



Press release

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IMA acquires Naturapack

IMA, world leader in the production of automatic packaging machines for the pharmaceutical and tea industries, today completed the acquisition of the entire share capital of **Naturapack S.r.l.**

IMA wishes to disclose details of the transaction given that it is with related parties, as certain directors and managers of IMA are shareholders of the selling company. The transaction was approved by IMA's Board of Directors once it had been given the go-ahead by the Internal Control and Remuneration Committee, which is made up of non-executive directors, the majority of whom are independent. Reconta Ernst & Young S.p.A., as independent expert, issued a fairness opinion from a financial point of view of the purchase price.

Naturapack S.r.l. is located in Ozzano dell'Emilia, Bologna and sells used automatic machines, after refurbishing and regenerating them, and **has recently started a new activity in the containment market (isolators)**. This is a sector that produces complex technological products with strong links to the pharmaceutical sector: isolators are in fact used to create sterile environments for processing pharmaceuticals.

The acquisition of this company forms part of the expansion project announced by the Group, aimed at the integration within the IMA Group of professional skills and experience gained over the years by Naturapack in the field of regeneration and sale of used automatic machines returned by IMA's customers when buying new models. Up to now, IMA has had access to these skills through a cooperation agreement. With this acquisition, IMA will also be able to enter the isolator business launched by Naturapack.

The purchase price amounts to 6 million euros, bearing in mind its current net cash position of 130 thousand euros and an EBITDA expected for the whole of 2010 of 1.07 million euros. The company closed 2009 with sales of 3.8 million euros and an EBITDA of 0.75 million euros. It has excellent growth prospects thanks to this new activity in the field of isolators.

Completion of this operation will have no effect on the remuneration of the directors of IMA S.p.A. or its subsidiaries.

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 Netherlands, 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., 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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