



ISSUE BY CONSOB OF THE AUTHORISATION TO PUBLISH THE PROSPECTUS FOR THE ADMISSION TO TRADING ON THE MTA SEGMENT OF THE INVESTMENT VEHICLES MARKET ORGANISED AND MANAGED BY BORSA ITALIANA S.P.A. OF ORDINARY SPACE S.P.A SHARES ISSUED WITHIN THE MERGER OF F.I.L.A. FABBRICA ITALIANA LAPIS E AFFINI S.P.A. INTO SPACE S.P.A.

Milan, May 14, 2015 – F.I.L.A.- Fabbrica Italiana Lapis ed Affini S.p.A. (“**F.I.L.A.**”) and Space S.p.A. (“**Space**”) announce that on May 13, 2015, Consob, with motion No. 0037648/15 issued the authorisation to publish the Prospectus concerning the admission to trading on the MTA segment of the Investment Vehicles market organised and managed by Borsa Italiana S.p.A. of the ordinary Space shares issued within the merger of F.I.L.A. into Space.

The Prospectus will be available at the registered office of the Issuer in Milan, via Vittor Pisani No. 27 and on the Issuers’ website www.space-spa.com in accordance with the applicable legal and regulatory provisions.

The appointed legal consultants are Salonia e Associati and Pedersoli e Associati for F.I.L.A. and Bonelli Erede Pappalardo for Space, while the independent audit firms are KPMG S.p.A. for F.I.L.A. and Reconta Ernst & Young S.p.A. for Space.

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Space is the first Italian registered SPAC (Special Purpose Acquisition Company) to be incorporated as a SIV (Special Investment Vehicle) in accordance with the Borsa Italiana Regulation, and was listed in December 2013 on the MIV regulated market/SIV segment, organised and managed by Borsa Italiana. Space is promoted by Space Holding S.r.l., whose shareholders are Sergio Erede, Roberto Italia, Gianni Mion, Carlo Pagliani, Edoardo Subert, Alfredo Ambrosio and Elisabetta De Bernardi.

F.I.L.A. has achieved outstanding success in Italy through its colouring, drawing, modelling, writing and painting tools and is now seen as the pinnacle for creative solutions across many countries thanks to brands such as GIOTTO, Tratto, DAS, Didò, Pongo and LYRA. Founded in Florence in 1920, F.I.L.A. is a highly consolidated, dynamic and innovative industrial enterprise and continues to grow market share. Managed since 1956 by the Candela family, FILA has achieved global reach and will shortly list on the Stock Exchange. Under the stewardship of Massimo Candela, majority shareholder and CEO of F.I.L.A., the company has achieved strong growth over the last twenty years, with revenues of over Euro 230 million in 2014 while undertaking a series of strategic acquisitions: the Italian Adica Pongo in 1994, the US Dixon Ticonderoga in 2005, the German LYRA in 2008, the Mexican Lapiceria Mexicana in 2010 and the Brazilian Lycin in 2012. In addition to these acquisitions, in 2011 the company acquired a stake in the Indian company Writefine Products.

In 2014, F.I.L.A. and Maimeri - a highly-renowned Italian enterprise involved in the production and sale of colours, paints and fine art products and accessories - set up Industria Maimeri.



The joint venture was a major step in the Group's expansion on the fine arts market. F.I.L.A. operates through 11 production facilities and 19 subsidiaries across the globe and employs approx. 5,000.

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