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## **Free Share Capital increase pursuant to art. 2442 of the Italian Civil Code**

### **Issue of the second tranche set for 4 July 2011**

The Board of Directors of Ansaldo STS SpA met today under the chairmanship of Alessandro Pansa, and set the date of execution of the second tranche of the free share capital increase, via the issue of 20,000,000 new ordinary shares, for 4 July 2011.

The issue of new shares will implement, for the financial year 2011, the resolution of the extraordinary shareholders' meeting on 23 April 2010, which approved the free share capital increase of EUR 50,000,000. Under the resolution, the free share capital increase was to be implemented by converting available reserves to capital and issuing 100,000,000 new ordinary shares in the company with a nominal value of EUR 0.50 each, to be allocated by 31 December 2014 in five annual tranches of EUR 10,000,000 each, represented by 20,000,000 new ordinary shares. Please note that the first tranche of the free share capital increase, from EUR 50,000,000 to EUR 60,000,000, via the issue of 20,000,000 new shares, was carried out on 5 July 2010.

The 20,000,000 new shares of the second tranche will be allocated free of charge in the ratio of one new share for every six shares already held, excluding own shares held by the Company (currently 27,200).

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The new ordinary shares will be made available to shareholders through the authorised intermediaries belonging to Monte Titoli SpA's centralised securities management system on 7 July 2011, with an ex-date of 4 July 2011 (coupon no. 6). Therefore ordinary Ansaldo STS shares will trade "ex-allocation right " from 4 July 2011 in relation to the second tranche of the free share capital increase . The company has assigned Mediobanca – Banca di Credito Finanziario SpA, an authorised financial intermediary, the task of managing any fractional amounts that might result from the allocation of the shares of the new issue.

Following execution of the second tranche, the company's share capital will be EUR 70,000,000, represented by 140,000,000 ordinary shares with a nominal value of EUR 0.50 each. As a result, article 5, paragraph 1 of the company's Articles of Association will be amended to reflect the new amount of share capital and the number of shares by which it is represented.

The three remaining tranches of the free share capital increase will be executed in the second half of each of the next three years, i.e. from 2012 to 2014.

The aim of executing this free share capital increase through the use of reserves is to rationalise the company's shareholders' equity, achieving a more adequate share capital/net equity ratio. and shareholders' equity. Specifically, the procedure whereby the capital increase is implemented in annual tranches enables the company to progressively broaden its shareholder base, increase the equity available to investors over a period of years, gradually equalise capital returns and reward shareholders that invest over the medium to long term.

This press release is prepared also in accordance with article 34-ter, paragraph 1, letter l), and article 57, paragraph 1, letter e) of the Issuer Regulations. For further information on the free share capital increase, please refer to the information



document made available in 2010 on the company's website ([www.ansaldo-sts.com](http://www.ansaldo-sts.com)), at Borsa Italiana SpA, and at the company's headquarters.

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