



Press release

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IMA announces the closing of the acquisition of GIMA

IMA S.p.A. has today completed the acquisition of the majority stake (65%) in **GIMA S.p.A.**, a packaging company based near Bologna, which operates prevalently in food & beverage and personal care.

The overall investment amounted to about 7.3 million euros, by means of a reserved increase in capital of about 2.3 million euros and an interest-bearing loan of 5 million euros, all of which was paid in at the closing date.

In addition to the acquisition of the majority stake, some of the managers of IMA and GIMA have collectively acquired a further stake of 21%. The current sole owner, FORUM S.p.A., remains in the company as a minority shareholder.

The operation allows IMA to expand its presence in niche markets of the food sector, with considerable growth prospects.

For IMA, integrating GIMA's business into the Group will generate an increase in 2010 revenues of about 12 million euros with EBITDA at break-even.

IMA has been assisted in the closing of the operation by Poggi & Associati and Ernst&Young, while FORUM has been assisted by MeA Consulting and LGA - Lucchini Gattamorta e Associati.

Established in 1961, IMA is the world leader in the design and manufacture of automatic machines for the packaging of pharmaceutical products and of tea in filter bags. The Group has more than 3,000 employees, more than 1,400 of whom overseas, and can count on 18 production plants in Italy, Germany, the United Kingdom, the Netherlands, the United States, India and China. IMA has an extensive sales network comprising 11 branches which provide sales and service in France, the United Kingdom, Germany, Austria, Spain, Portugal, the United States, China, Thailand and Brazil, 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 one joint-venture in China for production and service. **IMA S.p.A. has been listed on the Milan Stock Exchange since 1995 and in 2001 joined the STAR segment.** The following manufacturing companies are part of the IMA Group: Co.ma.di.s. S.p.A., IMA Flavour S.r.l., IMA Kilian GmbH & Co. KG, IMA Life S.r.l., IMA Life North America Inc., IMA Life The Netherlands B.V., IMA Life (Beijing) Pharmaceutical Systems Co. Ltd., IMA-PG India Ltd., IMA Safe S.r.l., Nova Packaging Systems Inc., PharmaSiena S.r.l., Swiftpack Automation Ltd., Zanchetta S.r.l.

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