



Press release

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IMA: capital increase successfully completed for a nominal amount of Euro 1,418,560.00 (8% of share capital) by issuing 2,728,000 new ordinary shares, par value Euro 0.52 each, excluding option rights and reserved for "qualified investors" in Italy and institutional investors abroad.

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The subscription for the capital increase approved yesterday by IMA's Board of Directors has been successfully concluded. The capital increase was reserved for "qualified investors" in Italy (as defined in art. 34-ter, para. 1, letter b) of Consob Regulation 11971/1999) and institutional investors abroad, except for investors in the United States, Canada, Japan and any other country where offering or selling the shares is prohibited by applicable laws.

In fact, following yesterday's board meeting, IMA communicated to the market that it had launched the placement of 2,728,000 new ordinary shares, par value Euro 0.52 each, equal to 8% of IMA's share capital, in partial execution of the mandate under art. 2443 of the Italian Civil Code previously granted to the Board of Directors by the Extraordinary Shareholders' Meeting of 28 January 2011.

The newly issued shares were offered for subscription in a private placement by means of an Accelerated Bookbuilding (ABB) and were placed at a price of Euro 13.50 per share, for a total of Euro 36,828,000.

For this transaction, IMA appointed UniCredit Corporate & Investment Banking as Sole Global Coordinator and Sole Bookrunner. Equita SIM S.p.A., which assisted UniCredit Corporate & Investment Banking in the private placement, acted as Joint Lead Manager.

The transaction will be settled via delivery of the shares and receipt of payment on March 25, 2011.

In the context of the transaction, IMA and its major shareholder, SO.FI.M.A. Società Finanziaria Macchine Automatiche S.p.A., have committed to a lock-up period of 90 days, in the line with market practice.

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