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The Italian Ambassador to the Czech Republic visits the Logit Sro plant

Ongoing dialogue with local institutions and communities essential to RadiciGroup

His Excellency Aldo Amati, Ambassador of Italy to the Czech Republic, visited the Logit Sro plant in Podbořany to learn first-hand about the RadiciGroup production facility and the Group's commitment to environmental protection, safety and the quality of its products. The ambassador – accompanied by a delegation of representatives from the Italian-Czech Chamber of Commerce and Industry – was welcomed by **RadiciGroup COO Maurizio Radici, Performance Yarn Business Area Manager Nicola Agnoli, and Logit Sro Site Manager Martin Chlup**. The RadiciGroup managers stressed that the visit was in the spirit of the stakeholder engagement activities promoted by RadiciGroup.

The ambassador, who is of Bergamo origin like RadiciGroup, showed great interest in the production site, which was established in the Podbořany community almost 20 years ago and today employs 200 people.

*"I am proud to be here today," said **Ambassador Amati**. "I have had the opportunity to see up-close a company committed to excellence in synthetic fibres, capable of combining innovation and sustainability in its daily production activities. These values are fundamental for the growth of the community as a whole."*

Advanced production technologies and total control of its production processes – starting from the polymers and BCF yarn produced at the Radicifil Casnigo plant (a Group company in the province of Bergamo, Italy) – allow Logit to produce polyamide 6 and 6.6 BCF carpet yarn (twisted, entangled and heat-set), sold under the **Radifloor®** brand name. The entire range of sustainable high performance products is designed for floor carpeting in the household, residential, contract and automotive industries, as well as for indoor upholstery and coverings.

The company has implemented and maintains a UNI EN ISO 9001:2008-compliant quality management system, a UNI EN ISO14001:2004 environmental management system, an OHSAS 18001:2007 occupational health and safety management system and an ISO 50001:2011 energy management system.

“This official visit is an opportunity to strengthen our relations with local institutions and engage in a transparent dialogue with the local community, which we are proud to be part of,” stated **Maurizio Radici, COO of RadiciGroup**. *“We want to demonstrate how we produce our yarn day in and day out in a sustainable manner and familiarize all the stakeholders with the raw materials and the energy resources we use to produce the innovative, high-quality products supplied to our customers.”*

The Podbořany plant is one the most advanced RadiciGroup production units in terms of production and environmental performance. Open dialogue has always been fundamental to the Group’s relationship with the local government and institutions, in order to further its contribution to the sustainable growth of the whole community.

Recently, Logit Sro was among the finalists for the *2016 Via Bona Philanthropy Awards* in the *Good Company* category. These important awards were established in 1998 by the non-profit *Via Foundation* to recognize local companies and individuals distinguished for their philanthropic activities and their contribution to the wellbeing of the entire community. In 2014, company management established the Logit Fund with the aim of improving the quality of life of the people in the Podbořany area. In 2015 alone, the Logit Fund provided financial resources for new gymnastics equipment for a children’s dance group, a herb garden at the elementary school in Kryry, new soccer equipment for children in Blšany, and assistance to disabled adults and children in the Čtyřlístek Educational Centre.

RADICIGROUP - With 2,985 employees, sales revenue of EUR 1,011 million, and a network of production and sales sites located in Europe, North America, South America and Asia, RadiciGroup is one of the world’s leading producers of a wide range of chemical intermediates, polyamide polymers, engineering plastics, synthetic fibres and nonwovens. These products are the result of the Group’s outstanding chemical know-how and are used in a variety of industrial sectors such as: AUTOMOTIVE – ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONICS – CONSUMER GOODS – APPAREL – FURNISHINGS – CONSTRUCTION – HOUSEHOLD APPLIANCES – SPORT. With its business areas - **Specialty Chemicals, Performance Plastics and Synthetic Fibres & Nonwovens** (Performance Yarn, Comfort Fibres and Extrusion Yarn), RadiciGroup is part of a larger industrial group that also includes textile machinery (ITEMA), energy (GEOGREEN) and hotel businesses (SAN MARCO).

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