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Treviolo (BG), 15 of January 2026 – **Planetel S.p.A.** ("**Planetel**"), the parent company of the group of the same name operating nationwide in the telecommunications sector, listed on **Euronext Growth Milan**, the multilateral trading system organised and run by **Borsa Italiana S.p.A.**, has great pleasure in announcing that it has signed a framework agreement with the Department of Engineering for Innovation of the University of Salento, based in Lecce. This agreement aims to establish a permanent, structured partnership between the company and the academic institution, combining industrial competencies and scientific resources to promote study, research and experimentation projects focusing on technological innovation topics, particularly the challenges of the digital sector and network security infrastructures.

By this move **Planetel**, leader in the provision of ultra-high speed connectivity services, optic fibre networks and ICT solutions to businesses and consumers, confirms its commitment to open innovation and its synergy with the academic world. The University of Salento, famed for the excellence of its engineering research and its contribution to the technological development of southern Italy, is an ideal partner for accelerating the transfer of knowledge from the lab to the market.

The agreement is grounded in the shared determination to build a lasting, strategic relationship that links academic research to the production sector's real needs. In a more and more competitive economic context, where innovation is a key factor for sustainable growth, this collaboration aims to concentrate on the development of new skills, enable talents to flourish and contribute to the competitiveness of the Italian system as a whole.

Through this partnership, Planetel intends to speed up the adoption of leading-edge technologies such as the Internet of Things (IoT), artificial intelligence applied to networks and solutions for the digital transition, responding to the challenges posed by Italy's National Recovery and Resilience Plan (NRRP) and European directives on innovation.

The agreement establishes a flexible framework within which specific, targeted projects can be activated. Some of the main forms of collaboration envisaged:
- Medium-long term study and research activities, possibly including undergraduate dissertations, PhD theses and grants and exploring innovative themes such as network optimisation and cybersecurity;
- Targeted projects on specific topics or needs in the field, with shorter-term actions to resolve operational problems or test prototypes in real settings;
- Exchange of information and knowledge on research topics common to both parties, with the organisation of joint workshops, seminars and publications;
- Technical and scientific consulting on specific issues or immediate challenges, drawing on academic expertise to support the development of new Planetel services;
- Development of common activities through joint workshops, spin-offs or targeted projects, to encourage collaborative innovation;
- Research commissioned from the University of Salento directly by Planetel, with a focus on practical applications in the TLC/IT sector;
- Joint participation in research programs and projects at the Italian level (e.g. Ministry of Universities and Research or NRRP calls for proposals) and internationally (e.g. Horizon Europe), to attract additional funding and resources..

The framework agreement will initially run for 4 years and may be renewed for a further period of the same length on expiry to guarantee continuity and enable the partnership to evolve.

"*This agreement is a fundamental step on our journey of sustainable, innovative growth,*" commented **Bruno Pianetti, Chairman and CEO of Planetel S.p.A.** "*Combining our industrial competencies with the academic excellence of the University of Salento will enable us to up the pace of development of leading-edge technological solutions while simultaneously training a new generation of professionals ready for the labour market. We're confident that this synergy will generate value not only for our company but for the entire Italian economic ecosystem*".

"*The partnership with Planetel is a strategic opportunity for our Department, enabling us to apply academic research in real contexts and actively contribute to Italy's technological development,*" added **Prof. Luca Mainetti, Deputy Head of Salento University's Department of Engineering for Innovation and a full professor of software engineering.** "*Through this agreement we'll be able to explore new frontiers in innovation and facilitate a constant dialogue between the university and the company.*"

For further information about Planetel S.p.A. and its projects, visit www.planetel.it.

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Holding company of the Group of the same name that offers telecommunication services at national level, **Planetel S.p.A.** *has developed a proprietary fibre optic network for the ultra-broadband connectivity of about 310 municipalities and provides TLC/IT services to over 54,910 customers in Lombardy, Veneto and Campania, through a multi-channel approach. Among the first Italian Internet Service Providers (ISP and WISP) to gradually develop its position in the telecommunication and system integration market, the company has been able to stand out on the territory as a single player offering integrated digital solutions, ASP / Cloud services and other IT solutions. Planetel, formerly a national phone operator, can now provide Business, Wholesale and Residential customers with fibre optic network connections, with the most advanced ultra-broadband connectivity and integrated communication solutions with FTTH-FTTP (Fibre to the Home – Fibre to the Premises) network architectures; its offer covers the entire value chain of ICT services that allows companies to accelerate their digitization process and time-to-market. Planetel's primary assets include a fibre optic network of approximately 3,382 Km. – CLOUD infrastructure in 4 Datacentres – 127 Planetel Points in 106 Municipalities – 1,248 Cabinets on the ground, etc.*

Planetel's main goal is the strategic development of a high-speed proprietary backbone – up to 1.4Tb/s – which will allow more stable, faster and more secure connections with a guarantee of greater continuity of service for its customers.

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