



GUALA CLOSURES GROUP DONATES PROTECTIVE FACE SHIELDS MADE WITH 3D PRINTERS FOR THE DOCTORS AND NURSES OF ALESSANDRIA HOSPITAL

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Spinetta Marengo, 31 March 2020 – Guala Closures Group, world leader in the production of closures for food and beverages, donates 300 protective face shields for the doctors and nurses of the National Hospital *Ss Antonio e Biagio e Cesare Arrigo* in Alessandria. The face shields were made using 3D printers thanks to the commitment of teams of the Group's engineers who work in the research, development and innovation centres in Spinetta Marengo (AL) and in Luxembourg. The 3D printer is able to produce 50 face shields per day, half of which are assembled at Guala Closures' facility in Alessandria and the other in Luxembourg.

The first protective face shields have been delivered to the hospital in Alessandria from today, 31 March 2020, and will be donated continuously for as long as necessary. The protective face shields will also be given to the Local Health Company (ASL) which will manage the distribution of materials to the Special Continuity Care Units (USCA), whose doctors reach the patients in isolation at home, as well as the health workers who carry out the diagnostic swabs testing for the detection of COVID-19.

In addition to the hospital in Alessandria, a donation is also planned for the Hospital in Termoli, where the Group has another production plant

The material used to make the face shields is polycarbonate provided by the Alessandria-based company Fast Covering Systems, which in less than 48 hours sent 500 sheets to Guala Closures Group.

With regard to the model of the protective face shields, one called Prusa3d was selected from several existing types, as it had already obtained two health compliance certificates from the Ministry of Health in the Czech Republic.

Federico Donato, General Manager Guala Closures Italia: "As a company, we feel the need to provide real assistance to the Alessandria Hospital and to all of its personnel who are courageously facing this emergency. Each of us can use our experience and professional skills to contribute to supporting the health service, which is under tremendous pressure. We have provided our technology, the expertise of our engineers and our international knowhow to be able to offer our contribution as a Company to our local community".

Guala Closures Group has more than 4,700 employees and operates in 5 continents through 30 production plants and markets its products in over 100 countries. The Group sells over 20 billion closures each year with a 2019 turnover of 607 million Euros. Thanks to a policy of continuous business development and technological innovation, the Group is recognized as a global benchmark in the production safety closures for spirits and is a leading manufacturer of aluminium closures for spirits, wines and beverages. From August 2018, Guala Closures S.p.A. has been listed on the STAR segment of the Italian Stock Exchange, entering the FTSE Italia Mid Cap index in September 2019. Find out more on www.gualaclosures.com