

Auctus in partnership with Matteo Pellegrini acquires the majority of PPM Industries Group

Auctus Capital Partners ("Auctus"), the leading German private equity fund, and Matteo Pellegrini through Waterfall Srl ("Waterfall") are pleased to announce that it has been signed a binding agreement for the acquisition of the majority shareholding of PPM Industries Group ("PPM" or the "Company") from the selling shareholders of the Pellegrini family at the end of the generation change path started in 2019. Auctus will support Matteo Pellegrini through Waterfall and the Company in its future growth plans, continuing to invest in innovation and product quality both organically and inorganically.

Founded and strongly developed by Giuseppe Pellegrini in the early 1990s, with headquarters in Brembate di Sopra (BG), PPM has established itself over the years as the European leader in the production of masking tapes, duct tapes and paper packaging tapes, thanks to the experience and know-how developed in almost 30 years of activity in the sector. Today, PPM actively serves several markets at an international level, such as Do-It-Yourself, Building & Construction and Automotive Aftermarket, both with private label solutions (B2B - in partnership with Blue Chip International Companies) and through its own brand Q1[®] Premium Masking Solutions (B2B / B2C) launched in 2016 and increasingly established, in strategic International markets.

The Company operates through 4 production plants, two in Italy, one in the UK and one in India employing around 500 people.

Auctus and Matteo Pellegrini will focus on key strategic growth initiatives to pursue new developments of the existing business, by entering new geographies and new vertical markets, both organically and through acquisitions and/or joint ventures.

Matteo Pellegrini, one of the current shareholders has significantly re-invested in the transaction and will serve the Company as Chairman and CEO.

Matteo Pellegrini, commented "I am highly motivated and determined to further boost the internationalization process of PPM Industries by expanding the footprint into new challenging markets, where we shall add value with our expertise, know-how and best practices. Auctus Capital Partners represent the ideal allied to achieve our ambitious targets both on organic and inorganic growth."

Nicolas Himmelmann, Managing Partner at Auctus, commented "we are excited to partner with Matteo to support the growth of PPM Industries, a market leader in the

masking tapes sector with an untapped growth potential in several markets and applications”.

Financial terms of the transaction were not disclosed.

Matteo Pellegrini was advised by Mediobanca as financial advisor, by Pedersoli Studio Legale, Bellini Bressi & Associati, Olivo & Partners as legal advisors, by Studio Pirola Pennuto Zei & Associati as fiscal advisor and by Accuracy as Accounting Advisor.

Auctus was advised by Ethica Group as M&A and debt advisor, by Advant NCTM as legal and tax advisor and by EY on accounting and financial matters.

PPM, Giuseppe, Giacomo and Luca Pellegrini and Antonio Barile were advised by Vitale & Co. as financial advisor, by LS Laghi & Partners as legal advisor and Fulvia Astolfi as tax advisor.

About Auctus Capital Partners

Auctus is the most active German private equity firm based in Munich focused on investments in lower mid-market companies in Europe, with a medium-long term perspective aimed at the sustainable growth of its portfolio companies.