



Press release

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Strengthening IMA on the international market

This morning at Villa Madama (Rome), in the presence of Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi and the Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao, the Chairman of IMA, Alberto Vacchi, signed a cooperation agreement between IMA, China Development Bank Securities and the Mandarin Fund, once the CSRC (China's SEC) had given its go-ahead to the idea of IMA being listed on the Shanghai Stock Exchange.

The idea, explained Alberto Vacchi, could be to list in Shanghai IMA's manufacturing unit that operates in China. At a technical level, the Chairman reiterated that this is only a very important stage in a complex process that began when the Mandarin Fund bought 8.18% of IMA. Still according to Alberto Vacchi, the idea of listing the Chinese manufacturing unit of IMA in Shanghai seems the most probable, rather than a double listing of the company listed in Milan.

IMA gives considerable importance to this operation as it is looking for the Chinese manufacturing unit to generate revenues of at least 70 million euros in 2011.

IMA's commitment to China aims to consolidate the Italian company's market positions to preserve over time the strategic role of its Italian production units to be projected more forcefully on the Chinese market.

Moreover IMA, which is growing in the niche food market, starting from a position of leadership in tea and coffee packaging, is investing in increasingly functional food packaging to guarantee safety and quality, a topic of great interest for Asia's emerging markets. This strategy envisages investments for innovation and new acquisitions, and once again IMA's strategic alliance with the Chinese world of finance, which is strongly projected towards industrial development, could have very favourable repercussions on IMA's ability to maintain its world leadership in certain segments of automation.

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 19 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., 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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