



Press release

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The Board of Directors of IMA approves the merger of a subsidiary

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 **Alberto Vacchi** and approved the merger with **IMA S.p.A.** of the wholly owned subsidiary **IMA Safe S.r.l.**, which specialises in the production of machines for the primary and secondary packaging of pharmaceutical, cosmetics and food products.

The operation approved today by the Board of Directors responds to the need on the part of IMA to simplify its corporate structure, optimise the Group's activities and resolve certain diseconomies in the management of financial flows and the debt structure.

This operation will not have a particularly significant impact given that the company involved is wholly owned by IMA and already forms part of its scope of consolidation.

The merger formalities will be completed before the end of the current year and will take effect from 1 January 2011.

The minutes of the resolution passed will be made available to the general public at IMA's registered offices in Ozzano dell'Emilia (Bologna) - Via Emilia 428/442, and at the administrative offices in Castenaso (Bologna) - Via Tosarelli 184. They will also be filed with Borsa Italiana S.p.A. and published on the website **www.ima.it** (Investor Relations section) at the same time that they are deposited with the pertinent Companies Register.

As regards **IMA Flavour S.r.l.** and **IMA Life S.r.l.**, the wholly owned subsidiaries that operate respectively in the production of machines for packaging tea and coffee and machines for the processing of pharmaceutical products in aseptic and non-aseptic conditions, the Board of Directors has decided for the time being not to merge them, so these companies will maintain their current status and names.

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 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., Gima 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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