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DE' LONGHI S.p.A.: approved by the Board of Directors the capital increase to service the stock option plan 2001-2006.

The Board of Directors of De' Longhi S.p.A, in accordance with the authorisation granted by the Shareholders' Meeting as of 18 April 2001, has approved the capital increase to service the stock option plan 2001-2006 for the Directors and employees of the De' Longhi Group, taking into account the number of options which could be exercised in the 2004-2006 period. A capital increase for a maximum of € 12,205,800.00, through the issue of a maximum of 4,068,600 shares has been approved.

The stock option plan grants 60 of Directors and employees of the De' Longhi Group the right to buy De' Longhi shares at a price starting from €3.4.

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