**Guala Closures publishes its 10th annual Sustainability Report**

***Guala Closures on track to deliver eco-designs for products and reduced environmental impacts***

*Luxembourg, 13th May 2021* – Guala Closures Group has announced the publication of its tenth annual Sustainability Report covering 2020. It reveals that the company has achieved or exceeded its goals in many areas of environmental impact reduction, despite the disruption caused by the pandemic. The report covers improvements in carbon footprint levels, new eco-design guidelines, increased use of recycled materials and the introduction of a Diversity & Inclusion Charter.

Franco Bove, COO of Guala Closures who introduced the Report said, “*In a year when the global pandemic presented many challenges on every front, the Group never lost its focus on the important, long term sustainability goals it set itself. I can report that in all aspects of the business the company continues to meet these targets and looks forward to 2021 with the confidence that it can do even better!*”

**Energy reduction targets exceeded**

Guala Closures Group now has five of its plants powered entirely with energy from renewable sources. The strategy, which involves adopting renewable energies in more and more plants, is paying off. The energy transition in these factories means less dependence on non-renewable resources, resulting in a positive effect on CO2 emissions.

The news on consumption of water, in relation to the finished product, is even better, having significantly decreased (by 17%) compared to 2019. This is due partly to the installation of trigeneration equipment at its Spinetta Marengo plant and implementation of a series of projects at the Indian plants. This has enabled the Group to exceed its initial target of a 20% reduction in consumption between 2015 and 2020, having reached -28.4% in this period.

**New materials and eco-designs**

In 2020 the study of new materials accelerated, thanks to the launch of Group eco-design guidelines, supporting the development of new, sustainable products and improving existing products. The guidelines are intended to be a source of inspiration for the Guala Closures and all its global R&D teams.

Additionally it continues to experiment with more sustainable materials, creating a defined sustainable closure range: Blossom™. This is a fundamental starting point for the design and development of future products and manufacturing processes. The company is also now sourcing recycled plastics which would otherwise have the potential to become ocean waste. This aligns with the Group aims to use 35% recycled materials worldwide by 2025 and offer the largest variety of state-of-the-art sustainable closures.

**Diversity and Inclusion**

The Guala Closures Diversity & Inclusion Charter was officially presented in October 2020. Through this pillar the company aims to promote many values: respect, multiculturalism, solidarity and ethics, as well as responsibility, business spirit, innovation and growth.

Even in a year when physical separation was very evident, the Group was able to roll out the project, which aims to facilitate the integration of diverse groups, with specific regard to gender, age and disability, to all factories.

Guala Closures 10th sustainability report is downloadable from the following link: [www.gualaclosures.com/sustainability/report/](https://www.gualaclosures.com/category/sustainability/report/)

***Guala Closures Group***

*Guala Closures Group has over 4,800 employees and 30 production facilities in five continents. It markets its products in more than 100 countries. The Group sells over 17 billion caps each year, with a turnover of 572 million euros in 2020. Thanks to a policy of continuous commercial development and technological innovation, the group is recognized as a world leader in the production of safety caps for spirits. It is a leading manufacturer of aluminium caps for spirits, wines and beverages. Since August 2018, Guala Closures S.p.A. has been listed on the STAR segment of the Italian Stock Exchange, joining the FTSE Italia Mid Cap Index in September 2019.*

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