

Press Release

THE BOD OF PIOVAN S.P.A. APPROVES THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2021

A record 2021 for the Piovan Group closes with excellent results in the *Plastic* and *Food & Non-plastic* segments, as well as in all geographic areas and a cash generation of approximately € 20 million. The year also marks a fundamental stage in the growth of the Group following the acquisition of the US IPEG Group - thanks to which Piovan Group becomes the undisputed leader in the American market and further consolidates its global leadership.

- Consolidated revenue of € 287.0 million, growing strongly by 27.5% vs 2020 (+19.8% on a like-for-like consolidation basis and excluding the impact of certain non-recurring items; +27.6% at constant exchange rates);
- Consolidated EBITDA of € 41.2 million (14.3% margin), +27.6% on 2020 (+18.1% on a like-for-like consolidation basis and excluding the impact of certain non-recurring items);
- Consolidated Operating Profit (EBIT) of € 33.6 million (11.7% margin), +29.2% on 2020;
- Consolidated Net Profit of € 27.7 million (9.6% margin), up 58.9% vs 2020 (+31.9% on a like-for-like consolidation basis and excluding the impact of certain non-recurring items);
- Positive Consolidated Net Financial Position of € 23.7 million, improving approx. € 20 million on the previous year. Excluding the effects of the application of IFRS 16, the positive consolidated net financial position as of December 31, 2021 would amount to € 34.9 million compared to € 14.4 million at December 31, 2020;
- Closing – effective as of January 31, 2022- of the acquisition of 100% of the share capital of Sewickley Capital, Inc., which in turn owns 100% of IPEG Inc. - a leading company in the sector in North America - further strengthening Piovan Group’s leadership position the reference sector;
- Proposed dividend of € 0,10 per share.

Santa Maria di Sala (VE), March 23, 2022 – The Board of Directors of Piovan S.p.A. (“Piovan” or the “Company”) today reviewed and approved the 2021 Separate Financial Statements of the Company and the Group Consolidated Financial Statements.

“The results obtained in 2021 confirm a strong growth in sales volumes in line with the excellent trends of the previous months and a substantial increase in EBITDA. The strong cash generation of the Group made it possible to seize external growth opportunities, culminating in the acquisition of the IPEG Group - which allowed us to consolidate our leadership position in the sector globally.” declares Nicola Piovan, Executive Chairman of Piovan S.p.A.

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“It has been a very intense year in which the Group has not only been the architect of a great expansion that has led to the record results of all time but at the same time has obtained important awards in the ESG field such as the sustainability certification of Sustainalytics and the recognition of important international awards in the circular economy. Furthermore, we have managed to make the largest acquisition in our history by consolidating and strengthening our undisputed global leadership. We are therefore very proud of what has been achieved in 2021 and look forward to 2022 with confidence despite the various uncertainties on the international front.” also states Filippo Zuppichin, CEO of Piovan S.p.A.

The 2021 consolidated key financial highlights follow:

(amounts in €'000)	Economic performance indicators				Changes	
	2021	% on total revenues and other income	2020	% on total revenues and other income	2021 vs 2020	%
Revenue	280,036	97.6%	221,117	98.2%	58,919	26.6%
Other revenue and income	6,993	2.4%	4,063	1.8%	2,931	72.1%
TOTAL REVENUE AND OTHER INCOME	287,029	100.0%	225,180	100.0%	61,849	27.5%
EBITDA	41,151	14.3%	32,242	14.3%	8,909	27.6%
OPERATING PROFIT	33,626	11.7%	26,033	11.6%	7,592	29.2%
PROFIT BEFORE TAXES	34,750	12.1%	23,991	10.7%	10,759	44.8%
Income taxes	7,074	2.5%	6,576	2.9%	498	7.6%
NET PROFIT	27,676	9.6%	17,415	7.7%	10,261	58.9%
Attributable to:						
Owners of the parent	28,347	9.9%	17,643	7.8%		
Non-controlling interests	(671)	(0.2%)	(228)	(0.1%)		
Basic earnings per share	0.56		0.35			
Diluted earnings per share	0.55		0.35			

Revenue overview

Consolidated revenue (and other income)

In 2021 Piovan Group reports **revenue and other income** of € 287.0 million, increasing by 27.5% from € 225.2 million in 2020. Excluding revenues recognized in the first 9 months of 2021 by Doteco Group and Studio Ponte S.r.l., consolidated from October 1st, 2020, total revenues and other income amounted to € 271,2 million, up 20,5% on the same period of 2020.

In terms of **revenue** only, 2021 Piovan Group revenue was € 280.0 million, increasing from the 221.1 million of 2020 (+26,6%).

Revenue calculated on a like-for-like exchange rates basis (i.e. at 2020 average exchange rate) would increase by € 2.0 million, with revenue equal to € 282.1 million and up 27.6% on December 31, 2020. Revenue was, in fact, mainly impacted by a negative effect deriving from U.S. Dollar and Brazilian Real fluctuation.

Other revenue and income, which was up 72.1% versus 2020, include non-recurring revenue related to the € 1.6 million grant that Unadyn received from the U.S. government under the Paycheck Protection Program launched in 2020 in response to the pandemic.

Excluding these non-recurring revenues, total revenues and other income amounted to € 285.5 million, with an increase of 26.8% compared to the same period of 2020. In order to facilitate the comparison between 2021 and 2020 results, total revenues and other income – on a like-for-like basis of consolidation and excluding the US Paycheck Protection Program Loan non-repayable – are equal to € 269.7, with an increase of 19.8% compared to the same period of 2020.

Revenue by Business Segment

	2021	%	2020	%	Change	Change %
Plastic	217,140	77.5%	171,823	77.7%	45,317	26.4%
Food & non plastic	28,355	10.1%	20,780	9.4%	7,575	36.5%
Services	34,541	12.3%	28,514	12.9%	6,027	21.1%
Revenue	280,036	100.0%	221,117	100.0%	58,919	26.6%

Revenue by Business Segment indicates:

- *Plastic Systems* revenue increased compared to the same period of the previous year, driven by marked growth in (traditional and recycled) packaging and in consumer goods; the "automotive" sector is still lagging behind, due to the crisis in the supply of components, which has not allowed it yet to benefit from the expansion linked to the replacement of metal components with plastic ones as a result of the general trend of conversion towards electric mobility;
- *Food & Non-plastic Systems* performed well in both absolute terms and as a percentage of total revenues, increasing 36.5% compared to 2020 thanks the acquisition of strategic orders for major multi-nationals even outside the European market;
- The *Services* market posted revenue growth (+21.1%) on the same period of 2020, in line with the Group's expectations.

Revenue by region

	2021	%	2020	%	Change	Change %
EMEA	182,181	65.1%	140,745	61.1%	41,436	29.4%
ASIA	32,973	11.8%	28,070	12.9%	4,903	17.5%
NORTH AMERICA	49,866	17.8%	42,198	21.2%	7,668	18.2%
SOUTH AMERICA	15,016	5.4%	10,104	4.9%	4,913	48.6%
Revenue	280,036	100.0%	221,117	100.0%	58,919	26.6%

Revenues in the EMEA area posted a solid growth of 29.4% over 2020, benefiting from the strong performance of the *Plastic* segment and excellent growth in the *Food & Non-plastic* market.

Asia and North America grew by 17.5% and 18.2%, respectively, in 2021 on 2020, with revenues increasing in both the *Plastic* and *Services* markets. North America posted growth in all sectors, with the exception of automotive and with a particular strong impact from *Food & Non-plastic*.

In Asia, growth was spotty, with the regions of southeast Asia continuing to feel the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic and China showing a slower-than-expected recovery due, in part, to the continuing restrictions on travel. Within this context of greater uncertainty than in other regions, the Group is further strengthening its local sales and technical assistance structures and increasing market share compared to the leading competitors.

South American market also posted a strong performance (+48.6% in revenues compared to 2020) thanks, above all, to revenues in *Food & Non-plastic* and in *Services*.

Consolidated operating and net results

EBITDA

2021 **EBITDA** was € 41.2 million, increasing by 27.6% on € 32.2 million in 2020, with a stable percentage incidence on revenues and other income equal to 14.3%, benefiting from the leverage effect resulting from the increase in sales volumes as well as from the aforementioned grant, offset in part by an inflationary effect on the costs of raw materials.

It should also be noted that fourth quarter **EBITDA** was impacted by the incurring of part of the extraordinary costs associated with the services received during the year in relation to the acquisition of IPEG, Inc. equal to approximately € 892 thousand and by the impact of an extraordinary bonus paid to the Italian employees of the Group as support for the increase in the cost of energy equal to approximately € 500 thousand. Excluding these non-recurring effects, **EBITDA** amounts to € 41.0 million with a 14.4% profitability. On a like-for-like

basis of consolidation and excluding non-recurring effects, EBITDA amounts to € 38.1 million, with an increase in this case of 18.1%.

Operating Profit

2021 **Operating Profit** was € 33.6 million, increasing from € 26.0 million in the previous year (+29.2%), resulting impacted among other things by the goodwill impairment relating to Toba CGU for an amount equal to € 0.5 million.

Operating result as a percentage of total revenues and other income was 11.7% compared to 11.6% in the previous period. On a like-for-like basis of consolidation and excluding non-recurring items, the operating result amounted to € 31.5 million, up by 21.1% in this case (11.7% in relation to total revenues).

Net Profit

2021 **Net Profit** was € 27.7 million, improving compared to the € 17.4 million from 2020. Net profit as percentage of total revenues and other income margin is equal to 9.6%.

In addition to the above effects, the following items contributed positively to the result for the year: i) an improvement in the item gains/losses on exchange rates equal to 57 thousand euros; ii) an income recognized following the reduction in the fair value of the put-option granted to the minority shareholders of TOBA for € 1.1 million; iii) a release of deferred tax liabilities for € 2.1 million, deriving from the realignment of the tax values to the balance sheet values, respectively, of the know-how that emerged from the acquisition of Doteco S.p.A. and the differences that emerged during the first time adoption by Piovan S.p.A..

Excluding non-recurring revenues, the profit for the year amounts to € 24.8 million, increasing in this case by 8.7%.

Earnings per share

Diluted earnings per share was € 0.55 as of December 31, 2021, compared to € 0.35 in the previous year.

Consolidated Balance Sheet Items Overview

Consolidated Net Financial Position

Please note that, beginning with the “2021 Half Year Financial Report”, the Company has adopted the new layout for Net Financial Position (NFP) called for in the Consob Call for Attention No. 5/21 of April 29, 2021, which implements the EMSA Guidelines 32-382-1138 of March 4, 2021. Compared to the layout previously used by the Company, the account “trade payables and other non-current liabilities” is now also included.

The **consolidated net financial position** at December 31, 2021 was positive and equal to € 23.7 million, compared to a positive one equal to € 4.0 million at December 31, 2020, with net cash generated of € 19.7 million.

€/000	31.12.2021	31.12.2020
A. Cash	118,505	87,452
B. Cash equivalents	-	-
C. Other current financial assets	1,589	5,146
D. Liquidity (A+B+C)	120,093	92,598
E. Current financial debt (including debt instruments, but excluding current portion of non-current financial debt)	(31,448)	(23,046)
F. Current portion of non-current financial debt	(20,584)	(17,833)
G. Current financial indebtedness (E+F)	(52,031)	(40,879)
H. Net current financial indebtedness (G-D)	68,062	51,719
I. Non-current financial debt (excluding current portion and debt instruments)	(41,920)	(47,379)
J. Debt instruments	-	-
K. Non-current trade and other payables	(2,416)	(363)
L. Non-current financial indebtedness (I+J+K)	(44,336)	(47,742)
M. Total net financial position (H+L)	23,726	3,977

The Group's net financial position (excluding the effects of the application of the IFRS 16 accounting standard) at December 31, 2021 was a cash position of € 34.9 million, compared to a net cash position of € 14.4 million at the end of December 2020.

This result is even stronger considering that:

- in May 2021, the parent company Piovan S.p.A. (the "Parent Company") distributed dividends of € 6.7 million (€ 5.6 million in 2020) and paid Doteco price adjustments of € 715 thousand;
- in August 2021, the Parent Company paid a 2020 earn-out related to the acquisition of the Doteco group of € 6,0 million. It should be noted that the 2020 financial statements show a total liability of € 7 million, given that recognition of the entire amount payable to the counterparty was deemed probable, and that the difference – of € 1.0 million – is to be paid approximately by August 2022, when the conditions of the agreement are met.

As previously disclosed, the US subsidiary Unadyn received a loan in May 2020 from the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) in the amount of USD 1.855 million which, having been fully converted into a grant in June 2021, no longer requires repayment.

In addition, in December 2021, the Parent Company received a grant from the Ministry of Economic Development for an amount equal to € 447 thousand for research and development activities and two loans, each of which equal to € 112 thousand, from the Veneto Region and the Sustainable Growth Fund for research and development activities.

Capital expenditures totalling € 3.2 million were invested in 2021 (€ 2.2 million in 2020), of which € 900 thousands are considered non-recurring, as linked mainly to the investment for the purchase of the land adjacent to the head office made in November 2021 for the purpose of potential future expansion.

Financial debt includes medium/long-term loans, mainly referring to the Parent Company, for € 53.7 million, of which € 20.6 million euros with repayment due within 12 months and the remaining part equal to € 33.1 million within 5 years.

During 2021, Piovan has been granted new medium/long-term unsecured loans for an amount of approximately € 15.0 million at an average rate of 0.17%. The amount of medium/long-term loans repaid in 2021 is equal to € 16.5 million.

Against the acquisition of the IPEG Group, Piovan Group signed a loan in January 2022, amounting to € 100 million with a maturity of 6 years.

Significant events occurred during the year

Implications of the COVID-19 pandemic

The COVID-19 pandemic, which spread globally during 2020, also continued into 2021. As already known, this emergency situation, and above all the lockdown policies imposed by the various governments, have had extensive repercussions in many sectors of the world economy. Medium-term prospects are generally improving thanks to the launch of vaccination campaigns in the various countries in 2021, although the macroeconomic context remains characterized by great uncertainty due to new waves and variants of the virus, with cases on the rise in many countries.

The Group is present in a plurality of geographical areas and in very diversified sectors, therefore, as already highlighted, this has made it possible to mitigate the overall risk.

In addition, during 2021, all Group companies remained fully operative, having adopted measures and protocols for the protection of employees in accordance with the regulations in force locally.

The impacts of this situation on the Group's business are currently mainly attributable to a slowdown in installation activities. The restrictions introduced by the various governments with regard to the mobility of people have in fact in some cases delayed the carrying out of the final stages of some projects, which involve installation activities at customer sites.

The Group, taking into account the positive results achieved in 2021 and the backlog of orders as at December 31, 2021, looks to the future with optimism; this also in consideration of the completion of the vaccination campaign in progress, of the safety protocols implemented in all the plants and in the absence of possible worsening related to the spread of the COVID-19 virus, which could have unforeseeable relapses to date.

Acquisitions

During the 2021 financial year, no acquisitions involving the Group were completed, save for what indicated below for IPEG, Inc..

Doteco S.p.A.

In August 2021, in observance of the obligations related to the acquisition of Doteco group, Piovan S.p.A. paid an earn out to the sellers in the amount of € 6 million, based on achieved 2020 Doteco group EBITDA. In accordance with the provisions of the agreement to purchase Doteco shares, the sellers will have the right to an integration of this earn out should 2021 EBITDA performance improve on 2020. The total earn-out payable to the sellers may not, in any event, exceed a total of € 7 million.

IPEG Inc.

On December 13, 2021 the parent company Piovan S.p.A. announced the signing of a binding preliminary agreement providing for the acquisition of 100% of the outstanding shares of Sewickley Capital, Inc., the owner of 100% of IPEG, Inc. (“IPEG” or “IPEG Group”). The acquisition closed and became effective on January 31, 2022, date from which control of the IPEG Group was acquired and from which this will be consolidated by the Piovan Group.

The price of the transaction was set at

- an initial payment of approximately USD 125 million, on a cash free/debt free basis; and
- the payment of a potential earn-out, up to a maximum of approximately USD 22 million, to be paid in 2024 to the extent the acquired group achieves certain EBITDA growth targets over the time period 2021-2023.

IPEG, Inc. is a Delaware-based company active in industrial automation for the transport and processing of polymers and in the production of industrial chillers, with operations and subsidiaries in the United States, India, Mexico, Germany, China, Taiwan and Singapore. The company operates through four main brands - Conair, Thermal Care, Pelletron and Republic Machine - which will be retained. IPEG operates four plants in the US and one in India through the Nu-Vu Conair JV.

Based on the results for the twelve months ended December 31, 2021, IPEG Group reported revenues of approximately USD 197.3 million and adjusted EBITDA¹ of approximately USD 16.2 million.

The transaction was financed through a mix of a new debt line amounting to € 100 million and a portion of available cash.

¹ EBITDA calculated in accordance with US GAAP, before any adjustments related to the application of IFRS 16 and including the EBITDA contribution of the Indian JV Nu-Vu Conair held 50% by IPEG.

Important awards in the field of the Circular Economy

During the first half of 2021, the Group continued with its strategy of products and solutions development with a specific focus to recycling and circular economy. To this end, the Group signals that its InspectaBe product has been selected as one of the finalists in the Machinery category of the prestigious Sustainability Awards 2021 that aims to promote the spread of sustainable packaging. The Sustainability Awards are international awards organized by the trade magazine Packaging Europe, whose objective is to spread the culture of innovation in packaging with a view to sustainability in response to such emergencies as environmental pollution and climate change.

In November 2021, Piovan Group obtained an ESG Risk Rating issued by Sustainalytics - a Morningstar company and leading independent ESG research, rating and data firm that support investors with the development and implementation of responsible investment strategies. The rating is based on a "Comprehensive" analysis framework, a more in-depth methodology than the "Core" one previously used by Sustainalytics to assess the Piovan Group.

The analysis considered aspects related to: human rights, occupational health and safety, carbon emissions, business ethics, human capital, environmental and social impact of products and services.

Piovan Group received an ESG Risk Rating of 21.9, which placed Piovan in the Medium Risk category, improving by 11.8 points from the previous evaluation (33.7) with the best score in the categories:

- Carbon-Own Operations
- E&S Impact of Products and Services
- Occupational Health and Safety

At the date of the rating issuance, in the global Sustainalytics ranking, Piovan was placed in the 29th percentile with the position improving further in the industrial Machinery Subindustry, where Piovan was placed in the 5th percentile. Finally, it should be noted that in January 2022, Piovan received the Industry Top Rated 2022 Badge, also issued by Sustainalytics.

New plant in China

In July 2021, a ceremony was held for the signing of the agreement with the Chinese government which will lead, in the next two years, to the construction of the new Piovan Group plant in China. The decision to invest in the construction of a new factory reconfirms the strategy that the Group has been pursuing for years: investing in the development of an international and structured network with direct branches to ever be alongside customers around the world, from sales to after-sales service.

Purchase of land adjacent to HQ

On November 30, 2021, the parent company Piovan S.p.A. has finalized the purchase of a land adjacent to its headquarters of about 25 thousand square meters for possible future expansions, the total investment amounted to € 900 thousand.

Significant events occurred after December 31, 2021

As reported in the section **Significant events occurred during the year**, on January 31, 2022 and in line with the preliminary agreement signed on December 13, 2021, Piovan S.p.A. completed the acquisition of IPEG, Inc. through the merger by incorporation of Sewickley Capital, Inc. ("Sewickley Capital"), owner of 100% of IPEG, Inc., into a company newly incorporated, in Delaware, and wholly owned by Piovan. The transaction took place at the values and conditions already communicated to the market on December 13, 2021. The companies of the group headed by IPEG, Inc. will be consolidated within the Piovan Group starting from the date of completion of the acquisition, which represents the date on which the Group obtained control. In order to finalize this acquisition, in January 2022, Piovan signed a loan amounting to 100 million euros with a maturity of 6 years.

The strong geo-political tensions concerning Russia and Ukraine could lead to situations of international, humanitarian and social crises of a significant dimension with consequent strong negative impacts for the populations of these countries. This context strongly raises the concrete risk of international sanctions used as a deterrent for some of the countries involved and, consequently, could have a significant impact on commercial exchanges and their internal economic activity. The exposure of the group to the areas involved is relatively low compared to its total activities. On the basis of 2021 data and also including the contribution of the recent acquisition of IPEG, Inc., it is estimated that the turnover generated by the group in Russia and Ukraine was equal to 0.8% of the consolidated turnover. At present, the situation is constantly evolving and the Company monitors constantly the situation to evaluate any impacts on the business.

Outlook

The Group confirms its desire to continue along the strategic path undertaken, which includes among its objectives an increase of its contribution to the circular economy, by developing products and solutions for the recycling value chain, growth by acquisitions, and the will to achieve greater market share in the *Food & Non-Plastic* segment.

With regard to future acquisitions, and given the completion of the IPEG, Inc. acquisition on January 31, 2022, it is reasonable to assume that 2022 will be dedicated to the integration of this acquired group, in order to take full advantage of the group's strategic potential, given also its importance within Piovan Group.

In this sense, integration of the two organizations will enable, among others:

- the strengthening of the global leadership of the Piovan Group in automation solutions for the handling of plastic polymers and food powders;

- the consolidation of our competitive positioning in North America, where the Piovan Group will become the industry's largest player;
- an increase in our presence in Mexico and Asia;
- growth of the Indian market;
- development of the best talent and human capital by way of the sharing of best practices between the two organizations.

Although the Group's focus in 2022 must necessarily be mainly on reducing debt as a result of the operation, Piovan remains interested in companies with products/technologies that can expand the value chain served by the Group, and will continue to assess potential opportunities for acquisitions and other growth by external means.

With regard to developments in European legislation concerning the production and use of plastic, there is a possibility of changes in the marketplace. In particular, legislation could promote the use of recycled plastic or biodegradable polymers at the expense of virgin, petroleum-based polymers.

For the Group, this European legislation represents an opportunity to sell technologies developed in recent years for the automation, processing and screening of recycled and biodegradable plastics.

In recent years the Group has developed patents related to recycling and has therefore a technological advantage over its competitors. The Company currently estimates that more than 20% of the automations sold in the packaging, fiber and recycling segments are being used in order to make use of recycled material.

Piovan is already engaged at various levels in the process of change and is committed to providing solutions to the market for a circular economy, particularly in researching and developing advanced innovative technologies - allowing customers to use recycled polymers and obtaining a quality product with low environmental impact, cutting CO2 emissions and the consumption of scarce resources.

On the strength of record performance in 2021, the Company looks to organic growth for the future with great optimism. Piovan Group has a presence in many geographical areas and in a diverse range of industries, which will certainly mitigate the overall risk tied to the current crisis. The most resilient markets (e.g. medical, flexible packaging) remain encouraging, and it is reasonable to expect a recovery in the most cyclical industries (e.g. automotive, construction).

The order backlog at December 31, 2021 exceeded historical levels for the Group as a result of a good level of new orders received during the year and in the first few months of 2022.

In spite of these positive factors, risks remain with regard to a potential slowing in vaccinations and the spread of more infectious variants of COVID-19, which could lead to increased restrictions. In addition, the repercussions of the Russia-Ukraine war, and consequent impact on the economy, and the supply chain issues that have caused slowdowns in procurements is fueling further inflation in many countries and could remain high for longer than originally forecast.

In particular, we have seen a significant increase in the prices of certain raw materials and industrial components, as well as in transport and energy costs, which are creating challenges for businesses in certain segments. The outlook in this regard is uncertain, and much will depend on the timing of the return to normality in markets around the world.

Proposal for the allocation of the net profit

The Board of Directors approved a proposal to the Shareholders' Meeting to allocate the 2021 net profit of Piovan S.p.A. equal to € 14,204,371, as follows:

- to distribute a dividend amounting to € 0.10 for each share with profit rights (excluding therefore treasury shares held by the Company) totaling € 5,092,930;
- to allocate the remainder, equal to € 9,111,411, to the extraordinary reserve.

The dividend shall be paid out from May 11th, 2022 (coupon date May 9th, 2022 and record date May 10th 2022).

Non-Financial Report

Today the Board of Directors reviewed and approved the Group non-financial report drawn up by the Company (the "Consolidated Non-Financial Report").

2021 Consolidated Non-Financial Report shall be published on the Company website in accordance with law.

Proposal for the authorization to purchase and dispose of treasury shares

The Board of Directors of Piovan S.p.A. also resolved to propose that the Ordinary Shareholders' Meeting authorizes the purchase and disposal of the Company's treasury shares, pursuant to and for the purposes of the combined provisions of Article 2357 and 2357-ter of the Italian Civil Code, Article 132 of Legislative Decree no. 58 of February 24, 1998 and Articles 144 and 144-bis of the CONSOB Regulation adopted by Resolution no. 11971 of May 14, 1999 as subsequently amended and supplemented.

The request for authorization to purchase and dispose of treasury shares is intended to enable the Company to purchase and dispose of ordinary shares, in strict compliance with current community and national legislation, as well as in accordance with market practices from time to time admitted (where applicable), for the following purposes: (i) maintenance for subsequent use (establishment of a "securities reserve"), including: as consideration in extraordinary transactions, including the exchange or sale of shareholdings, to be carried out by exchange, contribution or other act of disposal and/or use, with other parties, as part of transactions of interest to the Company, including the servicing of bonds convertible into Company shares or mandatory loans with warrants; (ii) use to service existing and future remuneration and incentive plans, based on financial instruments and reserved for directors and

employees or collaborators of the Company and/or its direct or indirect subsidiaries, both through the free granting of purchase options and through the free allocation of shares (stock option and stock grant plans) pursuant to Article 114-bis of the CFA, as well as scrip issues to shareholders; and (iii) to undertake transactions in support of market liquidity, ensuring fluid trading and preventing price movements not in line with the market.

The Shareholders' Meeting will also be asked to authorize the purchase, in one or more tranches, up to a maximum number that, taking into account the ordinary shares held from time to time by the Company and its subsidiaries, will not exceed overall 10% of the Company's share capital, pursuant to Article 2357, paragraph 3, of the Italian Civil Code. The purchases will take place in accordance with Article 2357, paragraph 3, of the Italian Civil Code.

Authorization to purchase treasury shares is requested for the maximum term permitted by law (Article 2357, paragraph 2, of the Italian Civil Code), i.e., for a period of 18 months from any resolution to approve the proposal by the Shareholders' Meeting. The Board of Directors proposed that the purchase price be identified on a case-by-case basis, must (i) not be higher or lower than 20% of the reference price recorded by the stock on the Stock Exchange session of the day preceding each individual transaction, and in any case (ii) not exceed the higher between the price of the last independent transaction price and the price of the highest independent current purchase offer price during the trading session in which the purchase is made.

The Board of Directors also requests authorization for the disposal (in full or in part, and even on several occasions) of the treasury shares in the portfolio, in accordance with Article 2357 of the Italian Civil Code, without any time constraints, even before having exhausted the maximum quantity of shares that can be purchased and to potentially buy back the same shares to the extent that the treasury shares held by the Company and, if applicable, its subsidiaries, do not exceed the limit set by the authorization.

For further information regarding the proposed authorization of the purchase and disposal of treasury shares, including the purchase price of each share and the operating procedures, please see the Illustrative Report of the Directors, which will be published on the Company website within the deadlines and according to the procedures established by the current legislation.

Finally, it should be reminded that, as of the date of this press release, the Company holds no. 2,670,700 treasury shares, equal to 4.98% of the share capital.

Other Board of Directors' motions

Furthermore, the Board of Directors today approved, among other matters:

- the draft Remuneration Report pursuant to Article 123-*ter* of Legislative Decree No. 58 of February 24, 1998 and Article 84-*quater* of CONSOB Regulation No. 11971/1999, as subsequently amended and supplemented;
- the Corporate Governance and Ownership Structure Report pursuant to Article 123-*bis* of Legislative

Decree No. 58 of February 24, 1998;

and also mandated the Executive Chairman to call the Shareholders' Meeting in single call for April 28, 2022, as indicated in the 2022 corporate events calendar. The Shareholders' Meeting call notice and the related documentation shall be published in accordance with the applicable legal and regulatory provisions.

CONFERENCE CALL

The results as of December 31, 2021 shall be presented to the financial community through a conference call to be held on **March 24 at 09:00 AM CET**. You may participate in the conference call by calling one of the following numbers or by connecting through the webcast linked below:

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Before the start of the conference call, a selection of slides shall be made available on the website www.piovangroup.com, in the *Investor Relations / Presentations* section.

This document contains “forward-looking statements” relating to future events and operating and financial results of the Piovan Group. These statements by nature contain an element of risk and uncertainty in that they depend on future events and developments. The actual results may even diverge significantly from those announced, due to a range of factors.

The Executive Officer for Financial Reporting, Giovanni Rigodanza, declares in accordance with Article 154 *bis*, paragraph 2, of the Consolidated Finance Act, that the accounting information contained in this press release corresponds to the underlying accounting documents, records and accounting entries.

FOR FURTHER DETAILS:**Piovan S.p.A.***Investor Relations*

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Piovan Group

Piovan Group is a global leader in the development and manufacturing of automation systems for the storage, conveying and processing of polymers, bio-resins, recycled plastic, food fluids, food and non-food powders. Over recent years, the Group has been particularly engaged in developing and producing automation systems for production processes for the bio-economies and circular economies for recycling and reusing plastic and for the production of plastics which are naturally compostable, tapping into cross-selling opportunities.

The consolidated financial statements of the Piovan Group follow.

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF EQUITY AND FINANCIAL POSITION
(€'000)

ASSETS	Notes	31.12.2021	31.12.2020²
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Property, plant and equipment	Note 1	52,854	52,324
<i>- of which related parties</i>	Note 39	174	935
Intangible assets	Note 2	26,192	27,529
Equity investments	Note 3	237	155
Other non-current assets	Note 4	505	576
Deferred tax assets	Note 5	6,197	4,788
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS		85,985	85,372
CURRENT ASSETS			
Inventories	Note 6	44,540	36,920
Contract assets for work in progress	Note 7	4,519	6,477
Trade receivables	Note 8	55,390	41,931
<i>- of which related parties</i>	Note 39	184	12
Current financial assets	Note 9	1,589	5,146
Tax receivables	Note 10	4,517	3,263
Other current assets	Note 11	5,290	3,497
<i>- of which related parties</i>	Note 39	23	31
Cash and cash equivalents	Note 12	118,505	87,452
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		234,350	184,686
TOTAL ASSETS		320,335	270,058

² With respect to comparative data, it was deemed necessary to make some marginal rounding amendments to the data published and reported in the Annual Financial Report at 31 December 2020.

LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	Notes	31.12.2021	31.12.2020 ²
EQUITY			
Share capital	Note 13	6,000	6,000
Legal reserve	Note 13	1,200	1,200
Reserve for own shares in portfolio	Note 13	(2,250)	(2,250)
Translation reserve	Note 13	(1,104)	(3,756)
Other Reserves and retained earnings	Note 13	64,811	53,576
Net profit (loss)	Note 13	28,347	17,643
Equity attributable to the owners of the parent		97,004	72,413
Equity attributable to non-controlling interests	Note 15	1,447	2,219
TOTAL EQUITY		98,451	74,632
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Long-term loans	Note 16	32,479	38,262
Non-current financial liabilities	Note 16	9,440	9,117
<i>- of which related parties</i>	Note 39	121	742
Employee benefits plans	Note 17	6,512	6,376
Provision for risks and charges	Note 18	2,681	3,813
Non current liabilities for options granted to non-controlling interest	Note 19	-	1,865
Other non-current liabilities	Note 20	2,416	363
<i>- of which related parties</i>	Note 39	496	-
Deferred tax liabilities	Note 5	505	2,713
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		54,033	62,509
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Current portion of long-term loans	Note 16	20,584	17,833
Current bank loans and borrowings	Note 16	29,001	21,305
Current financial liabilities	Note 16	2,447	1,741
<i>- of which related parties</i>	Note 39	56	205
Trade payables	Note 21	50,022	39,912
<i>- of which related parties</i>	Note 39	955	543
Advance from costumers	Note 22	31,042	19,421
Contract liabilities for work in progress	Note 7	8,174	5,101
Current liabilities for options granted to non-controlling interests	Note 19	741	(0)
Tax liabilities and social security contributions	Note 23	8,531	9,360
Other current liabilities	Note 24	17,309	18,244
<i>- of which related parties</i>	Note 39	2,727	428
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		167,851	132,917
TOTAL LIABILITIES		221,884	195,426
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY		320,335	270,058

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF PROFIT AND LOSS
(€'000)

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF PROFIT AND LOSS	Notes	31.12.2021	31.12.2020² (*)
Revenue	Note 25	280,036	221,117
<i>- of which related parties</i>	Note 39	343	21
Other revenue and income	Note 26	6,993	4,063
TOTAL REVENUE AND OTHER INCOME		287,029	225,180
Costs of raw materials, components and goods and changes in inventories	Note 27	115,536	86,372
<i>- of which related parties</i>	Note 39	2,518	1,719
Services	Note 28	59,474	45,688
<i>- of which related parties</i>	Note 39	1,433	1,367
Personnel expenses	Note 29	68,446	56,985
<i>- of which related parties</i>	Note 39	1,101	609
Other expenses	Note 30	2,421	3,893
Amortisation and depreciation	Note 31	7,526	6,209
<i>- of which related parties</i>	Note 39	71	238
TOTAL COSTS		253,403	199,147
OPERATING PROFIT		33,626	26,033
Financial income	Note 32	471	504
Financial Expenses	Note 32	(667)	(767)
<i>- of which related parties</i>	Note 39	1	(31)
Net exchange rate gain (losses)	Note 33	57	(2,242)
Gains (losses) on liabilities for option granted to non controlling interests	Note 34	1,124	555
Profit (losses) from equity investments carried at equity	Note 35	139	(92)
PROFIT BEFORE TAXES		34,750	23,991
Income taxes	Note 36	7,074	6,576
NET PROFIT		27,676	17,415
ATTRIBUTABLE TO:			
Owners of the parent		28,347	17,643
Non-controlling interests		(671)	(228)
Earnings per share			
Basic earnings per share (in Euros)	Note 14	0.56	0.35
Diluted earnings per share (in Euros)	Note 14	0.55	0.35

(*) Data restated following the aggregation of the items "Use of third party assets" and "Provisions for risks and charges" within respectively the items "Services" and "Other expenses".

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
(€'000)

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME	Note	31.12.2021	31.12.2020²
Net profit		27,676	17,415
Items that may be subsequently reclassified to profit or loss:		-	-
- Exchange rate differences		2,652	(2,573)
Items that may not be subsequently reclassified to profit or loss:		-	-
- Actuarial gains (losses) on employee benefits net of the tax effect		(77)	35
- Actuarial gains on agents' termination benefits net of the tax effect		(24)	(6)
Total Comprehensive income		30,227	14,871
attributable to:		-	-
- Owners of the parent		30,898	15,097
- Non-controlling interests		(671)	(226)

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOW (€'000)

Consolidated Statement of Cash Flow	31.12.2021	31.12.2020²
OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Net profit	27,676	17,415
Adjustments for:		
Amortisation and depreciation	7,526	6,209
Inventory write-down and bad debt provision	1,052	2,983
- Net non-monetary financial charges	-	-
- Net non-monetary financial (income)	(69)	149
Change in provisions for risks and charges and employee benefits liabilities	(1,104)	2,882
Net capital (gains) losses on sale of fixed assets and equity investments	(21)	(24)
Non-monetary changes related to liabilities for options granted to non-controlling interests	(1,124)	(556)
Investment equity valuation	(82)	114
Other non-monetary variations	(1,544)	(107)
Taxes	7,074	6,576
Cash flows from operating activities before changes in net working capital	39,384	35,641
(Increase)/decrease in trade receivables	(12,957)	9,848
<i>- of which related parties</i>	<i>(172)</i>	<i>(188)</i>
Increase in inventories	(7,194)	(6,304)
(Increase)/decrease in other current assets	(1,042)	(503)
<i>- of which related parties</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>(400)</i>
Increase/(decrease) in trade payables	10,546	(1,600)
<i>- of which related parties</i>	<i>412</i>	<i>(155)</i>
Increase/(decrease) in advance from customers	10,971	3,358
Increase/(decrease) in other current liabilities	5,994	2,881
<i>- of which related parties</i>	<i>2,299</i>	<i>(460)</i>
(Increase)/decrease in non-current assets	(814)	177
Increase/(decrease) in non-current liabilities	2,524	(400)
	496	-
Income taxes paid	(7,957)	(8,107)
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES (A)	39,455	34,991
INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Investments in property, plant and equipment	(2,614)	(1,742)
Investments in intangible assets	(568)	(418)
Disinvestments/(investments) in financial assets	3,626	1,024
Deferred price from the acquisition of controlling interests	(6,697)	0
Business combinations net of the acquired cash	-	(14,914)
CASH FLOWS FROM (USED IN) INVESTING ACTIVITIES (B)	(6,253)	(16,050)
FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Issuance of bank loans	15,000	29,012
Repayment of bank loans	(16,486)	(5,851)
Change in current bank loans and borrowings	7,696	(3,721)
Repayment of bonds		
Increase/(decrease) in other financial liabilities	(1,696)	(1,721)
<i>- of which related parties</i>	<i>(769)</i>	<i>28</i>
Purchase of minority interests in subsidiaries	-	(2,836)
Dividends paid	(6,721)	(5,602)
CASH FLOWS USED IN FINANCING ACTIVITIES (C)	(2,207)	9,281
NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS (A ± B ± C)	30,995	28,222
EFFECT OF EXCHANGE RATE CHANGES ON BALANCE OF CASH HELD IN FOREIGN CURRENCY	58	107
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT THE BEGINNING OF THE PERIOD (E)	87,452	59,123
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT THE END OF THE PERIOD (G=D+E+F)	118,505	87,452
INTERESTS PAID	345	346

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

(€'000)

	Share Capital	Legal reserve	Treasury shares	Translation reserve	Other reserves and retained earnings	Profit for the year attributable to the owner of the parent	Equity attributable to the owners of the parent	Equity attributable to non-controlling interests	TOTAL EQUITY
Balance at Jan, 1st, 2020	6,000	1,200	(2,250)	(1,211)	38,938	18,700	61,367	3,774	65,141
Distribution of dividends	-	-	-	-	(5,602)	-	(5,602)	-	(5,602)
Allocation of prior year profit	-	-	-	-	18,700	(18,700)	-	-	-
Incentive plans	-	-	-	-	138	-	138	-	138
Change in consolidation area	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	74	74
Change in non-controlling interests	-	-	-	28	1,374	-	1,402	(1,402)	-
Total comprehensive income	-	-	-	(2,573)	28	17,643	15,098	(227)	14,871
Balance at December 31th, 2020 ²	6,000	1,200	(2,250)	(3,756)	53,576	17,643	72,413	2,219	74,632

	Share Capital	Legal reserve	Treasury shares	Translation reserve	Other reserves and retained earnings	Profit for the year attributable to the owner of the parent	Equity attributable to the owners of the parent	Equity attributable to non-controlling interests	TOTAL EQUITY
Balance at Jan, 1st, 2021	6,000	1,200	(2,250)	(3,756)	53,576	17,643	72,413	2,219	74,632
Distribution of dividends	-	-	-	-	(6,621)	-	(6,621)	(100)	(6,721)
Allocation of prior year profit	-	-	-	-	17,643	(17,643)	-	-	-
Incentive Plan	-	-	-	-	314	-	314	-	314
Change in non-controlling interests	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total comprehensive income	-	-	-	2,652	(101)	28,347	30,898	(671)	30,227
Balance at December 31th, 2021	6,000	1,200	(2,250)	(1,104)	64,811	28,347	97,004	1,447	98,451