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AND MOULDS MANUFACTURERS' ASSOCIATION

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Among the different sectors of the Italian capital goods manufacturers, that one producing plastics and rubber machinery seems still enjoying a positive cyclical trend.

This is the noticeable element coming out during the Assocomaplast' Members assembly held on Wednesday June 15, 2005, in Zingonia (Bergamo) c/o the technical and training centre CESAP srl.

During the 2002-2004 three-year period the field saw a reduction of its workforce, as the number of direct employees lowered 6.3%, whilst the total turnover increased by 6% (3.2% comparing 2004/2003), thanks to the exports, that in 2004 exceeded 2,267 million euro.

About the ranking by countries of destination for the "made in Italy" machinery, it must be highlighted that Germany – the first competitor on world scale of the Italian suppliers – took up just less than 20% out of the total sales abroad, followed by France (8%), Russia and Spain (6%) and China (5%). It can be remarked that this last country, since few years, has slowed its import from Italy, also because of the extraordinary growth of the local production of technologies to process plastics and rubber.

On the occasion of the assembly the association top management has been voted for the next two-year period: Riccardo Comerio, managing director of COMERIO ERCOLE spa has been called for President, replacing Luciano Anceschi (TRIA); Fulvio Fusco, managing director of GEFIT spa, has been elected vice-President.

The same assembly has also approved fundamental changes of the Statute, aiming at letting it better suit the companies of the branch.

Lastly, Members approved as well the working program for the Secretariat, focusing various promotional activities devoted to different geo-areas (Eastern Europe, North Africa, Middle East). Within this program, there is the organization of the triennial show PLAST'06, which will be held from February 14 through 18, 2006, in the new fairgrounds of Fiera Milano.

2002-2004 evolution for the Italian market for plastics and rubber processing machinery (million euros)

	2002	2003	2004
production	3,650	3,750	3,870
export	2,091	2,192	2,267
import	617	597	625
domestic market	2,176	2,155	2,228
trade balance	+1,475	+1,594	+1,642

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Main destination markets for the Italian machines manufacturers (ranking and shares on the total)

	1995 ranks %	1996 ranks %	1997 ranks %	1998 ranks %	1999 ranks %	2000 ranks %	2001 ranks %	2002 ranks %	2003 ranks %	2004 ranks %
Argentina		10° 2.4	9° 3.0							
Benelux	8° 3.5	9° 2.9		10° 2.9	8° 2.9	8° 3.8	10° 2.9			
Brasil	6° 5.3	6° 5.9	5° 6.0	6° 4.9	7° 4.6	9° 3.3	9° 3.4	9° 2.9		
China	5° 6.5	4° 6.0	7° 4.8	7° 4.2	6° 4.6	6° 4.8	3° 8.2	3° 7.5	3° 7.4	5° 5.3
France	2° 9.6	2° 10.5	3° 6.8	2° 9.1	2° 9.3	3° 8.8	2° 9.1	2° 8.7	2° 7.5	2° 7.7
Germany	1° 11.3	1° 10.9	1° 11.9	1° 12.8	1° 13.8	1° 12.7	1° 14.0	1° 15.9	1° 19.4	1° 18.7
India	9° 2.4									
Mexico						7° 3.9	8° 3.6	7° 4.6	9° 3.4	
Poland				9° 2.9	10° 2.7				10° 2.3	9° 3.3
U. K.	3° 8.0	3° 7.1	4° 6.6	3° 8.1	5° 6.0	5° 5.2	6° 4.7	6° 5.5	6° 4.4	7° 4.4
Spain	7° 5.0	7° 5.3	6° 5.9	5° 6.4	4° 7.5	4° 7.4	4° 6.2	4° 6.6	4° 6.8	4° 6.0
U.S.A.	4° 7.1	5° 5.9	2° 6.9	4° 8.0	3° 7.8	2° 9.6	5° 5.9	5° 5.9	5° 6.1	6° 5.2
Switzer- land										10° 3.0
Turkey		8° 3.6	8° 3.6	8° 3.9	9° 2.8	10° 3.0		10° 2.6	8° 3.6	8° 4.1
URSS/CIS	10° 2.3		10° 3.0				7° 4.1	8° 3.6	7° 4.2	3° 6.2
% "top 10" on total	61.0	58.1	58.5	63.2	62.0	62.0	62.1	63.8	65.4	63.9
million euro	1,624	1,965	2,054	2,149	2,034	2,193	2,367	2,091	2,192	2,267

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