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Radici Yarn Spa of Ardesio (BG) obtained environmental certification ISO 14001:2015

New **environmental sustainability** milestone for RadiciGroup: in 2016, Radici Yarn SpA - Ardesio (Bergamo) Operating Unit - a company specializing in the production of **polyamide and polyester yarns** for warp weaving and knitting - obtained the **Environmental Management System Certification according to the standard UNI EN ISO 14001:2015**.

This is a recognition of excellence, which testifies to the commitment of RadiciGroup Comfort Fibres Business Area to environmentally sustainable business management, pursued thanks to the ability to work as a team that has always characterized the people at the plant and those of the Corporate Quality and Processes central coordination function.

Radici Yarn of Villa d'Ogna - ISO 14001:2004 certified - operates upstream of the Ardesio plant, producing polymers, staple fibres and POY and FOY yarns. These products are further processed in the Ardesio plant, which designs and manufactures synthetic yarns on beams, using the warping, stretch-warping, gluing and assembling processes for warp knitting and weaving.

The main brand on the market is **Radilon®**, which includes the family of **polyamide 6, 6.6 and 6.10 yarns and discontinuous fibres**.

Plant director Giorgio Ongaro had this to say, "*This certification is an important result for us, which recognizes our continuous efforts to improve the environmental performance of our production processes. Teamwork was performed that, in the face of a reassessment of the potential business risks, allowed for the undertaking of ad hoc routes and investments to optimize the overall performance of the production site as far as environmental sustainability.*"

Radici Yarn SpA's Ardesio Operating Unit has currently 110 employees. The plant was built back in the late 80s; a number of improvements and additions were made over time to best meet market

demands and ensure high quality and product performance. Investments have focused on optimizing the use of resources and improving the efficiency of the entire production cycle. The Operating Unit is currently using 100% renewable electrical energy.

The environmental certification comes in the wake of the Quality Management System certification according to the standard UNI EN ISO 9001:2008, and the whole Company is already on to the next target: the Health and Safety Management System according to the standard OHSAS 18001:2007. This new goal fits in with the Group's vision, approaching the market and customers as the most innovative and sustainable "*integrated chemical group in the polyamide, synthetic fibres and engineering plastics supply chain*".

Click the link below to view all of RadiciGroup's environmental certifications:

<http://www.radicigroup.com/en/sustainability/managing-system/environment>

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