

## PRESS RELEASE

### PROPOSAL FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF AN EXTRAORDINARY DIVIDEND AND THE APPOINTMENT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDIT FIRM

**Pero, December 14, 2023** – F.I.L.A. – Fabbrica Italiana Lapis ed Affini S.p.A. (“**F.I.L.A.**” or the “**Company**”) announces that the Board of Directors has today approved the proposal to the Shareholders’ Meeting:

- (i) to distribute an extraordinary dividend of Euro 0.58 for each (ordinary and special) F.I.L.A. share in circulation on the coupon date (net of treasury shares in the portfolio on that date);
- (ii) to appoint the independent audit firm for the period 2024-2032 pursuant to Legislative Decree No. 39/2010 and Regulation (EU) No. 537/2014.

The proposed distribution of the extraordinary dividend is part of the listing process of the Indian investee DOMS Industries Limited, which is expected by the end of the year, so as to share with the shareholders the financial benefits associated with F.I.L.A.’s participation in the listing as a selling shareholder.

Considering the 51,058,297 F.I.L.A. shares outstanding as of today, net of 330,766 treasury shares held by F.I.L.A., the total maximum amount of the proposed dividend would be Euro 29,421,967.98. It should be noted that the Company has sufficient available reserves to fully cover this outlay, liquidity to make the distribution, if approved by the Shareholders’ Meeting, without compromising its balance sheet, financial and economic equilibrium, emphasizing that this disbursement does not impact the repayment plan of the outstanding bank loan and is in line with the objectives of reducing the leverage ratio.

The proposal to grant the audit assignment is tabled so as to ensure its completion before the formal conclusion of the current assignment granted to KPMG S.p.A. (at the Shareholders’ Meeting called to approve the financial statements at December 31, 2023), thus facilitating the handover between the outgoing auditor and the new auditor.

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The above proposals will be submitted to the Shareholders' Meeting which will be called in single call by the end of January 2024.

The call notice and the illustrative reports on the Agenda items (where the coupon date, record date and dividend payment date will also be indicated) will be made available to the public in the manner and within the timeframe prescribed by current regulations.

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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 764.6 million in 2022, 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 25 production facilities (of which two in Italy) and 33 subsidiaries across the globe and employs over 11,700.*

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