



Press release

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## **IMA completes the sale of a property complex**

### **This transaction forms part of the Group's property spin-off**

IMA S.p.A., world leader in the production of automatic machines for the pharmaceutical and tea industries, would like to announce the sale of the **industrial plant in Calenzano (Florence)** to **UniCredit Leasing S.p.A.** (Bologna) that at the same time appointed as user the company **Amil S.p.A.** (Calenzano).

The Calenzano property complex is the production site for the Group's business area that specialises in machines for the washing and sterilising of pharmaceutical vials.

The selling price amounts to 8.4 million euros, compared with a book value of around 7.8 million euros. This operation has therefore generated a pre-tax capital gain, net of selling expenses, of about 0.5 million euros. The consideration was paid today by the purchaser on signing the contract.

At the same time as the sale, IMA signed a leaseback contract with Amil S.p.A. for a period of 18 years, in order to carry on operating in the factories that it currently uses. This will not have a significant impact on the gross operating profit (EBITDA) for 2010.

The operation closes the **property spin-off plan** that the Group has been implementing since mid-2009 to recover resources and continue growing through acquisitions.

**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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