

# Verification of the report



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### Verification of the 2006 Sustainability Report of Snam Rete Gas

The IT Group Italia S.r.l. conducted a verification of the 2006 Sustainability Report of Snam Rete Gas. This letter has been written to summarize for the reader of the Report the results of such verification. The activity was mainly undertaken to evaluate the statement, included in the paragraph entitled "Methodology" of the Report, that such Report was prepared in compliance with GRI (Global Reporting Initiative) guidelines.

The verification was conducted on the Reports, as well as on the methods and procedures used for collection and handling of all data and information that constitute the Reports, to check whether:

- the Report is exhaustive in presenting all the aspects and significant impacts of Company's activities;
- the Report is understandable and clear for all data and information included and
- the procedures and the systems used for collecting and managing the information are adequate and reliable.

In the offices of AMSOS department, which is responsible for the preparation of the Report, the general verification of data and information management system was conducted together with a control, on a sample basis, of data supplied by the different units of the company; also the reliability of the management system has been checked.

The System, which is based on the Company's intranet network handles the flow of all data from their generation until the inclusion into the Report; this system, already tested in years of work for the data regarding Health Safety and Environment and subsequently enlarged to the social data, has been found particularly efficient and allowed an easy control of reliability and consistency of data.

A successful verification has been performed of the consistency of the financial figures and information contained in the Sustainability Report with the figures and information included in the 2006 consolidated Financial statements of Snam Rete Gas on which an audit report has been issued by an independent auditor.

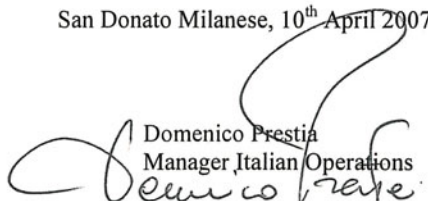
Interviews have been performed with the representatives of Personnel and Organisation, Relations with Authorities and Organisations, Commercial Development, Constructions and Supply Dept's, members of the "Sustainability Project" team that has been established through a company organisational regulation.. Such interviews were performed in order to:

- gather information on the accounting and reporting systems used to collect and manage data and information of the various departments that are transmitted to the office that prepares the Sustainability Report;
- analyse, on a sample basis, the supporting documentation used in preparing the Sustainability Report to confirm the reliability of data and information collected.

In summary, we can state that:

- The Report is complete and comprehensive in presenting the most significant aspects of the activities of Snam Rete Gas.
- The Report strictly refers to the adopted guidelines.
- The Report is clear and understandable to the reader, providing a simple and logical structure and expressing data by means of adequate and correct parameters and indicators.

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