

## **Meters and More Association - 4 new members join the international non-profit association Meters and More**

**Rome, 16 December 2010.** The General Assembly of Meters and More AISBL (Association Internationale Sans But Lucratif) has approved the inclusion of 4 new Associated Members: **COELCE – Companhia Energética do Ceará (Brazil), Ampla Energia e Serviços S.A (Brazil), Xi'an SWIP Co. Ltd (PRC), and AP SYSTEMS Srl (Italy).**

Meters and More is an international non-profit association based in Brussels, Belgium which was officially built in April 2010 through a Belgian Royal Decree by 2 Founders and Full Members (**Enel Distribuzione S.p.A. and Endesa Distribucion Eléctrica SL**) with the purpose of maintaining and promoting the performing and reliable Meters and More communication protocol, which enables bidirectional data transfer for Advanced Metering Management (AMM) systems.

The Association is in charge to publicly open the Meters and More protocol specifications, certifying the compliance of new equipment, and promoting the protocol's widespread diffusion. Meters and More is a new generation protocol, which is being adopted for the smart meters that Endesa has already started to install for its 13 million customers in Spain.

The Association counts now on the support of 11 Members (6 Full Members and 5 Associated Members) operating around the world, including electricity distributors, solution and service providers, technology providers and meters vendors.

Apart the 2 founders and the most recent new mentioned Associated Members, 4 Full Members - **IBM Corporation (USA), Siemens S.p.A. (Italy), ST Microelectronics S.r.l. (Italy), CESI S.p.A. (Italy)**- and 1 major Associated Member -**Sagemcom SA (France)**- already joined the Association in September 2010 with the clear goal to provide the global industry with a field-proven open protocol for smart metering applications, as a tangible answer to the European Commission's Mandate 441 to achieve standard AMM solutions across the continent.



All these companies will enrich the association with their collective expertise in smart metering, smart grids and meter data management.

The Association's latest achievement includes the creation of a "Certification Committee" to deal with all matters related to the compliance testing of system components of the Meters and More protocol specifications. The specifications will thus be developed to include the management of new interfaces relevant for supporting smart grid implementation.

"We are pleased to see the Association growing on a worldwide basis, meaning more and more companies will share our commitment to spreading the advantages and benefits of our unique field-proven technology. Moreover, the certification committee will guarantee certification procedures for all members" said **Giuseppe Michele Salaris**, Chairperson of the Association's Board of Directors.