



## **PRESS RELEASE**

Circle GROUP: new developments for digitization and interoperability in Italian ports.

Signed a new contract within the Extended Port Community System, worth Euro 300,000.

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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 the signing of a **new contract** as part of the ongoing activities to strengthen the interoperability and digital evolution of the port sector, with a total economic value **of approximately EUR 300,000** and a duration of about 12 months.

The new assignment is part of the initiatives already undertaken by CIRCLE Group, which include an important framework agreement for the adaptation of port services to the NIS2 Directive, a European regulation that significantly extends cybersecurity obligations for critical infrastructures, and various projects aimed at the evolution of Extended Port Community Systems, digital platforms for the integrated management of information flows in the logistics chain. Circle supports Italian ports and intermodal nodes by providing concrete solutions to face the challenges posed by regulations and the market: from the analysis of evolutionary and regulatory requirements to the consequent application evolution, from the real-time tracking of incoming and outgoing goods to the full interoperability between systems with public bodies and private companies. The aim is to enable a sustainable, secure and interoperable digital transformation, capable of generating operational efficiency, reducing time and strengthening the resilience of the logistics system.

'With this additional assignment we confirm CIRCLE's role as a **strategic enabler** of digitization in ports, at a time when cybersecurity, interoperability and sustainability are becoming essential factors for the competitiveness and resilience of Italian logistics,' said **Luca Abatello**, **CEO of Circle Group**. 'We are pleased and proud to contribute in a concrete way to the industry's adaptation to the latest European standards and the operational needs of our customers, as envisaged in the "**Connect 4 Agile Growth**" business plan.'

With the extension of activities through this new contract, CIRCLE Group consolidates its role as a **strategic partner in the digital transition of Mediterranean ports**, in a context



increasingly focused on cybersecurity, sustainability and federation of operational, customs and intermodal services.

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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 26, 2018 (alphanumeric code: CIRC; ISIN code ordinary shares: IT. 0005344996).



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