

PRESS RELEASE

Il SOLE 24 ORE submits application for admission to listing special shares on the Milan Bourse's screen-based equity market concurrent with application to CONSOB for authorisation to publish a Prospectus of the public offering and listing.

Milan, 24 August 2007 - Il Sole 24 ORE S.p.A. has begun the process for public offering and listing, submitting to Borsa Italiana S.p.A. an application for admission to listing its special shares on the screen-based equity market (Mercato Telematico Azionario - MTA) organised and operated by Borsa Italiana S.p.A. It also submitted an application to CONSOB for authorisation to publish a Prospectus of the initial public offering and listing.

The transaction will take place by means of a capital increase, entirely earmarked toward implementation of its business plan.

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