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***PRESS RELEASE***

**POWERLOG CASE: A FIRST STEP AHEAD. RESOLUTION WITH WAGE CUTS SUSPENDED. STRIKE POSTPONED.**

Today the presidents of cooperatives Minerva, Real, Vega and One Coop, including the president of the PowerLog Consortium, **announced to the unions the suspension of the resolution stating a 10% wage cut** for all affiliated workers of mentioned cooperatives, with the description "contenimento costi" (cost reduction). This suspension will have retroactive effect, therefore the wage amount deducted on January will have to be returned to the workers.

The above mentioned cooperatives are associated together in the PowerLog Consortium, employing overall around 2500 workers in the districts of: Modena, Reggio, Parma, Mantova and Bologna. **PowerLog, in our district has contracts with important companies: INALCA** (Cremonini Group), **ITALCARNI**, **ITALPIZZA** and **IPERCOOP**. In the other districts it has yards also by **UNIPEG** and **IPERCOOP**.

**The unions**, thanks also to the mobilisation of the workers of the involved cooperatives (spontaneous strike of MINERVA affiliates working at INALCA and very crowded assemblies in the following days) **affirm their satisfaction for the achieved result** that represents a first and important step to open a real discussion with the Consortium. **In this direction they announce the suspension of the announced strike.**

Now the discussion has to be reopened for the regularization of the wages (application of contracts following the tasks performed, 13th and 14th monthly wage, aging rises, holidays...).

Modena, March 10th 2008

The note of the PowerLog Consortium is attached.