statements referred to this report*