



MISITANO & STRACUZZI S.P.A.: Intesa Sanpaolo and SACE support growth plans through a 3 million euro loan with SACE's "Garanzia Futuro"

Messina (ME) - Italy, April 10th, 2024 - Misitano & Stracuzzi S.p.a., an international leader in the market of citrus juices and essential oils for the food and beverage industry, fragrances and cosmetics ("M&S or the 'Company'"), announces that Intesa Sanpaolo S.p.a. has provided the Company with a loan of 3 million euro to support its industrial development project, through SACE's financial instrument "Garanzia Futuro".

The transaction is part of the banking Group's commitment to provide support for investments related to the PNRR. Thanks to this financial instrument, the Company purchased a new industrial property in the Giammoro-San Filippo del Mela area, in the province of Messina, to increase the production capacity of the division dedicated to the extraction of essential oils and the production of citrus juices. In the same industrial area, Misitano & Stracuzzi has already purchased another property intended for a new essential oils production plant.

Antonio Stracuzzi, President of the Company, commented: *"Intesa Sanpaolo has always been a reference partner for our Company and, also in this circumstance, confirms its attention to the Sicilian entrepreneurial fabric. The financial support received, which is also the result of collaboration with SACE, represents a valuable tool for our Company to achieve its growth objectives and thus also contribute to the economic and social development of our territory."*

"Sicily's entrepreneurial vibrancy makes it possible to reap all the benefits arising from the system of public guarantees, with which it is essential to create a synergy over the medium to long term. The island's SMEs demonstrate an extraordinary ability to take advantage of market changes, even in an uncertain macroeconomic environment, transforming their business strategy from a sustainable perspective", said Giuseppe Nargi, Regional Director of Campania, Calabria and Sicily at Intesa Sanpaolo.

Maria Luisa Miccolis, Director Sales SMEs of SACE, stressed: *"We are very proud to have the opportunity to support a Sicilian SME like Misitano & Stracuzzi in its growth and expansion. We want to be, as always, a partner of reference to increase the competitiveness of the territorial realities that make up the skeleton of the Italian entrepreneurial fabric and for all those companies especially in the South, excellences of Made in Italy, that respect the values of innovation."*

Already in 2019, as a distinctive company and with the aim of addressing specialized training processes and broadening its strategic horizon, the Company participated in **Intesa Sanpaolo's ELITE Lounge**, the path created in collaboration with **Euronext Group** to accompany SMEs in growth and access to private and public capital markets.

Garanzia Futuro is SACE's new easy and digital financial instrument dedicated to the entire ecosystem of Italian companies, particularly SMEs, which represent the heart of SACE's INSIEME 2025 Business Plan. The instrument makes it possible to support financing for growth in global markets, technological



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MISITANO & STRACUZZI GROUP

The Misitano & Stracuzzi Group is an international market leader in Sicilian citrus juices and essential oils and is active in the processing of citrus fruits to produce derivatives for the food and beverage, fragrance and cosmetics industries. The Company, based in Messina, is family-owned, with more than 100 years of history. The know-how acquired by the four successive generations since 1922 allows the Group to position itself as one of the most important players in the niche market of citrus fragrance and essential oil producers worldwide. The core business is the production of citrus essential oils and juices. Today the activity is carried out in the Furci Siculo (ME) plant, dedicated to the production of "juices", and in the S. Teresa di Riva (ME) plant, dedicated to the processing of "essential oils."

In December 2016, a new company under U.S. law was established, Misitano & Stracuzzi USA Corp.. It's a wholly owned subsidiary of Misitano & Stracuzzi S.p.a. which carries out distribution activities of essential oils and aromatic essences in the United States. The strategic position assumed by the subsidiary is a key factor in the development of the Group's business.

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