



Press release

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IMA: acquisition of VIMA Impianti completed

IMA, world leader in the production of automatic packaging machines for the pharmaceutical and tea industries, today formalised the acquisition of 100% of **VIMA Impianti S.r.l.**, a company that manufactures machines for dosing pharmaceutical products

As announced in the note of 23 February 2006, the deal is worth 5.9 million euro, all of which was paid today.

Thanks to this acquisition, IMA has further supplemented its wide range of machines for the processing of pharmaceutical products.

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. IMA closed the year 2005 with **consolidated revenues** rising to 398.8 million Euro (372 million in 2004) and a **gross operating profit** rising to 49.2 million Euro (47.6 million in 2004). The Group has more than 2,700 employees, about 1,100 of whom overseas, and can count on 14 production plants in Italy, Germany, the United Kingdom, Spain, the United States, India and China. IMA has an extensive sales network comprising nine branches which provide sales and service in France, the United Kingdom, Germany, Austria, Spain, Portugal, the United States, China and Thailand, 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 3 joint-ventures in China for production and service. In 2005 IMA concluded a joint-venture agreement with the **Telstar** Group (Spain) in the field of freeze-drying machinery for the pharmaceutical industry. IMA S.p.A. has been listed on the Milan Stock Exchange since 1995 and in 2001 joined the **STAR** segment. The following companies in the pharmaceutical and cosmetics sectors are part of the IMA Group: **Co.ma.di.s. S.p.A., IMA Kilian GmbH & Co. KG, Nova Packaging Systems Inc., Precision Gears Ltd., Swiftpack Automation Ltd.**

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