

PRESS RELEASE

SEA/F2I/SREI TRIAL PRESS RELEASE BY GAMBERALE/MAIA AND THEIR ATTORNEYS

Milan, 24 June 2014

- A press conference is scheduled for tomorrow at 12:30 p.m. in Milan at the offices of F2i by Vito Gamberale, Dr Mauro Maia and their Milanese attorneys, Angelo Giarda and Gianpiero Biancolella. The press conference is being held with the consent and approval of Prof. Paola Severino, who is detained out of Milan by other commitments;
- It is the intention of Gamberale and Maia, who were investigated regarding the case in question, to break the required respectful silence they have kept until now, given the decision taken at the end of the preliminary investigations by the prosecutors;
- Those under investigation certainly do not intend to remove themselves from the investigation and judgment;
- They intend only to anticipate the disclosure of the evidence, which unmistakably demonstrates the groundless nature of the accusations against them;
- The need for disclosure is suggested by the obligation and responsibility, first and foremost, to protect Fondo F2i and the relative institutional investors, and to reiterate that F2i operates legally in the marketplace;
- All its administrators (including the board of directors) and its entire structure should also be protected;
- In particular, documents will be made public that objectively prove the reasons for the offer of one euro more over the auction base, which was unfairly deemed suspicious by the prosecutors;

- Documents will be produced that prove the reasons for the behaviour of the SREI and its representative, Mr Sahai. Their behaviour was certainly not conditioned by (nor was the consequence of) nonexistent agreements hypothesised by the prosecutors;
- We believe it is our duty to contribute directly to disclosing the facts of the case, which is completely groundless.
- The accused, Gamberale and Maia, have up to now stood silently by as the debate has raged in the prosecutor's office, which views this file as an essential element in the dispute;
- Gamberale and Maia cannot feel that they are tools in an institutional battle that might regard them as citizens but absolutely cannot penalise them as suspects;

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