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EPTA PUBLISHES ITS THIRD CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY REPORT

Milan, 7 October 2015 – Care for the environment and sustainable development, growth and safeguarding of human resources, involvement in ventures for the promotion of ethical-social values: these are the key elements underlying the third Corporate Social Responsibility Report presented by Epta. This is an important document published by the Group that aims to provide stakeholders and Customers with the most relevant economic, social and environmental results from the last year and define future objectives, whilst positioning itself, in a clear manner, as a trusted partner that is able to satisfy all requirements of Retailers, for an excellent service, all over the world.

The Report has obtained a C+ valuation from the Institution **TÜV Austria Cert GmbH** and, as further proof of the utmost transparency and completeness of the information contained within it, the CSR applies the guidelines of the Global Reporting Initiative, one of the most accredited international standards, obtaining a C+ level. **Marco Nocivelli, the CEO of Epta** states: *"The third Report is a concrete demonstration of our commitment to continue along the path we began four years ago, with the aim of using and implementing strategies oriented towards sustainable social progress."*

It is a responsible approach, expressed by **"The Epta Way UP: preserving food value"**, which uses technologically advanced systems to ensure the perfect conservation and display of foodstuffs and the promotion of their value. The concept, which is central to Epta's ventures for Expo 2015, demonstrates the importance of the Group's Research and Development activities in guaranteeing an impeccable presentation, excellent freshness, wholesomeness and food safety, whilst fully respecting resources from the local territory.

A concrete example of the Company's vocation is the RevUP Family, one of the latest new features that the Costan and Bonnet Névé brands have launched on the market. Rev UP Family is the complete range of refrigerated units that enables an entire retail outlet to be fitted-out with a single technology. Characterised by a minimal style and full-height glass, the units have been designed to improve the visual display of items and increase sales volumes.

In addition, RevUP Family also fully responds to energy saving requirements, as it is up to 62% more efficient than open units and 11% more efficient than previous closed models.

In line with its sustainable approach, Epta invests in innovation to offer solutions that are increasingly eco-friendly. These include the ranges of plug-ins using propane (R290), a natural refrigerant that combines a high performance coefficient with a reduced environmental impact and EPTA Blue Waterloop, an innovative system that uses a closed water circuit that can easily be connected to the store's HVAC system (Heating, Ventilating and Air Conditioning), in order to recover the heat emitted by the heating units.

The utmost attention to the safeguarding of resources and the wellbeing of society is also demonstrated by the Group's interventions for optimising energy and water consumption in its production plants. In this regard, the installation of cogeneration systems and photovoltaic panels has allowed it to achieve a reduction of 14% in one year of KOE (kilograms of oil equivalent) per product produced. Moreover, technical improvements have also reduced water consumption by 31% per unit produced.

The interest for the environment goes hand in hand with the Group's constant attention towards human resources and social issues. Epta aims to create a positive working environment, focusing on the development of skills and know-how, for the growth of the Company and respect for interpersonal differences. The Group has organised courses to train more than 500 professionals at the CO₂ Training Centre in England (+ 100% compared to 2013).

A further confirmation of the Group's *green commitment* are the numerous awards it has been given such as, Ecocare 2014, which was awarded for the eco-sustainability of the Costan plant in Belluno, the Eco-conception 2015 award, the RAC Cooling Industry Awards 2014 and the prestigious Janus de L'Industrie for 2015 and 2014, an Eco Design mention. These have rewarded the Epta brand solutions for their low environmental impact, sophisticated aesthetics and the real benefits that have been passed on to consumers, such as maximum ergonomics and practicality of use.

Marco Nocivelli, CEO of Epta states: *"I am very satisfied with our success, which demonstrates the Group's strong vocation towards sustainable zero impact growth. In the last three years, thanks to constant involvement and contribution of all our staff, we have reached and surpassed the challenging objectives we had set ourselves with the first Corporate Social Responsibility Report. We have, in fact, reached a level of 50% in terms of high efficiency solutions within our range, while increasing the value of renewable sources by up to 36% and reduced energy consumption by 20%."* He concludes: *"Our next target is that of improving energy efficiency by a further 5% in the next three years."*

Epta's third CSR Report is available at the link:

Il terzo CSR Report di Epta è disponibile al link: <http://eptarefrigeration.com/en/information-kit>

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EPTA – multinational Group specialised in commercial refrigeration operates on a worldwide level thanks to its brands **Costan** (1946), **Bonnet Névé** (1930), **George Barker** (1928), **Eurocryor** (1991), **Misa** (1969) and **Iarp** (1983). Epta asserts its position on the domestic and international markets as a turnkey partner able to manufacture and provide complete refrigeration systems through the integration of specific product lines like: serve-over refrigerated counters and cabinets, vertical and semi-vertical chillers, vertical and horizontal freezers, plug-in units, medium and large capacity refrigeration systems and cold rooms. Based in Milan, it has 4,000 employees, a world-wide sales network and a turnover of about 680 million Euros for 2014. Epta's responsible attitude is expressed through the concept **"The Epta Way UP: preserving food value"** which creates technologically advanced solutions to ensure products retain their value through perfect preservation and display of foodstuffs. This strategy is reaffirmed by the "Power Up your store" motto, which encompasses Epta's calling to focus on clients and use its abilities to meet their needs while maximizing store growth.

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