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ASPO'S CAPITAL MARKETS DAY ON JANUARY 19, 2010

As announced previously, Aspo Plc will today, January 19, 2010, starting from 8:30 a.m., arrange a Capital Markets Day. The presentation material in Finnish will be available at the company's website, www.aspo.fi, at approximately 12:30 p.m. today.

Summary:

Aspo Group's strategy and financial targets will remain unchanged. The company aims to achieve an operating profit of 5% to 10%, return on investment and on equity at 20%, and to annually share average dividends amounting to approximately at least half of the profit for the fiscal year.

The outlook for 2009 issued by Aspo in its interim report for January to September will remain unchanged. According to the previous announcement, it has been estimated that Aspo has the preconditions to reach the operating profit level of continuing operations seen last year, whereas earnings per share is expected to be below the previous year's record level.

The Finnish state has announced that it will renew the tonnage taxation. In its interim report for January to September 2009, Aspo expects ESL Shipping to agree to follow the possible revised tonnage taxation principle. Adopting the new tonnage taxation depends on an approval process by the European Commission, which is expected to be concluded during 2010. If the new tonnage taxation becomes valid as has been proposed, it would have a positive impact on Aspo's profit.

During the event, the business units will present their strategies and the focus areas for future operational development. In the future, Aspo's business operations will focus on growth in the developing markets of Russia and the CIS. As announced previously, already almost one third of the company's turnover comes from Russia and other CIS countries. According to forecasts, future growth will be enabled by the annual growth of the Russian GDP, an increased consumer demand for Western bakery food in particular, as well as the industry's increasing investments in developing local industry. Telko is going to launch operations in China during 2010 in order to provide services to its current northern European clientele who have transferred more and more of their production to China. Moreover, during 2010, Leipurin and Telko will increase the number of their offices in Russia, and possibly in Kazakhstan.

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