



Press release

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IMA Board Meeting

The Board of Directors of IMA S.p.A., world leader in the production of automatic packaging machines for the pharmaceutical and tea industries, met today under the chairmanship of **Marco Vacchi**.

The Board of Directors has approved the merger plan which will involve **IMA S.p.A.** absorbing **LIBRA Pharmaceutical Technologies s.r.l.**, a company specialised in the production of automatic machines for the primary and secondary processes of the pharmaceutical industry, 100% owned by **IMA S.p.A.**

The plan, being part of the company reorganization plan, will be submitted for approval by an Extraordinary Shareholders' Meeting that is still to be convened.

Established in **1961**, IMA is today the world leader in the manufacture of automatic machines for the packaging of pharmaceutical products and of tea in filter bags. The Group has more than 2,300 employees, 800 of whom overseas, and can count on five production plants in Italy, one in Germany and two in India. IMA has an extensive sales network comprising nine branches which provide sales and service in France, United Kingdom, Germany, Austria, Spain, Portugal, the United States, China and Japan, representative offices in Central and East European countries and over 50 agencies covering a total of more than 70 countries. IMA is also participating in two joint-ventures in China for production and service. IMA SpA has been listed on the Milan Stock Exchange since 1995 and has entered the **STAR** segment in 2001. The following companies are part of the IMA Group: Co.ma.di.s. SpA, Kilian & Co. GmbH, Libra Pharmaceutical Technologies Srl, Precision Gears Ltd. Visit our web site: **www.ima.it** (**Investor Relations** section).