

PRESS RELEASE

Tofflon Itema

opens the doors of its new headquarters for a grand opening event.

Nibbia, San Pietro Mosezzo (NO), Italy – **Itema**, leading global provider of advanced weaving solutions, and **Tofflon Science and Technology Group Co. Ltd.**, Asiatic giant company in the pharmaceutical industry, organized a Grand Opening Ceremony on May 16th, 2024, to inaugurate **Tofflonit**, the new company dedicated to the production of industrial lyophilizers for the biopharmaceutic sector that operates with the name of Tofflon Itema Srl.

In the new premises of **Nibbia, in the municipality of San Pietro Mosezzo in the province of Novara**, the manufacturing plant has been working since October and features high levels of quality and innovation and, on May 16th, the Opening Ceremony took place here with the participation of **more than 100 representatives of biopharmaceutical companies from all over Europe.**

The inauguration ceremony was in fact welcomed with interest and great participation by companies in the sector from 13 different countries, namely Italy, Finland, France, Greece, Germany, Latvia, Morocco, Holland, Serbia, Slovakia, Spain, Switzerland, and Hungary, who attended an event where the usual presentations were followed by a detailed technical tour of a complete freeze-drying system. The Ceremony started with the usual message of the authorities, here represented by the Mayor of San Pietro Mosezzo, Giuseppe Brognoli, who underlined the importance of new industrial undertakings for the growth of the territory, from the point of view both of technology and employment.

The mayor was then followed by Anthony Zheng, CEO of Tofflon Group, who thanked Itema for its valuable contribution in the development of the new headquarters of the Group in Italy and, during the year of the 31st anniversary of Tofflon he stated “As one of the founders, I am proud of our journey, full of numerous challenges and many achievements. Now, during the year of our 31st anniversary, we have reached a new milestone establishing the first Tofflon manufacturing plant in Europe, which testifies our commitment to offer even more efficient and convenient services to our customers in

Europe and America. On the journey ahead, we look forward to collaborating closely with companies, universities and research institutes in Novara, Italy and across Europe.”

Ugo Ghilardi, CEO of Itema Group, then took the stage and reviewed the last three years of collaboration between Itema and Tofflon which brought to life the new production site which was designed and industrialized according to the most modern principles of lean manufacturing by Itemalab, Itema's engineering company. Ghilardi then underlined how “quality is the hallmark of this new company. Tofflon Itema was created to guarantee its customers quality in products, quality in innovations, quality in service and quality in relationships. Ours is a promise of quality to the market.

During the event, a key testimony has come from a special guest, Margherita Verga, Owner of Sacco System Group, a company of Cadorago, in the province of Como, that since 1934 has been offering a wide range of innovative products, including starter cultures for food fermentation (in particular dairy products) and nutritional supplements (probiotic cultures), as well as food improvement tools. Margherita Verga has talked about her company's experience with Tofflon, which has been supplying machinery to the Sacco Group for more than 10 years, underlying the quality and the timeliness of the services offered.

In closing, the history of the company's foundation and its objectives were summarized by Ted Dai, General Manager of Tofflon Itema.

The technical tour dedicated to discovering a complete freeze-drying line was preceded by an accurate technical presentation.

The event concluded with the signing of a sale contract between Tofflon Itema and the Slovakian company HelgeHeim.

What a better closing for an Opening Ceremony.

Notes to editors

Tofflon Science and Technology Group Co. Ltd.

Tofflon was founded in Shanghai in 1993. It is a comprehensive pharmaceutical equipment supplier to provide process support, core equipment, integrated system and pharma engineering for the pharma and biotech industry in the world. Tofflon focuses on studying drug manufacturing science and process equipment manufacturing science to design and build “Advanced Drug Manufacturing Platform” from small molecule to large molecule and cell and gene therapy applications. Tofflon has established joint ventures and technology collaborations with global partners from USA, Europe and Japan. Furthermore, Tofflon has built six modern pharmaceutical equipment manufacturing bases with global competitiveness. In the following years, Tofflon will dedicate itself to grow from “China Tofflon to Global Tofflon”, from “Equipment Supplier to Solution Provider” to professionally support global pharma and biotech industry continuous innovations and commercialization to contribute to the maximum benefits and welfare of its served society, customers, stockholders, employees and their families.

More information about Tofflon can be found on the website www.tofflon.com

Itema Group

Itema is an Italian multinational leading provider of advanced weaving solutions, including weaving machines, spare parts and integrated services. The Company is the only manufacturer in the world to provide the top three weft insertion technologies: rapier, airjet and projectile, with an ample product portfolio and a steadfast commitment to continuous innovation and technological advancement of our weaving machines.

Itema owns the majority stake of Lamiflex, leading supplier of technical composite products and Schoch, leading producer of weaving accessories.

Sixty percent of Itema is held by Gianni Radici's heirs (the siblings Angelo, Maurizio, Paolo, Maria Grazia and Bruna Radici). The remaining part is held by Arizzi and Torri families.

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