

The Depository Trust Company

IMPORTANT

B#: 3164

DATE: March 18, 2002

TO: All Participants

CATEGORY: Proxy

FROM: DTC Proxy Department

ATTENTION: Proxy/Reorganization Manager

SUBJECT: Instrumentation Laboratory S.P.A.
CUSIP # 457810109

The Bank of New York (BNY), Depository for the above captioned American Depositary Receipts, has advised DTC that Instrumentation Laboratory S.P.A., the issuer of the Ordinary shares underlying these ADR's, is holding its Annual General Meeting on March 28, 2002. Instrumentation Laboratory S.P.A. advises BNY that under Italian Law, shareholders wishing to vote at the meeting must, among matters, effectively own shares on the day of the meeting itself.

To enable U.S. holders of Instrumentation Laboratory S.P.A. ADRs to vote at the meeting, BNY has established a record date of March 12, 2002. Persons who hold Instrumentation Laboratory S.P.A. ADR's on March 12, 2002 and on the day of the meeting and wish to vote the Ordinary Shares underlying their ADRs (subject to any applicable requirements or restrictions under Italian law or Instrumentation Laboratory S.P.A.'s, Articles of Association) may provide instructions to BNY. Participants must provide such instructions to BNY by March 25, 2002. Participants should obtain the voting instruction forms for that purpose from The Bank of New York by calling (646) 885-3270. In addition, Participants must follow the procedure described below.

To provide BNY with assurance that ADRs on which it has received voting instructions from a Participant will still be held in that Participant's account on the meeting date, DTC has agreed to segregate positions on which voting instructions have been filed under a separate contra-CUSIP number. The number to be used for this purpose is (457810 99 2). A Participant filing voting instructions with BNY on a position in its DTC account will be asked to provide BNY as a part of those instructions a letter authorizing DTC to have its nominee, Cede & Co., execute a proxy on the Participant's behalf and to take certain other actions (described below). The form of the authorization letter and the proxy are attached.

BNY will advise DTC of all voting instructions received under this procedure and provide DTC with the proxy forms and the authorization letters signed by Participants relating to those instructions. For each such instruction, DTC will then execute the proxy, temporarily deduct the position being voted from the Participant's holdings under the Instrumentation Laboratory S.P.A. , ADRs CUSIP (457810 10 9), temporarily credit the position to an account maintained by BNY, ADR Contra-CUSIP # (457810 99 2). DTC will return this position to the Participant's account under the base CUSIP number upon instructions from BNY once the blocking process has been completed, this should occur on March 29, 2002.

Inquiries regarding this notice should be directed to Steven McGregor at (212) 855-5198 or Kathy Caziarc at (212) 855-5201.

Joe Raniere

Manager

Attachments

**THE DEPOSITORY TRUST COMPANY
55 WATER STREET
NEW YORK, NY 10041**

VIA FACSIMILE (646) 885-3043

THE BANK OF NEW YORK, AS DEPOSITARY (“BNY”)
620 AVENUE OF THE AMERICAS, 6TH FLOOR
NEW YORK, NY 10011
ATTN: KINU KURIAN
ADR DEPARTMENT

FOR PURPOSES OF ATTENDING THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS OF INSTRUMENTATION LABORATORY, A CORPORATION ORGANIZED UNDER THE LAWS OF ITALY (“THE COMPANY”), TO BE HELD IN ITALY, ON MARCH 28 , 2002, (THE “MEETING”), TO ADDRESS THE MEETING AND TO VOTE THEREAT.

CEDE & CO., THE NOMINEE OF THE DEPOSITORY TRUST COMPANY, (‘DTC’) CERTIFIES THAT ON THE INSTRUCTIONS OF THE PARTICIPANT NAMED BELOW, DTC HAS DELIVERED TO A DTC ACCOUNT MAINTAINED ON BEHALF OF BNY THE NUMBER OF AMERICAN DEPOSITARY RECEIPTS (‘ADRs’), SPECIFIED BELOW, WHICH ADRs REPRESENT AMERICAN DEPOSITARY SHARES OF THE COMPANY, UNTIL THE BANK OF NEW YORK ADVISES DTC THAT THE MEETING HAS CONCLUDED. CEDE & CO. HEREBY APPOINTS SUCH PARTICIPANTS AS ITS AGENT AND PROXY TO GIVE OR CONFIRM ALL SUCH INSTRUCTIONS TO BNY AS MAY BE NECESSARY OR APPROPRIATE TO IDENTIFY THE BENEFICIAL OWNER (S) OF THE NUMBER OF ADRs SPECIFIED BELOW AND TO ENABLE THE PARTICIPANT OR THE BENEFICIAL OWNER (S) OF THE ADR’S REPRESENTED BY THE ADR’S SPECIFIED BELOW TO ATTEND AND ADDRESS THE MEETING AND VOTE THEREAFTER.

THIS PROXY IS REVOCABLE ANY TIME AND IN ANY MANNER, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO THE FILING BY CEDE & CO., WITH BNY OF AN INSTRUMENT SIMILAR TO THIS INSTRUMENT RELATING TO THE VOTING OF ADRS SPECIFIED BELOW AT THE MEETING. THE FILING OF WHICH INSTRUMENT SHALL REVOKE ALL THE AGREEMENTS AND INSTRUCTIONS SPECIFIED HEREIN.

NAME OF PARTICIPANTS

NUMBER OF AMERICAN DEPOSITARY RECEIPTS

DATED: _____ 2002

FACSIMILE SIGNATURE OF CEDE & CO.

**THE DEPOSITORY TRUST COMPANY
55 WATER STREET
NEW YORK, NY 10041**

_____, 2002

The Depository Trust Company
55 Water Street – 50th Floor
New York, NY 10041

RE: Instrumentation Laboratory S.P.A., CUSIP # 457810 10 9

DTC Account #: _____

Number of ADRs _____

Gentlemen:

In order to enable the beneficial owner (s) of the number of specified above (the 'Deposited ADRs) of Instrumentation Laboratory S.P.A., American Depositary Receipts to vote at the General Meeting of Shareholders of S Instrumentation Laboratory S.P.A. , scheduled to be held on March 28, 2002, please take the following actions:

- (1) Have your nominees, Cede & Co., complete and sign the attached Proxy with respect to the deposited ADRs and make the signed Proxy available for pick-up by The Bank of New York (BNY) and
- (2) Deliver the Deposited ADRs from the undersigned's above-referenced account to an account with you maintained on behalf of BNY until BNY instructs you to return the Deposited ADR's to the undersigned's above-referenced account.

The undersigned certifies to you that the Deposited ADRs were on March 12, 2002 and are on the date hereof, on deposit in the undersigned's above-referenced account.

Very truly yours,

(Print Participant's Name)

BY:

(Signature) and (Medallion Stamp)

(Print Name)

Title and Telephone Number