



Press release

THE GENERAL SHAREHOLDERS' MEETING APPROVED THE 2004 ACCOUNTS AND RESOLVED A DIVIDEND DISTRIBUTION OF €0.149 FOR EACH ORDINARY SHARE

San Donato Milanese, 19 April 2005 – The Ordinary Shareholders' Meeting of **Aurora Assicurazioni S.p.A. (Unipol Group)** was held today under the chairmanship of Mr. Fabrizio Rindi.

The Shareholders' Meeting approved the 2004 Annual Accounts of Aurora Assicurazioni S.p.A., and resolved a total dividend distribution of €137,050,631.95, corresponding to a unitary dividend of €0.149 for each ordinary share having a nominal value of €0.27, with coupon to be detached on 26 April 2005 and payments as from 29 April 2005.

Since a Director formerly resigned, the Shareholders' Meeting resolved not to replace him, thus redefining at 12 the number of Board members, whilst confirming its present composition. The Board of Directors will hold office until the approval date of the 2005 Annual Accounts.

Lastly, the Shareholders' Meeting renewed, in accordance with Article 2359-*bis* of the Civil Code, the authorization for purchase of ordinary and/or preference shares of the parent company 'Unipol Assicurazioni S.p.A' which are traded on the regulated market, within the limit provided for by Article 2359-*bis* (3) of the Civil Code, and up to a maximum amount of no. 40,000,000 shares.

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