## Vetropack Italia: construction of new sustainable production site kicks off

Boffalora sopra Ticino, 25 October 2021 – Today, Vetropack Italia S.r.I., a company that manufactures, sells and distributes glass packaging in Italy and in selected export markets, celebrated the foundations dedicated to the presentation of the new glassworks, which will be built in Boffalora sopra Ticino (MI).

Attended the event: the Ministry of the Tourism Massimo Garavaglia, The Councillor for Economic Development of the Lombardy Region Guido Guidesi, the Mayor of the Municipality of Boffalora sopra Ticino Sabina Doniselli, The Consul General of Switzerland in Milan Sabrina Dallafior, the Vice-President of Assolombarda Giulia Castoldi, ICE Chairman Carlo Ferro, the Regional Councillor Curzio Trezzani and the Councillor of the Metropolitan City of Milan Francesco Vassallo.

Vetropack Italia S.r.I. is part of the Vetropack Group, an independent, listed and family-owned company with headquarters in Switzerland and about 4.000 employees.

In a context where ESG (Environmental, Social and Corporate Governance) matters are becoming increasingly relevant, the company is renewing its commitment to integrate sustainability throughout the production chain. Circular economy, social and environmental sustainability are at the heart of Vetropack Group's sustainability strategy. The construction of the new production site is in fact the result of Vetropack Italia's desire to innovate through a structure that complies with its own sustainability objectives outlined in the Group's Strategy 2030, which falls within the European Union's development plans aimed at increasing the percentage of recycled glass, a secondary raw material, used in production.

With this in mind, the company has selected the industrial site of Boffalora sopra Ticino, located at a strategic junction of the area's road network, which will allow the recovery of a partially used, but not yet abandoned, area. This unique project is part of the plan to improve the efficiency and quality of production processes and will enable the company to meet the ever-increasing demand for its products and respond to the increasingly stringent requirements of its customers. Johann Reiter, CEO of Vetropack Holding, said: "The construction of our new production site for Vetropack represents a further step in a market that we have always considered very strategic, where we intend to further consolidate our presence. The new industrial plant meets the main innovations and sustainability specifications and will be the flagship of our production sites, allowing us to achieve production efficiency and sustainability in line with our 2030 Strategy."

## Sergio Antoci, General Manager of Vetropack Italia, added:

"Sustainable development is both a local and a global challenge, for a quality economic recovery, health, safety and social cohesion. After a long search, we selected the land in Boffalora sopra Ticino because it meets our needs on several levels: it is in fact an industrial site strategically located at an important transport hub, which will lead to improved logistics and ensure the preservation of jobs in the region and the recovery of an industrial site, which fully embraces the Regional Directive governing land consumption."

## **About Vetropack Italia**

Vetropack Italia S.r.I. produces, sells and distributes glass packaging mainly in Italy. It is part of the Vetropack Group, present in Europe with 9 plants and about 4,000 employees. The current production site, built in 1960 and acquired by Vetropack Group in July 2015, is located in Trezzano sul Naviglio. It covers an area of 88,700 m2 and employs 301 people, some of whom have been recruited in preparation for the move to the new plant.

## About the new glassworks in Boffalora sopra Ticino

The new glassworks will be constructed on a post-industrial area subject to environmental reclamation. The civil and urbanization of the project has been entrusted to GSE Italia S.r.I. who, as General Contractors, is working with architectural and environmental design firms. The process part is supported by CM.Project.ing, a German engineering company.

The glassworks, built also through the reuse of secondary materials generated by the demolition of existing buildings, embraces urban, social and environmental sustainability standards. It is also designed to have the lowest day/night noise emission levels, with engineering systems aimed at greatly reducing atmospheric emissions compared to the legal limits.

An area of approximately 31,000 m2, within our site near the Naviglio Grande, will be transformed into a public green park, with a 2.5 km

cycle/pedestrian path. The project will also modify the current SP225 road system, improving its accessibility and safety. A public car park and a lorry park will be created so as not to encumber the existing roadway.

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