

GUALA CLOSURES RECEIVES "ISCC PLUS" CERTIFICATION FOR SPINETTA MARENGO PLANT

This is a recognition from Bureau Veritas, certifying the sustainability and traceability characteristics of closures manufactured at the Spinetta Marengo plant, using ISCC Plus accredited plastic material

Milan, December 22, 2021 – Guala Closures, a world leader in the production of special closures for spirits and wines, has received an "International Sustainability and Carbon Certification (ISCC) Plus" accreditation, which will facilitate the use of certified sustainable materials for the production of closures manufactured at the Spinetta Marengo plant.

This recognition, issued by Bureau Veritas – a world leader in testing, inspection and certification services – verifies Guala Closures are producing "Circular Packaging" and "Bio-Circular Packaging" closures, which are certified as sustainable thanks to control of the entire supply chain, from raw materials to final products.

ISCC Plus certification enables companies to monitor and demonstrate the quality of their products by checking the sustainability and traceability requirements along the entire production chain. This represents a real commitment to supporting a circular economy, helping businesses to act more responsibly. This includes promoting production that pays attention to environmental and social aspects in addition to the economic profile.

This certification covers all closures produced at the Spinetta Marengo site, according to a mass balance approach, as long as they contain a part manufactured with ISCC Plus certified plastics declared in the audit report.

For more than ten years Guala Closures has been actively committed to promoting sustainable development. Since 2020, the Group has been offering a line of sustainable closures – Blossom® Sustainable Closures – designed to follow the Group's eco-design guidelines to reduce their environmental impact. In addition, specifically designed projects and partnerships have been developed, such as the agreement signed with Oceanworks® enabling the Group to produce closures made with recycled plastic from coastal ecosystems.

In September 2021, Guala Closures joined the UN Global Compact in order to share, support, and apply the Ten Sustainability Principles set out in the Compact.

Franco Bove, **COO** of **Guala Closures Group**, commented, "We are happy that our historic headquarters is the first plant within the Group to obtain ISCC Plus certification. It is an important signal and a quality standard that we intend to replicate in the other Guala Closures plants around the world.



The Group has been focusing on this project for some time and it represents another major step in the development strategy implemented by the company. Currently the Group is working on its 2022-2030 Sustainability Program, to be presented next year. This will ensure Guala Closures will continue its commitment to people, communities and the territories in which it operates, because it strongly believes these are the basis of its continued progress," he added.

Information on Guala Closures Group

Guala Closures Group has over 4,850 employees and 30 production facilities in five continents. It markets its products in more than 100 countries. The Group sells nearly 17 billion closures each year, with a turnover of 572 million euros in 2020. Thanks to a policy of continuous commercial development and technological innovation, the Group is recognised as a world leader in the production of safety closures for spirits, wine and beverages. Find out more at www.qualaclosures.com

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