



**MERGER OF F.I.L.A. FABBRICA ITALIANA LAPIS ED AFFINI S.P.A.  
INTO SPACE S.P.A. - FILING OF THE MERGER DEED**

**Milan, May 19, 2015** – F.I.L.A.- Fabbrica Italiana Lapis ed Affini S.p.A. (“**FILA**”) and Space S.p.A. (“**Space**”) announce that yesterday the merger deed of Fila into Space, which was signed on May 6, 2015, was filed at the Milan Companies Registration Office.

In line with that previously announced to the market, it is confirmed that the legal, accounting and tax effects of the merger will run from June 1, 2015, following the verification of both of the applicable conditions, i.e.: (i) on May 14, 2015 CONSOB authorised the publication of the Prospectus for the admission to listing on the MTA segment of the investment vehicles market of ordinary Space shares in service of the merger share swap; and (ii) the filing of the merger deed by May 27, 2015.

In advance of the above-stated Effective Merger Date, the companies will provide further information with regards to, among other matters, the means and conditions for the distribution of the reserves to the former Space shareholders, the allocation of the so-called “Market Warrants” to be issued following the signing of the merger, in addition to the payment of the so-called “Warrant Indemnity” to holders of Market Warrants.

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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.

**Fila** 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, FILA 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 FILA, 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, FILA 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.

FILA operates through 11 production facilities and 19 subsidiaries across the globe and employs approx. 5,000.

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