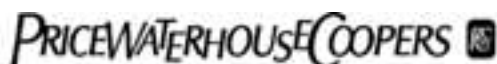


# Letter of Assurance



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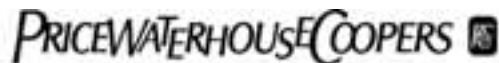
## ASSURANCE STATEMENT

To the Shareholders of  
SNAM RETE GAS SpA

- 1 We have carried out some testing and analysis of compliance of the Sustainability Report 2008 (hereinafter "Report") of Snam Rete Gas Group (hereinafter "Snam Rete Gas") as of 31 December 2008 following the procedures summarized in paragraph 3 of the present document.
- 2 Our work has been conducted in accordance with the principles and guidelines established by the "International Standard on Assurance Engagements 3000" (ISAE3000) as presented by the International Auditing and Assurance Standards Board (IAASB), applicable to this engagement. Our work has been performed with the aim of verifying, in accordance with limited assurance engagement principles, the Board of Directors' statement included in the paragraph "Methodology". This paragraph states that the Report has been drawn up in accordance with the "Sustainability Reporting Guidelines" in version 3.0 of the GRI (Global Reporting Initiative). The Board of Directors of Snam Rete Gas is fully responsible for the contents of the Report completed in accordance with the above mentioned guidelines, our responsibility is attesting compliance to them.
- 3 In order to evaluate the Board of Directors' statement mentioned in paragraph 2, we performed the following verification procedures:
  - adherence and correspondence of economic and financial information to those reported in the Snam Rete Gas Group consolidated Financial Statements as of 31 December 2008;
  - analysis of the set up of the governance and management system in place, connected with sustainable development issues and regarding the strategy and the operations of Snam Rete Gas;
  - analysis of the methodology of obtaining data and management of quantitative and qualitative data, through:
    - meetings with management representatives from the department responsible of drawing up the Report, in order to achieve a general understanding of the process developed and of the information system used for information and data collection and analysis;
    - meetings with management representatives from Snam Rete Gas, in order to achieve a general understanding of procedures supporting the collection, the consolidation and the subsequent management of data transmitted to the department responsible for drawing up the

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- on-site verification of northwestern regional operating centre and of regasification plant in Panigaglia (SP) owned by GNL Italia SpA;
  - analysis, on a sample basis, of the documentation supporting the Report in order to confirm the reliability of data and information collected through meetings, interviews and on-site verification and to confirm they were properly managed;
  - analysis on the completeness and internal consistency of the qualitative information included in the Report;
  - verification of the dialogue activities with Stakeholders, with reference to the methodology used and to the analysis and correspondence of internal minutes with the information included in the Report;
  - obtaining a representation letter signed by the legal representative of Snam Rete Gas SpA relating to the completeness and reliability of the Report and of the information and data included in it, as well as to the compliance with guidelines adopted.
- 4 As for the results of assurance activities regarding 2007 data and information included in the Report for comparison purposes, please refer to the statement issued by another company on 18 March 2008.
- 5 Based on the procedures carried out, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the Sustainability Report 2008 as of 31 December 2008 is not in compliance with the guidelines stated in the paragraphs "Methodology". The economic and financial data included in the Report correspond to those reported in the Snam Rete Gas Group consolidated Financial Statements and the other data and information are consistent with the internal documentation provided.

Milan, 24 March 2009

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Signed by  
Paolo Bersani  
(Partner)

This report has been translated from the original, which was issued in Italian.  
We have not performed any control on the Sustainability Report 2008 translation.