



Press release

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IMA: closing of the Info Area deal announced

IMA communicates that it has today completed the sale to **Infracom Consulting S.r.l.** of its investment in its subsidiary **Info Area S.r.l.**, at the same time buying a minority interest in Infracom Consulting S.r.l.

Based on the price of this deal, 6.5 million Euro, the sale by IMA S.p.A. of its investment in Info Area S.r.l. has generated a capital gain of around 5.5 million euro, prior to transaction costs.

The objective of **Infracom Consulting**, which is held 75% by **Infracom S.p.A.** with investments also held by **IMA S.p.A.** and **Sacmi S.C.** (through one of its subsidiaries) each with 12.5%, is to create a hub of excellence specialising in the production, development and marketing of products and services for the IT sector.

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 closed the **first quarter** with revenues rising to 94.6 million Euro (+22.4%) and triple the margins. The Group has about 2,700 employees, more than 1,100 of whom overseas, and can count on 16 production plants in Italy, Germany, the United Kingdom, Spain, the United States, India and China. IMA has an extensive sales network comprising 9 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 2 joint-ventures in China for production and service and one in Spain (**IMA-Telstar**). The Group recently acquired all of the shares of **Zanchetta S.r.l.**, a company that operates in the production of machines for the handling and granulation of pharmaceutical powders. 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**, **IMA Libra S.r.l.**, **Nova Packaging Systems Inc.**, **Precision Gears Pvt Ltd.**, **Swiftpack Automation Ltd.**, **VIMA Impianti S.r.l.**

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