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Circle GROUP: strategic advancement in the digitalisation and cybersecurity of the national port system with a contract worth almost EUR 210,000

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<u>Circle S.p.A.</u> ("CIRCLE" or the "Company") - an Innovative SME listed on the Euronext Growth Milan market, heading the Group specialized in the process analysis and the development of solutions for the digitalization of the port and intermodal logistics sectors, as well as in the international consultancy on Green Deal and energy transition topics – announces a new contract worth almost EUR 210,000, aimed at offering state-of-the-art port services in line with the new requirements set by the NIS2 Directive and related national regulations. This initiative comes at a time of increasing attention to cybersecurity, a crucial area for ports, which play a key role in the Country's economy and security.

The project is part of the initiatives dedicated to the development and strengthening of the **Extended Port Community System**, an innovative digital platform that connects in real time all the actors of the logistics chain - ports, terminals, freight forwarders, customs operators, carriers and public authorities - facilitating an integrated management of information flows and goods. Thanks to the platform, it is possible to manage customs manifests, bookings, monitor the status of shipments in real time and share data in a federated way between different operational systems, improving the **efficiency of export and import operations and reducing transit times and error margins**.

Circle Group also provides specialised support for the adaptation to the **NIS2 Directive**, which is the new European standard for information security for critical infrastructures. In particular, the group supports ports and intermodal nodes in all phases of compliance: from preliminary analysis and assessment, through gap analysis, to the technical implementation of measures.

'With this contract, in line with the **"Connect 4 Agile Growth"** strategic plan, we intend to consolidate our distinctive positioning in the port services sector, offering an integrated, secure and federated solution,' said **Luca Abatello, CEO of Circle Group**. 'The goal is to improve the resilience of port infrastructure, ensure business continuity and protect against cyber threats, avoiding delays, critical operational issues, as well as increase port performance and overall transit time in order to attract new intermodal flows.'



The agreement consolidates Circle Group's role as a strategic partner in the digital transformation and cybersecurity of Mediterranean ports, fostering increasingly connected, sustainable and resilient logistics, in line with the latest European standards.

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Founded in Genoa in 2012, **Circle S.p.A.** is the Innovative SME at the head of the CIRCLE Group, the Group specialising in the analysis and development of products for the **innovation and digitalisation of the port and intermodal logistics sectors and in international consultancy on Green Deal and energy transition issues.**

The Group includes the software houses Info.era, NEXT Freight, Cargo Start, eXyond, Circle Garage, the consulting companies Magellan Circle and Magellan Circle Italy, NEXT Customs, as well as the subsidiaries ACCUDIRE.

The main products are the different **Milos®** suites for various targets, the **Extended Port Community System**, the **MasterSPED®** and **Milos® Global Supply Chain Visibility** solutions for shipping, logistics, trade and industry, respectively, as well as **StarTracking®**, an airport-to-airport tracking solution. Completing the Supply Chain offering are '**Federative Services'**, offered in cloud mode, which can make customers' migration to a digital business model more efficient.

In the Circle Group's sphere of innovation activities, **Milos® Intelligence** offers a series of advanced solutions that exploit AI technologies for optimisation, simulation and the Digital Twin to support the transformation of decision-making processes by promoting the digitalisation of systems.

Through **Magellan Circle** and **Magellan Circle Italy**, the Group operates in the field of advocacy at European institutions, working alongside public bodies and companies, identifying their positioning at European level (**Strategic Communication and Advocacy**) and funding opportunities (**Eu Funding Accelerator**), with a vertical focus on Green Deal and energy transition issues.

With the acquisition of **Cargo Start**, a company specialised in the development and sale of innovative technological products and services for air cargo, Circle has also strengthened its offer in a rapidly expanding and strategic segment with respect to the **Connect 4 Agile Growth** industrial plah.

Through its subsidiary **eXyond** (92%), is active in offering advanced Gate Automation solutions for port and intermodal nodes, in advanced traffic monitoring and management services on the Italian road and motorway network (**Infomobility**), and in the provision of telematic services (**Truck**), based on proprietary technology platforms, to companies operating in the logistics, transport and insurance sectors.

Circle also owns 21% of the share capital of ACCUDIRE, an innovative startup from Verona that provides a Collaborative Digital Platform capable of helping players along the global supply chain



in the exchange of information and the management of document flows, starting with the *e*-*CMR* (or electronic waybill) and *e*-DDT.

Finally, through **NEXT Customs**, active in customs optimisation digital services and functional to the continuation of initiatives aimed at the harmonisation of customs processes, Circle has entered a strongly strategic sphere for the evolution of the **Connect 4 Agile Growth** path. **Circle S.p.A. has been listed on the Euronext Growth Milan** market of Borsa Italiana since October

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