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ICMA SAN GIORGIO and SO.F.TER., a 30-year partnership in the compounding technologies.

*SO.F.TER. enhances the overall production capacity of engineering plastics by **30,000 ton/year**. The equipment, supplied by **ICMA SAN GIORGIO**, is aimed at consolidating the Group's growth in particular in the automotive industry.*

SO.F.TER. purchased from ICMA SAN GIORGIO three new lines for the production of engineering plastics that will increase the total production capacity of 30,000 tons per year. The machines are intended for installation in the Forli, Ferrara and Silao (Mexico) sites and will enable the SO.F.TER. Group to strengthen its presence in the automotive and household appliances sectors and also to consolidate the company role as a global supplier.

The machines are three **co-rotating twin screw extruders** capable of working at high flow rates different materials such as PP or PA filled or glass-fibre reinforced up to 50%. The extruder is made with wear resistant steels and is designed according to a modular construction logic which will allow to contain the maintenance costs.

"We are very proud of the 30-year partnership with SO.F.TER., a company which has established itself with great entrepreneurial ability and competence as an international leader in the field of engineering plastics. We are also pleased that ICMA has been able to contribute to these significant results over the years by supplying high performance co-rotating extruders, accompanied by world class customer service. Besides, the relaunch of the Ferrara plant (former P-Group), acquired by SO.F.TER. in 2011, allows us to participate, as a supplier, in a very positive initiative that helps keep in our Country a center of technological excellence" said **Giorgio Colombo**, Managing Director of ICMA SAN GIORGIO.

"In addition to contributing to the recovery plan of the Ferrara technological center, this investment confirms the intention of SO.F.TER. Management to maintain Italy as a privileged production platform for the European markets "confirmed Stefano Zocca, Managing Director of SO.F.TER. "Mexico, on the other hand, thanks to its strategic location and efficient logistic structures, is becoming the basis for our expansion towards the NAFTA countries: from there you can easily supply the companies located in United States or in Canada and it is also possible to collaborate with corporations that have relocated their production to Mexico and are looking for local partners with a European technological and quality level" he concluded.



COMPANIES

SO.F.TER. GROUP (www.softerspa.com). The SO.F.TER. Group is one of the largest independent compounders globally. The range of products, among the widest in Europe, ranges from thermoplastic elastomers, to thermoplastic vulcanizates, to engineering plastics. Thanks to its technological know-how SO.F.TER. can offer to its customers innovative solutions with a strong specialization in the automotive, appliance, electrical /electronic, construction, footwear and sport sectors. The SO.F.TER. GROUP, with headquarters in Forlì, Italy, has two manufacturing plants in Italy, other two units in Latin America (Mexico, Brazil) and a sales subsidiary in Filderstadt (Germany).

Products and brands: Thermoplastic Elastomers: Pibiflex® (TPC), Forprene® (TPV), Forflex® (TPO), Laprene® (SEBS), Sofprene® (SBS), Sofpur® (TPU), Heraflex® P (TPO), Forgrin®, Terra® (TPE per intaso dell'erba artificiale), Pavprene® (modificante per bitumi). **Engineering Plastics:** Polifor®, Tecnoprene®, Talcoprene, Carboprene (PP compound), Pibifor®, Pibiter® (PBT), Nylfor®, Nivionplast (PA6, PA66), Abistir®, Retelan (ABS), Stirofor®, Restir (HI-PS), Cabofor® (PC), Blendfor®, Reblend (PC/ABS), Norfor® (PPO), Sanfor® (SAN).

ICMA SAN GIORGIO SPA (www.icmasg.it) is an Italian company belonging to a family-owned group with over 100 years industrial heritage in the mechanical and metallurgical industry. With over 40 years of experience in the production of plastic processing machinery, Icma is today one of the leading suppliers of co-rotating twin-screw extruders and turnkey systems for the compounding industry, sheet & plate extrusion equipment and all kind of special plants where the co-rotating technology can offer a competitive advantage.

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