



Press release

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IMA announces start of programme to purchase treasury shares

IMA announces, pursuant to the resolution adopted at the Shareholders' Meeting held on 27 April 2012, start of 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 26 April 2013, not more than 50,000 shares will be purchased for a maximum of 700 thousand euro.

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

IMA currently holds 55,000 treasury shares, representing 0.15% of share capital.

IMA has appointed Equita SIM S.p.A., 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 more than 3,400 employees, more than 1,500 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 North America Inc., IMA Life (Beijing) Pharmaceutical Systems Co. Ltd., IMA North America Inc., IMA-PG India Pvt. Ltd., PharmaSiena Service S.r.l., Stephan Machinery GmbH, Swiftpack Automation Ltd., Zanchetta S.r.l.

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