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THE KLESCH GROUP

Agreement to acquire The Leali Group

The Klesch Group today announces the conclusion of an agreement to purchase the main assets of The Leali Group, a prominent steel producer in Northern Italy. This acquisition is part of the expansion of The Klesch Group's metals activities.

The Leali Group has a total capacity of 650,000 tonnes and employs 250 people at 3 manufacturing sites in Odolo and Valsugana, located in Northern Italy. The Group sells approximately 200,000 tonnes of Special Bar Quality steel products per year from the Odolo bar mill to strategic customers in the region.

Through its existing business platforms, The Klesch Group has significant expertise in the power and metals industries, the knowledge of which will be critical in optimising the production of steel.

The agreement includes a period of consultation with the unions, banks, customers and other key stakeholders. The final stage of the acquisition is anticipated to conclude at the end of the year.

Commenting, A. Gary Klesch, founder and Chairman of The Klesch Group, said:

"This investment gives us an excellent opportunity to diversify our metals platform, as well as expand our European presence. We intend to maintain and grow the name and image of The Leali Group with both our customers and business partners."

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About The Klesch Group

The Klesch Group is a global industrial commodities business, with three divisions specialising in the production and trading of chemicals, metals and oil. Founded in 1990 and headquartered in Geneva, The Klesch Group has revenues in excess of 5 billion Euros, and employs more than 4,500 people across 40 locations in over 16 countries around the world.