

## PRESS RELEASE

Important meeting coming up on April 29 at the Transpotec Expo (Milan)  
**While oil prices keep rising,  
retreads prove to have a key-role in road haulage budget planning**

While oil prices remain way over 70 dollars a barrel, and, according to qualified analysts, may soon end up exceeding 80 dollars, it becomes more and more important to control road haulage costs, since these have a strong influence on inflation. Retreaded tires can give a great contribution in this regard – remarks **Airp** – for they help balance the increasing oil prices in two ways.

First of all, because retreading helps save oil used in producing synthetic rubber (the main component of a tire); secondly, because retreads benefit company budgets, since they cost less than new spare tires. This is indeed a very relevant aspect, considering that some vehicles may require up to 18 tires and more.

The employment of retreads in the road haulage sector will be the main subject of an important meeting coming up at Transpotec - the International Exhibition of Road Transport Technology, Logistics and Intermodal services scheduled in the new Milan Trade Fair Center on April 27-30, 2006. The meeting “Road haulage and retreaded tires: safety, economy and savings” will be held on Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, in the “Room Scorpio” of the Convention Center in the new Milan Trade Fair Center. The meeting will feature the leading names of most Italian road haulage associations and the top figures of the Italian Retread Manufacturers Association (**Airp**), as well as well-established safety and certification institutions.

After the welcoming words of Ferruccio Macola, Chairman of Transpotec, Airp Chairman Stefano Carloni will be giving the opening speech. Renato Rittel of TÜV will define the safety-related issues; Maurizio Longo, national secretary of the Fita Cna road haulage sector, and Giorgio Colato, vice-president of the transport contractors register, will represent the haulage sector, whereas Fabio Montanaro, editor of the “TIR” magazine, will chair the meeting.

Free entry cards and invitations for sector specialists are available at: [www.transpotec.com/airp](http://www.transpotec.com/airp) .

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