

Press Release

The Marchesini Group invests 7 million Euro in the new factory of CORIMA and creates 30 new job opportunities for technicians and engineers

Monteriggioni (Siena, Italy) – CORIMA's new factory was officially opened Saturday before 1,000 guests. This Tuscan specialist produces machinery for packaging pharmaceuticals in aseptic environments.

The **7 million Euro** investment has doubled the size of the company's plant, which now has a further **6,000 square meters** of production facilities. The aim is to meet the growing demands of the unstoppable sector even more efficiently and faster, especially for **anti-cancer** drugs from Eastern countries and above all China. The "aseptic" industry does indeed play a key role in the expansion strategies of the parent company, the **Marchesini Group**. This multinational enterprise located in Pianoro (Emilia-Romagna, Italy) is among the top four leading manufacturers worldwide of pharmaceutical packaging machines. In 2018, thanks also to CORIMA's contribution, Marchesini reached a consolidated turnover of 400 million Euro, of which **85% came from exports**.

The operation will create **30 new jobs for technicians**, in addition to the current 130 employees. Job interviews will commence after the opening event and will continue throughout 2020. The company will be scouting mostly for newly graduated mechanical and electrical technicians and automation and IT engineers.

The inauguration also coincided with the celebrations of **CORIMA'S 40th anniversary** from its foundation in 1979 by **Franco Neri, Aroldo Cappelletti, Dario Anatrini and Mauro Pometti**. They wasted no time in launching their machine for filling and sealing vials and it can still be seen today.

In 2003, when the majority shareholding of CORIMA was taken over, Marchesini became the **first company in the world** to make complete aseptic packaging lines from start to finish, up to the palletization. In 2008, Marchesini inaugurated CORIMA'S factory where it stands today, thus contributing in making it one of the **most innovative Italian factories** in its sector. This opening is yet another successful achievement for a company that has been adding value to the Made-in-Italy brand and to the production flagship in Tuscany for years.

Maurizio Marchesini, President of the Marchesini Group, was spokesman for the event, alongside **Pietro Cassani**, CEO of the Group and **Massimo Pannini**, Director of CORIMA division. The tape was cut before the European MP **Carlo Calenda**, the mayor of Monteriggioni **Andrea Frosini** and H.E. Monsignor **Augusto Paolo Lojudice**, Bishop of the Diocese of Siena.

"This new factory will bring new lifeblood to a uniquely beautiful and historical land" said Maurizio Marchesini. "We are certain this new fellowship between the manufacturing expertise of the *Packaging Valley* of Emilia-Romagna and the creative genius of Tuscany will further enhance our identity as versatile and reliable manufacturers".

"A factory that opens is a safe haven in a rough sea" said Carlo Calenda from the stage. "In an increasingly globalized and virtual economic context, Marchesini is sending an important message of stability and loyalty to the community, starting in Monteriggioni and extending throughout the world".

Calenda also reiterated the importance of the continuity of investments in **Industry 4.0**, which are essential also for the Marchesini Group. Last April, at the Headquarters of Pianoro, the **AI - Artificial Intelligence project** kicked off.

Marchesini conceived this project to launch its current vision of Industry 4.0: a long-term plan which aims to create increasingly interlinked and efficient machinery, without losing sight of the traditional craftsmanship and the people who really “make” the company.

The official opening also offered a special opportunity for Marchesini employees, who travelled from the various branches to come with their families to celebrate the anniversary: an amazing **surprise show** by **Agresto**, a cultural association that organises travelling medieval re-enactments throughout the main cities of Italy and Europe. Guests enjoyed court dancing and medieval duelling with drum rolls to recount stories and legends of the late XIII century.

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