



Press release

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IMA announces start of programme to purchase treasury shares

IMA has announced, pursuant to the resolution adopted at the Shareholders' Meeting held on 22 April 2011, that it will start its programme to purchase treasury shares with a view to stabilising the stockmarket price of its shares; this plan is to be implemented with a view to boosting liquidity.

The Shareholders' Meeting authorized the Company's Board of Directors, for a period of 12 months, to purchase in the market up to the maximum limit permitted by law and within the limits of available reserves, including the distributable earnings shown in the latest approved financial statements, ordinary shares at a value equal to their average stockmarket price over the previous five days, with a difference plus or minus of not more than 10%, in order to stabilize the share price and, in general, to implement share buy back plans with a view to raising the stock's value for the benefit of the shareholders.

There is a reasonable expectation that, over the period of this programme which will terminate on 22 April 2012, not more than 100,000 shares will be purchased for a maximum of 1.35 million euros.

The market will be informed when these various operations have been carried out, according to the terms and methods laid down in current regulations.

As of today, IMA does not hold any treasury shares.

IMA has appointed UniCredit Corporate & Investment Banking, the Company's specialist, to carry out the acquisition programme.

Established in 1961, IMA is world leader in the design and manufacture of automatic machines for the processing and packaging of pharmaceuticals, cosmetics, tea, coffee and foods. The Group has about 3,400 employees, about 1,600 of whom overseas, and can count on 22 production plants in Italy, Germany, the United Kingdom, the United States, India and China. IMA has an extensive sales network comprising 16 branches which provide sales and service in France, the United Kingdom, Germany, Austria, Spain, Portugal, Poland, Russia, the United States, China, Singapore, 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., Corazza S.p.A., Gima S.p.A., IMA Industries S.r.l., IMA Kilian GmbH & Co. KG, IMA Life S.r.l., IMA Life North America Inc., IMA Life (Beijing) Pharmaceutical Systems Co. Ltd., IMA North America Inc., IMA-PG India Pvt. Ltd., PharmaSiena Service S.r.l., R.C. S.p.A., Stephan Machinery GmbH, Swiftpack Automation Ltd., Sympak Process Engineering GmbH, Zanchetta S.r.l.

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