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## EVOCA GROUP: ITALIAN MANUFATURING SITES UPDATE

Valbrembo (Bergamo, Italy) 10th March 2020 – On 8th and 9th March the Italian Government implemented new Decrees that include new restrictions in order to limit and confine the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) escalation in Italy. The Decrees include measures limiting the movement of people between provinces as well as their presence in public spaces in order to avoid direct contact between people.

The EVOCA Group has been actively monitoring the situation since the first appearance of COVID-19 (Coronavirus) and has launched several actions across the Group in order to protect the health of its employees and to ensure business continuity. These measures include the implementation of "smart-working" measures intended to limit employee commuting and the presence of crowds inside working facilities, strong restrictions on business travel and a reduction in visits by external visitors. To date there have been no confirmed cases of COVID-19 amongst the Group's employees.

Following the new restrictions coming from the Decrees, the Group has decided to implement a temporary closure, until 13th March, of the manufacturing sites of Valbrembo, Mozzo and Mapello, all based in the Province of Bergamo, as well as the Parma plant. These preventative actions, taken in manufacturing sites located in zones where the density of infected people is particularly high, will allow the implementation of further security actions, in line with the ongoing recommendations from the Italian Government and other qualified authorities, hence ensuring the continued protection of the health of Evoca's employees.

At the moment, the logistic hub of Grassobbio will remain fully operational in order to guarantee the shipment of goods as scheduled<sup>\*</sup>. The Group's other manufacturing facilities in Italy located in Gaggio Montano and Orcenico, as well as its international manufacturing facilities located in Spain, Canada and Romania remain fully operational. Furthermore, offices from each business area will guarantee urgent and undeferrable activities through the availability of key persons.

Evoca is highly focused on the management of this situation as it continues to evolve and will put in place all the necessary measures to ensure the protection of the health of its employees, both in Italy and abroad, as well as business continuity.

\*On, March 8th, an explanatory note of the aforementioned Decree was published by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation in which it is specified that: "goods can enter and leave the territories concerned. The transport













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of goods is considered as a work requirement: the personnel who drives the means of transport can therefore enter and leave the territories concerned and move within them, limited to the needs of delivery or collection of the goods."

EVOCA Group is a world-leading manufacturer of professional coffee machines and one of the main international operators in the Ho.Re.Ca. and OCS sectors. EVOCA markets its products through ten brands (Necta, Wittenborg, Saeco, Gaggia Milano, Ducale, SGL, Newis, Cafection, Futurmat and Visacrem), each with its own individual identity and highly synergistic with EVOCA's mission. Today EVOCA has over 10,000 customers in more than 140 countries around the world, 2,000 employees and revenues of over €460 million. Headquartered in Italy (Valbrembo - Bergamo), EVOCA has a global presence with nine production sites, six R&D centers and over 600 registered patents.

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