

## PRESS RELEASE

### FILA: BOARD OF DIRECTORS ASSESSES INDEPENDENCE OF THE INDEPENDENT DIRECTORS

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**Milan, July 6, 2016** – The Board of Directors of F.I.L.A. – Fabbrica Italiana Lapis ed Affini S.p.A. (“F.I.L.A.”), at a meeting today chaired by Mr. Gianni Mion, assessed the independence of the Directors appointed by the Shareholders’ Meeting of July 22, 2015. According to the declarations provided by the Directors and the information available to F.I.L.A., the following Directors were considered independent as per Article 148, paragraph 3 of Legs. Decree No. 58/1998 (the “CFA”), as set out by Article 147 ter, paragraph 4 of the CFA and application criterion No. 3 of the Self-Governance Code of Borsa Italiana: Francesca Prandstraller, Sergio Ravagli and Gerolamo Caccia Dominioni.

It is also noted that the Board of Statutory Auditors, as per application criterion 8.C.1. of the Self-Governance Code, assessed the independence of its members also according to the principles of application criterion 3.C.1 of the stated Code with regard to the independence of the Board of Directors and reported upon such to the Board of Directors.

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*F.I.L.A. (Fabbrica Italiana Lapis ed Affini), founded in Florence in 1920 and managed since 1956 by the Candela family, is a highly consolidated, dynamic and innovative Italian industrial enterprise and continues to grow market share. In November 2015, F.I.L.A. listed on the STAR segment of the Milan Stock Exchange. The company, with revenue of over Euro 275 million in 2015, has grown significantly over the last twenty years and has achieved a series of strategic acquisitions, including the Italian Adica Pongo, the US Dixon Ticonderoga, the German LYRA, the Mexican Lapiceria Mexicana, the Brazilian Lycin and the English Daler-Rowney Lukas.*

*F.I.L.A. is an icon of Italian creativity globally through its colouring, drawing, modelling, writing and painting tools, thanks to brands such as Giotto, Tratto, Das, Didò, Pongo, Lyra, Doms, Maimeri and Daler. Since its foundation, F.I.L.A. has chosen to focus on growth through continuous innovation, both in technological and product terms, in order to enable individuals to express their ideas and talent through tools of exceptional quality. In addition, F.I.L.A. and the Group companies work together with the Institutions to support educational and cultural projects which promote creativity and expression among individuals and make culture accessible to all.*

*F.I.L.A. operates through 14 production facilities (of which 2 in Italy) and 22 subsidiaries across the globe and employs approx. 6,000.*

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