



GCL INTERNATIONAL DONATES PROTECTIVE FACE SHIELDS AND RESPIRATORY MASKS TO LUXEMBOURG HOSPITALS

Luxembourg, 27 March 2020 – Through its Luxembourg-based subsidiary GCL International, Italian group Guala Closures stands alongside the Luxembourg Government and the country's healthcare professionals in the fight against COVID-19.

Thousands of safety visors for hospital staff

GCL International has leveraged the know-how of GCL Technologies, its R&D hub dedicated to technological innovations at Technoport in Foetz (Luxembourg), to make face shields for hospital staff and any Luxembourg public authority that needs them.

Given the urgency of the situation and in order to be as efficient as possible, GCL International approached 3D printer manufacturer Prusa, which developed a prototype face shield for medical staff, then urged anyone with a 3D printer to produce visors using this prototype. The companies Amsol and Fast Covering Systems joined in GCL International's effort by providing raw materials and expertise.

Several hundred protective face shields are being manufactured in Luxembourg and Italy every day and are then donated to healthcare professionals.

150 FFP3 respiratory masks for hospitals

Guala Closures will also donate 150 FFP3 respiratory masks to the Robert Schuman Hospitals, which launched an appeal for them over social media. FFP3 safety masks are used in healthcare as they have a very high rate of filtration, and thus protection.

United we stand

Marco Giovannini, CEO and Chairman of Guala Closures Group: *"Since we came to Luxembourg, we have always been able to count on the support of the public authorities in our development projects. We care deeply about playing a tangible role in Luxembourg's fight against COVID-19, as we are also doing in Italy. When we stand together, we are better prepared to step in when the situation requires."*



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Guala Closures, GCL International and GCL Technologies

Established in Italy in 1954, the Guala Closures Group specialises in manufacturing and producing closures for wines, spirits, water and other products in the food and beverage sector. The company has 30 production sites across five continents, and employs more than 4,700 people. Selling more than 20 billion closure mechanisms each year, the group is a global reference in the production of safety closures for spirits. It is a leading producer of aluminium lids for spirits, wines and other drinks.

GCL International, a subsidiary of Guala Closures, has been in Luxembourg since 2017. GCL International hosts one of the group's five R&D centres: GCL Technologies. This R&D hub, dedicated exclusively to technological innovations, has a particular focus on connected closures that allow information to be shared between brands and consumers, as well as making it possible to track products. GCL Technologies is based at Techoport in Foetz and enjoys the support of the Luxembourg Government through Luxinnovation.

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