

Press release

***EPTA IS REVOLUTIONISING THE HISTORIC FACTORY IN BELLUNO
TO STREAMLINE RESOURCES***

Milan, 19th April 2010 – **Epta** – European group leader and global partner in the commercial refrigeration sector for the retail industry with its brands **Costan, Bonnet Névé, BKT, George Barker** and **Eurocryor** – recently finalised refurbishment works in the historical Costan factory, located in the foothills of the Dolomites, in Limana, in the province of Belluno, established in 1970.

A true “*model factory*” revolutionised in keeping with the commitment to the environment demonstrated over the years by the Group and in line with its “*The Value of Energy*” strategy. These operations represent the final phase in a broader project that began with the environmental certification procedure UNI EN ISO 14001.

In this case, a cogeneration plant has been installed to satisfy 80% of the thermal and electrical energy of the whole factory and two new automatic lines dedicated to sheet metal working and coating and assembly, implemented for a more streamlined management of resources.

This new cogenerator has not only made it possible to considerably knock down consumption but above all it produces *clean* energy, which also guarantees power to machinery during *black outs*. Furthermore, the warm air produced by the thermoelectric apparatus is reused by the coating furnaces.

To comprehend the actual saving guaranteed by the system, it is important to consider that before refurbishment 6,445,000 KW/h of electric energy and 1,325,000 m³ of natural gas was used to process 22,400 tonnes of material. Now, thanks to this new apparatus, consumption for the same quantity of material has dropped by about 16%.

Furthermore, thanks to the installation of additional cabins and washing stations, the new coating line has almost doubled productivity compared to the past and has guaranteed a weekly saving on the coating of about 300 kg, with a 30% reduction in energy and water.

A whole compartment of the factory is dedicated to the innovative technologies that use natural coolants, the application of which considerably reduces the *carbon footprint* of the systems marketed and which EPTA is a precursor of.

Enzo Santori, *Epta Industry Director*, declares: "The goal of this project has been reached in full, this revolution in the factory will guarantee excellent results in terms of quantity, quality and in the more streamlined use of resources. To complete this commitment, by the end of 2010, a photovoltaic system will be implemented to help make the factory fully autonomous in terms of energy.

In Limana, technology is in the front line and this enables us to assure improved efficiency and quicker delivery to our Customers, without compromising on the environment".

BOX Costan Limana in numbers:

Total area: 69,000 m²

Employees: 900

Production capacity: 52,000 units

Distribution of units produced over the territory: 35% for the Italian market and 65% for abroad

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EPTA – Leading European group and global Partner in the sector of commercial refrigeration for retail chains, Epta has established itself worldwide thanks to its brands **Costan** (1946), **Bonnet Névé** (1930), **BKT** (1910), **George Barker** (1928) and **Euro'Cryor** (1991); it specialises in the production and sale of refrigerator units for fresh and frozen products plug-in integral units, medium and high-power compressor packs and cold rooms. It has its head office in Milan, 2,600 employees and it can lay claim to a turnover of more than 460 million Euro in 2008. The Cooling Industry Award win for best environmental installation End-User 2006 and 2007, and this year's win for the best installation in the Retail sector are proof of its leadership position in the design and installation of innovative technologies aimed at guaranteeing real energy saving with a true lowering of noxious emissions.

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