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## IREN SpA: successful closing of a private placement for €125 million with a seven-year maturity

*Reggio Emilia,*  $14^{th}$  October 2013 – Today, Iren SpA has successfully completed the issue of a private placement for a total amount of  $\in$  125 million, subscribed by both Italian and foreign institutional investors, with a seven-year maturity and a 4.37% per year coupon. The bonds are listed on the Irish Stock Exchange.

The transaction, which marks the access for Iren SpA to the bond market, is included in the strategic guidelines outlined in the Business Plan of the Group in order to reinforce its financial strength and flexibility.

The bond issue will improve the debt profile of Iren Group through a lengthening of the average maturity and ensures a wider diversity of funding sources, confirming at the same time, the availability of the whole market, not necessarily banks, to finance the activities and the development projects of the Group.

Mediobanca advised the Company as sole Arranger, both in the initial phase, to identify the investors, and in the phase of negotiation and definiton of contractual and economics aspects.

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