

**PRESS RELEASE**

**FILA'S ACQUISITION OF PACON HOLDING COMPANY RECEIVES ANTITRUST APPROVAL IN THE UNITED STATES**

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**Milan, May 30, 2018** - F.I.L.A. - Fabbrica Italiana Lapis ed Affini S.p.A. (ISIN Code IT0004967292) announces that the request for early termination of the waiting period provided by the Hart-Scott-Rodino Antitrust Improvements Act with respect to the acquisition of Pacon Holding Company ("Pacon") was granted by the U.S. Federal Trade Commission, effective as of May 29, 2018 15:50 (Eastern Time).

Following this approval, the closing date for the Pacon acquisition is expected by June 12, 2018, subject to other customary conditions for transactions of this type having been met.

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