

## PRESS RELEASE

# **CODERE** holds annual general meeting

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- The Shareholders approved the Finanical Statements and Management Report for the year 2010 and the performance of the Board of Directors during said year.

**Madrid, 9 June 2011** With a wide representation of equity, the Group CODERE today held the Annual General Meeting on the first call at its corporate headquarters in Madrid.

The Chairman and CEO of CODERE, José Antonio Martínez Sampedro, informed the Shareholders on the Company's business during 2010 and stressed that "We can say that 2010 was a year in which our project has regained momentum".

In his address to the Shareholders, the Chairman stressed the increase in investments during 2010, and the growth in revenues, EBITDA and net profit. Similarly, "For the first time since the Company began trading on the Madrid Stock Exchange, we have sharply outperformed the index with our stock gaining 34%, from €6.48 to €8.66, while the comparable market index, Ibex small-cap companies, gave up 18% over the same period' said the Chairman to the Shareholders.

#### Year-end 2010 results

The CODERE Group closed 2010 with sales of over €1.126 billion and EBITDA of €241.1 million, while net profit surged 53% over the previous year to €29.3 million. Capex in 2010 totalled €141.3 million, of which €46.5 million corresponds to maintenance and €94.8 million to growth associated primarily with the purchase of 6 casinos in Panama and the increase in the number of terminals in Argentina, Mexico and Italy, among other investments.

Argentina has continued this year to strengthen its status as our largest market, having received the renewal of two of our most important licenses until 2021, San Martin and Puerto. In Mexico, we have executed the arrangements with the Caliente group following approval of the Federal Competition Commission, which has allowed us access to the ownership of the operating licenses of 35 bingo halls and sports betting establishments.

In Panama, we completed the acquisition of the 6 casinos of the Fiesta group, also after the approval by relevant competition authorities. In Italy, following the implementation of recent regulatory developments, we have acquired video lottery licenses under the coverage of our network, as well as the first online gaming license in the Group. We hope to begin commercial operations during 2011.

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In Spain, after acquiring the participation previously held by William Hill in our sports betting project, we expanded its scope to the region of Navarra and hope to soon begin to incorporate other regions that are enacting relevant legislation.

### 2011, a year of opportunities and threats

Mr. Martinez Sampedro advised the shareholders that "2011 will continue combining opportunities with threats. We will have to support the implementation of a total ban on consumption of tobacco in public facilities, combined with the regularisation of illegal online gaming operators, which will put a lot more pressure on the viability of traditional gambling operations in Spain."

In addition, the Chairman stressed that "the strength of the Latin America economies and the stunning regulatory developments in the Italian market should continue to provide growth opportunities that we will try to take advantage of, as always, with our best efforts."

### Resolutions adopted

The shareholders of CODERE approved the resolutions proposed by the Board of Directors and, in particular, the Financial Statements for the year 2010, the Performance of the Board of Directors during said year and the appointment of William Blaine Richardson as a member of the Board and an independent external director.

#### The Group CODERE

CODERE is a Spanish multinational group and a key player in the private gaming sector in Europe and Latin America. Overall the Group manages more than 54,000 AWP machines, 191 bingo halls, 788 sports betting shops and 7 casinos, and participates in the management and operation of 3 horse racetracks, operating in Argentina, Brazil, Colombia, Italy, Mexico, Panama, Spain and Uruguay, as well as over the internet in Italy where it holds the appropriate licenses.

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