

BRETON S.P.A. STRENGTHENS ITS FINANCIAL STRUCTURE AND LAYS THE FOUNDATIONS FOR FUTURE GROWTH

A strategic refinancing operation with the support of SACE and leading credit institutions

CASTELLO DI GODEGO, February 11th, 2025 - Breton S.p.A., more than 80% of whose turnover is exported, is a world leader in the production of machinery and plants for natural stone processing and composite stone fabrication, as well as a top player in the production of high-speed machining centres for the aerospace, defence and automotive sectors. The company concluded a major transaction to refinance its medium- to long-term financial debt. The operation, finalised last December, was carried out with the support of the main Italian financial institutions and SACE, consolidating the company's capital structure and creating the conditions for the implementation of the 2025-2029 strategic development plan.

In recent years, Breton has faced a complex macroeconomic context, characterised by the supply chain crisis, rising energy and raw material costs, rising interest rates and global geopolitical tensions. These factors affected the slowdown in turnover in 2023, which stood at just over EUR 200 million, and impacted the company's financial structure which had already committed to major investments in previous years.

The refinancing operation, which is wide-ranging and highly articulated, represents a unique case in the Italian industrial panorama, thanks to the speed of its execution and the involvement of a large number of players in the banking and institutional system, with a view to supporting and protecting the strategic value of certain excellences in the Italian manufacturing sector. This agreement will allow Breton to continue its growth path, based on an optimal allocation of resources, a rationalisation of Business Units and an improvement in management efficiency.

During 2024, the company had already promptly implemented the necessary organisational interventions and adopted optimisation measures aimed at strengthening its economic-financial balance. These included the adjustment of the personnel organisation, the use of social shock absorbers, and a reduction in the workforce by around 200 employees, operations aimed at ensuring long-term sustainability and competitiveness.

'The support received from financial institutions for the medium- to long-term debt rescheduling and the assessments carried out by several independent advisors confirm the soundness of our business model and growth prospects, as well as the industrial and know-how structural solidity of our company. This transaction will allow us to consolidate our leadership in the sector and to seize new opportunities in international markets, while pursuing our 2025-2029 industrial plan with determination. We are confident that a significant growth phase and satisfying economic results lie ahead of us,' said Mr. Luca Toncelli, President of Breton's Board of Directors.



With this important milestone, Breton confirms itself as an excellence of Italian manufacturing, ready to face the challenges of the future with determination and to consolidate its leading role in the sector at global level.

The success of the operation is the result of synergetic work between Breton and its financial and institutional partners. The contribution of KPMG Advisory S.p.A., as industrial and financial advisor, under the guidance of Partner Alessandro Bellia and Senior Manager Maria Giovanna Biancofiore, was fundamental. The legal and corporate aspects were handled by Studio De Poli - Venezia, with Professor Matteo De Poli and lawyer Michele Greggio for Breton, and by Studio Gatti Pavesi Bianchi Ludovici for the banks, with the support of Partner Luca Faustini and lawyer Cosimo Birtolo. Loan Agency Services S.r.l. acted as agent for the transaction, with the team led by Equity Partner Gaetano La Puglia and Senior Manager Attilio Caccetta.

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The Breton Group

About Breton

Breton, a pioneer in the development of advanced technologies and materials, is an international group specialising in the design and production of state-of-the-art industrial machinery and plants.

Founded in 1963, Breton has established itself on the global market thanks to its seriousness and its philosophy of innovation combined with reliability. Throughout its history, it has filed more than 1700 patents, devoting considerable resources to research and development each year.



Breton is a world leader in the design and production of machines and plants for natural and composite stone. It is also a key player in the design and production of machine tools for metalworking and composite materials for the aerospace, defence, automotive and energy sectors, as well as machines and systems for 3D printing of large parts.

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