

Lucchini S.p.A., under Extraordinary Administration

The Extraordinary Receiver of Lucchini S.p.A. under extraordinary administration ("**Lucchini**") intends to solicit expressions of interest for the acquisition **OF ALL OR PART OF THE "VERTEK" BUSINESS COMPLEXES AT THE PLANTS IN PIOMBINO AND CONDOVE RUN BY LUCCHINI** for cold processing wire rod and bar finishing, as described below:

- a) "Vertek" business complex at the Piombino plant run by Lucchini (the "**Vertek**" **Business Complex of Piombino**"), consisting of:
 - (i) following currently operating facilities:
 - (1) Bar peeling and rolling machine, diameter range 80-180 mm;
 - (2) bar peeling machine with online rolling, diameter range 80-160 mm;
 - (3) induction quenching line, diameter range 80-180 mm;
 - (4) bell furnaces for wire rod annealing;
 - (ii) following facilities that might be reactivated:
 - (1) "coil-to-coil" shaving machine;
 - (2) Two (2) installations for rolling, cutting to length and on line control for spring bars;
 - (3) Two (2) grinding lines for bars for springs;
 - (4) coil induction quenching line;
 - (iii) land and buildings;
 - (iv) employment contracts and other contracts drawn up by Lucchini for the performance of the activities referred to in points (i) and (ii);
 - (v) trademarks;
- b) Corporate complex "Vertek" at the Condove plant run by Lucchini (the "**Vertek**" **Business Complex of Condove**"), consisting essentially of:
 - (i) the following currently operating facilities
 - (1) Two (2) "coil-to-bar" drawing machine, 12-45 mm range, with on line cutting to length and surface defect control;
 - (2) "bar-to-bar" drawing machine with on line surface defect control, diameter range 40-90 mm;
 - (3) Three (3) peeling machines with on line surface defect control, range 18-120 mm;
 - (4) Two (2) grinding lines, range 18-80 mm;
 - (5) Two (2) quenching lines range 18-125 mm ;
 - (6) automatic cutting line and semi-automatic cutting line;
 - (7) US control lines;
 - (ii) land and buildings;
 - (iii) employment contracts and other contracts.

Unless otherwise provided for and/or permitted by the tender regulations, we will assess the expressions of interest and any offers that may follow according to the following order of preference:

- (I) expression of interest/offer concerning both above described "Vertek" business complexes at Piombino and Condove run by Lucchini; or alternatively,
- (II) expression of interest/offer concerning an individual "Vertek" business complex run by Lucchini or part of it (known as "*sale in parts*").

The expressions of interest must be submitted by certified e-mail in Italian or English to the following address: affarisocietari@pec.lucchini.com and must be received by the Extraordinary Receiver Mr Piero Nardi within 24.00 o'clock of 20th January 2014. The subject of the e-mail shall be "*Expression of interest in acquiring all or part of the "Vertek" business complexes of Lucchini S.p.A. in extraordinary administration.*" Please also indicate the name, phone number and e-mail address of the interested party's legal representative.

Expressions of interest on behalf of subjects yet to be identified will not be considered. The Extraordinary Receiver reserves the right to admit the interested parties to the following phases by sending them: (i) a Confidentiality Agreement, and (ii) the Tender Regulations, both to be signed for acceptance by the interested party.

This announcement is a call for expressions of interest and not an invitation to offer or an offer to the public. The publication of this announcement and the expressions of interest do not imply any obligation on the Extraordinary Receiver to admit any interested parties to the tender procedure and/or negotiate on the sale or sell to the interested parties, and do not entitle these parties to receive any service from Lucchini's Extraordinary Receiver.

Any final decision with regard to the sale is subject to the authorising power of the Ministry of Economic Development, upon consultation with the Supervisory Committee (*Comitato di Sorveglianza*).

The Receiver shall send all communications to interested parties:

- Exclusively by certified e-mail ("PEC") from: **affarisocietari@pec.lucchini.com**
- Exclusively to the PEC address (if the interested party is Italian) or e-mail address (if foreign) that the interested party shall notify when expressing its interest.

For questions regarding the certified e-mail system (PEC) please contact:

affarisocietari@lucchini.com

Piombino, December 20th 2013

The Extraordinary Receiver
Piero Nardi