

A charity project for the Ariston Thermo Group

Chairman Francesco Merloni delivers a new ambulance to Azienda Sanitaria Unica Regionale

Fabriano, 8th June 2009 – Today the Chairman of the Ariston Thermo Group, Mr. Francesco Merloni, delivered a new advanced first aid ambulance to A.S.U.R. - Azienda Sanitaria Unica Regionale – the health care unit covering the municipalities of Fabriano, Sassoferrato, Genga, Serra San Quirico, Cerreto D’Esi.

This project is part of the activities that the Ariston Thermo Group announced for Christmas 2008, when the Company decided to not organise the usual “St. Lucia dinner”, using the funds allocated for this event to charity projects in favour of the Fabriano local community.

The ambulance, fully equipped with electro-medical instruments to treat critical patients, will be allocated to the Emergency Service (118). The ambulance was delivered at the Emergency Ward of Fabriano Hospital in the presence of Chairman Francesco Merloni, the Director of ASUR n.6 Guido Papiri, the Mayor of Fabriano Roberto Sorci, the Vice President of the Province Giancarlo Sagromola and the Bishop of Fabriano-Matelica’s Diocesi Mons. Giancarlo Vecerrica.

Francesco Merloni, Chairman of the Ariston Thermo Group, commented: *“The decision to not organize the St. Lucia dinner – which is one of the traditional rendezvous that over the years has characterised the life of our group – was shared with our employees, considering the negative moment which our industrial district is experiencing and, therefore, many workers living in the area. We are particularly pleased – concluded Mr Merloni - to give our contribution to the territory where our company was set up and is still developing. Our role as entrepreneurs is that of seeing to local development, in co-operation with institutions, paying attention to the needs of the community; these are the elements which we consider as fundamental to create value in each industrial initiative”.*

About Ariston Thermo Group

Ariston Thermo Group is the new name of MTS Group, a leading international company in heating and water heating. In 2008 the Group recorded sales totalling €1.2 billion and manufactured 6.5 million products in 19 production sites located in 10 countries; it has 6,800 employees, 40 companies in 26 countries and its products are distributed in over 150 countries. The Group offers a complete range of products, systems and services through its key brands Ariston, Elco and Chaffoteaux. The Ariston Thermo Group demonstrates its commitment to energy efficiency issues through significant investments in renewable energies and in the development of sophisticated energy saving products such as condensing boilers, solar panels, heat pumps and high efficiency water heaters.



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