The Board of Directors approved the year 2003 calendar of corporate events

The Board of Directors of SOL S.p.A. a listed company on the Italian Stock Exchange that acts as holding company to a multinational group, involved in the area of technical gases and home-care assistance, approved the year 2003 calendar of corporate events:

March 27, 2003 BOARD of DIRECTORS to examine draft of SOL S.p.A financial statements and draft of SOL

group consolidated financial statements as of 31.12.02;

April 29, 2003 SHAREHOLDERS' MEETING for the approval of the

(first call) financial statements as of 31.12.02;

May 8, 2003

(second call)

May 2003 Analysts' presentation of 2002 Result;

May 15, 2003 BOARD of DIRECTORS to examine the first quarter 2003 consolidated financial statements;

September 11, 2003 BOARD of DIRECTORS to examine the first half 2003 consolidated financial statements;

November 13, 2003 BOARD of DIRECTORS to examine the consolidated financial statements as of 30.09.03.

Any changes of the calendar will be promptly notified.

Monza, December 12, 2002