



Press release

Dr Francesco Gori is re-elected President of ETRMA

Brussels, 7th October 2008 - ETRMA' Board of Directors today re-elected Dr Francesco Gori (Pirelli Tyre) as President of the European Tyre & Rubber Manufacturers' Association for a three-years term mandate from 2009 to 2011. Mr Patrick Lepercq (Michelin) was elected as Vice-President for the same period.

Dr Francesco Gori is CEO and Managing Director of Pirelli Tyre. He joined the Group in 1978 and became in 2001 General Manager of the Tyre Sector. Since 2006, he has been Chief Executive Officer of Pirelli Tyre.

Mr Patrick Lepercq joined Michelin in 1980. Since 2002, he has been Corporate Vice-President Public Affairs.

On his re-election as President of ETRMA, Dr Gori expressed that *“the continuity decided by Members of the Board is a strong signal to actively pursue all the initiatives taken over the past 3 years to increase road safety, to contribute to the protection of the environment and to defend the European industry competitiveness.”*

Questioned on the ETRMA priority actions, Dr Gori stated that *“some positive achievements have already been reached but key market and ambitious regulatory challenges are expected to fundamentally transform the manufacturing framework of our companies in the years to come. I am convinced the European Tyre & Rubber Manufacturers' Association I have been asked to lead- is structured to timely and efficiently address those issues.”*

About ETRMA

The tyre and general rubber goods industry represents 4.200 companies, which employ 360 000 people in EU27. All together they generate a turnover exceeding €49 b. The product range of our members is extensive from tyres, construction and automotive rubber goods to pharmaceutical, baby care, etc.

Tyre Corporate members: Bridgestone Europe, Continental, Cooper Tires, Goodyear Dunlop Tires Europe, Marangoni, Michelin, Mitas, Nokian Tyres, Pirelli Tyre, Trelleborg Wheel Systems and Vredestein

National Associations: Belgium (Federplast.be), Finland (RMAF), France (SNCP), Germany (WDK), Italy (Federazione Gomma Plastica), Netherlands (NVR), Spain (Consorcio), Sweden (SGI) and UK (BTMA)

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