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F.I.L.A. S.p.A.: DEBT REFINANCING TRANSACTION TO SUPPORT GROWTH

FINANCIAL CHARGES EXPECTED TO FALL BY MORE THAN EURO 10 MILLION OVER THE ENTIRE DURATION OF THE LOAN

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Pero, July 26, 2022 - Fabbrica Italiana Lapis ed Affini S.p.A. (“**F.I.L.A.**” or the “**Company**”), a company listed on the Euronext STAR Milan segment of the regulated market Euronext Milan organised and managed by Borsa Italiana S.p.A., ISIN code IT0004967292, signed contractual agreements governing a medium/long-term financing transaction for a total of Euro 232.5 million and USD 133.1 million, in addition to an RCF line for Euro 75 million (the “**Transaction**”), against current structured debt of Euro 447 million and an RCF of Euro 25 million. The transaction will lead to significant savings on financial charges of over Euro 10 million over the entire duration of the loan.

The transaction stems from the Group's need to refinance its existing medium/long-term debt before its natural maturity and, therefore, to extend the maturity of its financial debt. It will enable both a reduction in existing medium/long-term debt by using excess cash to reduce financial charges, and an appropriate rescheduling of payment maturities, ensuring the Company the resources to continue on its growth path.

In April 2022, in fact, ahead of the maturity of the largest scheduled instalments for the existing medium/long-term debt, the Group began discussions with the lending institutions to jointly define a refinancing transaction in line with the objectives and needs of the FILA Group.

This led to the structuring of the Transaction, the closing is expected by the end of July.

Finally, we note that the loan will be granted to the Company and its subsidiary Dixon Ticonderoga Company by a pool of leading Italian and international lending institutions, which are:

- BNP Paribas and Intesa Sanpaolo as Global Coordinators, Bookrunners, Mandated Lead Arrangers and Sustainability Coordinators;
- Banco BPM as Bookrunner and Mandated Lead Arranger;
- BPER Bank, Credit Agricole, Mediobanca and UniCredit as Mandated Lead Arrangers;
- Cassa Depositi e Prestiti and JP Morgan as Lead Arrangers;
- BNL BNP Paribas with the role of Agent Bank.

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and will be organised into four term credit lines and a five-year revolving credit line.

The Company may also exercise an option to make the loan sustainability-linked, and therefore associate it with the achievement of specific sustainability goals.

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***F.I.L.A. (Fabbrica Italiana Lapis ed Affini)**, founded in Florence in 1920 and managed since 1956 by the Candela family, is a highly consolidated, dynamic and innovative Italian industrial enterprise and continues to grow market share. F.I.L.A. has been listed on EXM – Euronext STAR segment of the Italian Stock Exchange since November 2015. The company, with revenue of Euro 653.5 million in 2021, has grown significantly over the last twenty years and has achieved a series of strategic acquisitions, including the Italian Adica Pongo, the US Dixon Ticonderoga Company and Pacon Group, the German LYRA, the Mexican Lapiceria Mexicana, the English Daler-Rowney Lukas and the French Canson, founded by the Montgolfier family in 1557. F.I.L.A. is an icon of Italian creativity globally through its colouring, drawing, modelling, writing and painting tools, thanks to brands such as Giotto, Tratto, Das, Didò, Pongo, Lyra, Doms, Maimeri, Daler-Rowney, Canson, Princeton, Strathmore and Arches. Since its foundation, F.I.L.A. has chosen to focus on growth through continuous innovation, both in technological and product terms, in order to enable individuals to express their ideas and talent through tools of exceptional quality. In addition, F.I.L.A. and the Group companies work together with the Institutions to support educational and cultural projects which promote creativity and expression among individuals and make culture accessible to all.*

F.I.L.A. currently operates through 22 production facilities (of which two in Italy) and 35 subsidiaries across the globe and employs over 9,800.

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