

## **SOL GROUP**

PRESS RELEASE

### **NINE MONTHS 2018 SALES**

#### **The Board of Directors has examined the Consolidated Net Sales of Nine Months 2018**

**Consolidated net sales € 618.0 ml, (+10.4% vs € 559.9 ml of 3Q 2017)**

These are the highlights of the sales of the first nine months of 2018 examined earlier today by 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 with more than 3,900 employees, involved in the businesses of technical gases and home-care assistance, operating in Europe, in Turkey, in Morocco, in India and in Brasil.

In a climate of moderate economic recovery compared to the two-year period 2015 and 2016, but slowing down compared to the first quarter of 2018, in the nine months of 2018 Sol Group achieved a growth of 10.4 % in sales volume compared with the same period of 2017.

The positive result is due to the sales in Italy, amounting to € 284.4 with an increase of 10.1%, and abroad, equal to € 333.7, where the growth was of 10.6%.

With reference to the two businesses of the Group, the sales of the Technical Gases Division were € 302.6 with a growth of 11.2%, whereas the sales of the Home Care Division, in which the Group operates through VIVISOL, were € 315.4 and marked a growth of 9.6%.

*“We consider in a positive way the results achieved in the first nine months of 2018”* affirmed Marco Annoni, Vice-President of SOL S.p.A. *“which confirm the capability of development of SOL Group also in very different markets and countries “.*

*“In the year 2018”*, concluded SOL Chairman Aldo Fumagalli Romario, *“our target is to confirm the growth of sales, continuing the investment program sustaining the development, the diversification and the innovation”.*

Pursuant to paragraph 2 of Article 154-bis of the Unified Financial Act of February 24, 1998, the manager responsible for preparing the financial reports Marco Filippi declares that the accounting information contained in this press release corresponds to the results documented in the books, accounting and other records.

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