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BNL BNP PARIBAS GROUP: 50 MILLION EUROS TO BIESSE GROUP

The Bank is supporting the Group in carrying out investments aimed at reducing CO2 emissions, increasing the use of renewable energy sources and protecting the health and safety of workers

BNL BNP Paribas Group has structured a 50 millions euro positive loan in favour of Biesse Group, a multinational company based in Pesaro with 4 business divisions, 12 production sites and 39 subsidiaries and representative offices worldwide, leader in the processing of wood, glass, stone, metal and advanced materials. BNL's positive loan is an **innovative form of financing whose economic conditions further improve upon the achievement of precise environmental and social sustainability goals which are constantly monitored and measured.**

Specifically, Biesse confirms its **environmental awareness**, aiming for **production which is increasingly** oriented towards improving current **energy efficiency**, using **more energy from renewable sources** which are GO (Guaranteed Origin) certified and **significantly reducing indirect CO2 emissions**. The Group is also committed to **paying attention to and focussing on the people who work in its plants**, certifying the occupational **safety management system** according to the UNI ISO 45001 international standard; this aims to further disseminate a culture of worker welfare, shared with the Group's various stakeholders, also able to generate a greater sense of belonging to the company, sharing of its values and continuous performance improvement.

The agreement between BNL and Biesse Group is in line with the "Positive Banking" strategy of the Bank and the BNP Paribas Group., which aims to combine business with attention to the environment and people. **BNL's support is also confirmation of the Bank's proximity to many Italian businesses** - renowned throughout the world for the quality and innovation of their production - **especially in this delicate phase of economic recovery following the Covid-19 emergency.**

BIESSE S.p.A. - Biesse Group is a global leader in technology for processing wood, glass, stone, plastic and metal. It designs, manufactures and distributes machines, integrated systems and software for manufacturers of furniture, door/window frames and components for the construction, ship-building and aerospace industries. The company invests 4% of its annual revenue in research and development and has registered over 200 patents. It operates through 12 industrial sites, 39 branches, 300 agents and selected dealers, exporting 85% of its production. Its customers include some of the most prestigious names in Italian and international design. Founded in Pesaro in 1969 by Giancarlo Selci, it has been listed in the STAR segment of the Italian Stock Exchange since June 2001. It now has around 4200 employees worldwide.

BNL, with over 100 years of activity, is one of the main Italian banking groups and among the best known brands in Italy with Agencies, Private Banking Centers, Business Centers "Creo BNL for the Entrepreneur", Centers Corporate Banking and Public Administration that are all over the country. BNL offers a wide range of solutions, products and services, from the most traditional to the most innovative ones, for the needs of customers (individuals and families, companies and institutions). BNL has been part of the BNP Paribas Group since 2006. BNP Paribas is in 71 countries, with over 200,000 employees, of whom about 155,000 are in Europe where there are four domestic markets: Belgium, France, Italy and Luxembourg. BNP Paribas holds key positions in two major business sectors: Retail Banking & Services and Corporate & Institutional Banking.

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