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## Tenders arranged by Consip for Cleaning Services in Schools: Regional Administrative Tribunal in Rome reduces the fines required to be paid by Manutencoop Facility Management

*Zola Predosa (Bologna), October 14, 2016* – **The Regional Administrative Tribunal ("TAR") in Rome has released its decision today relating to the appeal** filed by Manutencoop Facility Management (the "Company") in January 2016, challenging the fines imposed by the Italian Competition Authority (the "Authority") for suspected violations of antitrust rules in 2012 relating to a tender arranged by Consip for cleaning services in school buildings.

In the TAR's decision issued today (the "Decision"), **the appeal filed by Manutencoop was partially upheld** and the TAR **referred the case to the Authority, requesting the Authority to reassess the fines** taking into account that the alleged violations do not merit the previously imposed fine.

The decision provides that the Authority shall commence procedures to revise the fines based on the following instructions from Administrative Judges:

- **reduce the base amount (*base imponibile*) used to calculate the fine** by limiting the amount to the tender starting price (*importo a base di gara*);
- **reduce the percentage applied to the abovementioned amount from 15% to 5% to calculate the fine.**

The Company may, in any case, challenge the revised fine before the TAR.

Manutencoop Facility Management maintains that it has not committed the alleged violations and will appeal the Decision before the State Council (*Consiglio di Stato*, i.e., the Italian Supreme Administrative Court) within the deadline provided by law.

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