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CIRCLE GROUP: supports through Info.era the path of digitization of HHLA PLT Italy with a solution for managing and controlling people's access to the new Multipurpose Terminal in the Port of Trieste

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CIRCLE Group, specialized in the analysis and development of innovative digitization solutions for port and intermodal logistics headed by Circle S.p.A. (listed on Euronext Growth Milan market), supports through subsidiary **Info.era** the path of digitization of **HHLA PLT Italy** with a solution for managing and controlling people's access to the new Multipurpose Terminal in the Port of Trieste.

Located at Scalo Legnami with new-equipped berth for Ro/Ro and cargo ships and rail tracks able to accommodate 600 metre-long trains, the Multipurpose terminal HHLA PLT Italy Srl was inaugurated on January 7th 2021 and is majority-owned by HHLA International GmbH, together with shareholders Francesco Parisi Casa di Spedizioni S.p.A., I.CO.P S.p.A. and Interporto di Bologna S.p.A.

The provided solution, which is already in use in various terminals of the Port of Trieste, combines a hardware component (a document reader) with a software for reading and storing in a database all information and data contained in the passports.

In this way, people's access to the platform (regular operators, drivers, freight forwarders, shipping agents, occasional visitors, crews of the ship, etc.) is faster both incoming and outgoing.

In addition, the system avoids the manual entry of data and eliminates reading and transcription errors.

Antonio Barbara, CEO at HHLA PLT Italy said: "We are always looking for optimized custom solutions, able to be well combined and integrated with our systems and supporting efficiency. Gate is the first welcome to our customers, where our commitment to an efficient, quick and easy technology experience starts. Info.era provided the right tool and the right team".

Luca Abatello, CEO at CIRCLE Group added: "We are particularly pleased that our constant focus on digitalisation and technological innovation for the terminal, industry and transport world is recognised also by this very important international operator".



For CIRCLE, this cooperation is relevant also in the strategic perspective of 2024 roadmap “**Connect 4 Agile Growth**” to support all users of the logistic chain to have an increasingly usable, smart, green and federative supply chain exploiting also intermodal components that can reduce costs, pollution and energy consumption.

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