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### **Tessiture Pietro Radici Italian production site awarded UNI EN ISO 14001 and BS OHSAS 18001 certification.**

- RadiciGroup continues its commitment to the environment, human and individual rights, and attention to customers, products and communities. The Group is committed to sustainable economic growth, as reported in its Sustainability Report drawn up according to Global Reporting Initiative (GRI) guidelines.
- Tessiture Pietro Radici SpA (TPR), RadiciGroup ancestral company engaged in the production of artificial grass yarn and nonwoven spunbond, has obtained UNI EN ISO 14001 environmental management system certification and BS OHSAS 18001 occupational health and safety management system certification.
- TPR also received a renewal of its ISO 9001 certification from a new certification body, Certiquality.

During the past few weeks, **Tessiture Pietro Radici SpA (TPR)** – RadiciGroup ancestral production company and leader in the production of artificial grass yarn and nonwoven spunbond, sold under the brand names Radigreen® and Dylar®, respectively – celebrated a twofold achievement on the environmental and safety fronts. TPR was awarded two important certifications: UNI EN ISO 14001:2004 for environmental management systems and BS OHSAS 18001:2007 for occupational health and safety management systems. These two recognitions demonstrate RadiciGroup's concrete commitment to developing, implementing and improving its group-wide policies on environmental and occupational health and safety management. The Group's primary objectives include the sustainability of its industrial activities, safeguarding natural resources by reducing the environmental footprint of its products, and improving the health and safety of its workers.

"We set out to implement our management systems in accordance with the requirements of the two international certification standards at a fast pace," **Paola Panzeri**, *quality manager of Tessiture Pietro Radici*, explained. "We started the projects for both the environmental and safety management systems in April of last year. During the months that followed, we performed internal audits for the purpose of monitoring the process, performance and progress status. In June of this year we completed step one of the certification, the feasibility audit, and in July, stage two, the actual certification audits, both with positive outcomes. Lastly, in August, the two important certifications were made official."

**Enrico Buriani**, *CEO of Tessiture Pietro Radici*, expressed great satisfaction: "Today, customer loyalty may also be gained and built through the level of reliability we are able to provide. And the actions we have taken

to improve the efficiency of our management systems are steps toward strengthening our position as a reliable supplier.“

“I am proud of our achievements,” Mr. Buriani continued. “The two certification processes required great effort, resources and commitment on the part of all TPR staff at all levels. Our employees worked together as a team, showing their awareness of and strongly participating in all facets of the 14001 and 18001 certifications. I believe that making employees aware of the issues and developing a corporate culture are among the key aspects of certification processes like the ones we have undertaken. This way the work approach is guided by the recognition of the importance of health and safety issues.”

**THE CENTRALITY OF HEALTH AND SAFETY IN THE WORKPLACE...** By certifying its management system according to the OHSAS 18001 Standard (*an international occupational health and safety management system specification geared at reducing and preventing accidents in the workplace through annual objectives for growth*), Tessitura Pietro Radici has taken an important step in the direction of safety. “At TPR we have been committed to working on safety for years,” **Ivan Rottigni**, *employees’ safety representative at Tessitura Pietro Radici*, said. “This is a matter that requires constant effort and dedication. You cannot slack off or let your guard down. Internal communication, specific training and awareness raising have been fundamental in the course of these last months and are going to remain key elements in the pursuit of continual improvement in the health and safety of our workers.”

On top of **UNI EN ISO 14001** and **BS OHSAS 18001** certification, this year Tessitura Pietro Radici has obtained a renewal of its ISO 9001 certification (first obtained in 1997) through a new certification body, Certiquality.

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## A WIDER LOOK AT SUSTAINABILITY...

Sustainability, as reported in a Sustainability Report drawn up according to **Global Reporting Initiative (GRI)** guidelines, serves as a beacon for all of RadiciGroup’s management system certifications. The indicators reported in the Sustainability Report – economic (**EC**), human rights (**HR**), labour conditions (**LA**), social (**SO**), environmental (**EN**) and product responsibility (**PR**) – are all central to RadiciGroup’s challenge to make sustainability a corporate culture tool for business and innovation. Besides performing the certification audits at all stages, **Certiquality** has provided external assurance for the 2011 Sustainability Report.

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