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IndustriAll European Trade Union in solidarity with the workers of SaGa Coffee S.p.A.

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

We are writing this letter to you on behalf of industriAll European Trade Union - representing millions of workers in mining, energy and manufacturing industries in Europe - to express our full support and solidarity with your struggle to maintain production and employment in the SaGa Coffee plant in Gaggio Montano.

We have learned that the central management of the Evoca group, to which SaGa Coffee belongs, decided to close the plant in Gaggio Montano by 31 March 2022 and relocate all activities to Spain, Romania and Valbrembo.

The way in which this closure has been prepared, by emptying the warehouse before any information was given to the trade unions, is unacceptable. Proper information and consultation needs to be organised at local and European level on the reindustrialisation plan which the management promised to develop. The European Works Council must be able to analyse the proposal and present alternatives before any final decision is taken. If the plant will be sold to a new owner, guarantees must be given for the preservation of employment and working conditions for the 220 workers that are impacted by this decision.

IndustriAll Europe stands with you in solidarity. We express our full support to the Italian trade unions in their efforts to challenge and fight the proposed closure and any action they may plan to defend the interests of the workers of Gaggio Montano.

In solidarity,

Luc Triangle

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