

PRESS RELEASE

**COIM invests in innovation:
inaugurated new pilot plant
for the synthesis of thermoplastic polyurethanes**

Milan, 12 July 2021 - **C.O.I.M. S.p.A.**, an Italian multinational company producing specialty chemicals since 1962 and operating worldwide with nineteen manufacturing and trading companies, inaugurates in Offanengo (CR) a **new pilot plant dedicated to thermoplastic polyurethanes (TPU)**.

The COIM pilot plant, designed and built using the very latest technologies available, represents an example of excellence on the current competitive market. COIM develops new materials and optimizes those that already exist, in preparation for their entry into production. It also tests custom solutions and new products for specific customers, through small-scale production processes and samples.

“The pilot plant is a strategic resource for COIM's research and development activities. In fact, once new trends have been identified, it will enable new solutions that anticipate market developments to be tested and created more rapidly. A true innovation strategy” states **Massimo Tonani, the COIM Site Manager**. “TPU is not a commodity but a special material, which can be adapted to an infinite number of custom solutions and developments that meet new needs, in terms of both performance and aesthetics. It has numerous fields of application, which range from the production of pipes and profiles to extruded and calendered sheets, from shoe soles to the production of ski boots, from electric cable sheaths to moulded articles for use in a wide range of applications. The innovations developed using the plant are then inspected at our laboratories by simulating and testing the desired properties of the finished product, such as touch, transparency and lightness”.

“The market sometimes needs innovations to be tested, which requires great efforts during the production phase” explains **Antonio Piroddi, COIM's Laripur TPU Division Manager**. “This plant will make this procedure more streamlined. It will be possible to carry out various tests without depriving the COIM production plant of capacity and time and using a limited quantity of raw materials, with a lower impact on the environment”.



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C.O.I.M. S.p.a. is the brainchild of Mario Buzzella and Cesare Zocchi, two entrepreneurs driven by the same passion for chemistry, who founded the company in 1962 to meet the increasing demand for chemicals resulting from a booming economy.

60 years later, COIM has become an Italian multinational company that develops, produces, and sells chemical specialities for the manufacturing industry worldwide. It ensures local presence through 19 companies - 10 of which are production sites - in Italy, Germany, Russia, Turkey, Singapore, China, India, USA, Brazil, Mexico, Chile, Colombia, Spain, Austria, and the Netherlands.

Over 1,200 specialised collaborators are committed to meeting customers' expectations with three main product families:

1. Polyesters and polyols;
2. PU Case: coatings, adhesives, sealants, and polyurethane-based elastomers;
3. Polyesters and special resins.

COIM can meet technical, commercial, and logistics needs of customers located in 90 countries for a turnover of 1 billion euros. This is possible thanks to its integration of raw materials, focus on polyurethane systems, a wide and diversified offering - 18 product ranges from polyesters to PU systems -, and a large production capacity.

COIM focuses on continuous and sustainable development based on corporate values, such as care and respect for people and the environment.

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