

PRESS RELEASE

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Great success for ZEROPACK at the presentation of the technology at FRUIT LOGISTICA in Berlin

BERLIN (GERMANY) 6 FEBRUARY 2019 - Great success of public at the first presentation of ZEROPACK, the company founded by Bio-on, global player of high quality bioplastics, and Rivoira, among the world leaders of quality fruit production and distribution. The two companies, which in December 2018 announced a strategic agreement to develop new materials for food packaging of fresh fruit and vegetables focusing on sustainability and complete biodegradability, illustrated the initiative during FRUITLOGISTICA 2019, the most important fair in the world for the fruit and vegetables which attracts to Berlin over 300 thousand qualified visitors. The largest international distribution companies such as WallMart, Tesco, Coop, Carrefour, Lidl and many others along with fruit and vegetable producers and packaging companies take advantage of this event to design the market's lines of the future.

The presentation of ZEROPACK organized by Bio-on and Rivoira was one of the opening events of the fair and was followed by over 150 main international operators. The founder and president of Bio-on, Marco Astorri, participated together with the CEO of Rivoira, Marco Rivoira, and Andrea Taglini CEO of EasySnap, one of the most interesting start-ups in the packaging sector that with its own innovations has revolutionized the design of many disposable packaging and simplified its use for the final consumer. During the event, Professor Paola Fabbri of the University of Bologna (Associate Professor of Materials Science and Technology at the Department of Civil, Chemical, Environmental, and Materials Engineering) explained to the audience "the past, the present and the future of plastics and bioplastics" in food packaging.

In Berlin, ZEROPACK launched its own challenge to the entire sector announcing the first three product lines that will be developed together with leading companies in the fruit and vegetable sector by October 2019 and to be presented at the FRUIT ATTRACTION fair in Madrid in October 2019. ZEROPACK is ready to revolutionize the world of food packaging.

Bio-on S.p.A.

Bio-on S.p.A. is an Italian Intellectual Property Company (IPC) operating on an international scale. Listed on the AIM segment of Borsa Italiana since 2014, Bio-on licenses and manufactures the world's most innovative bioplastics, conducting applied research and developing advanced bio-fermentation technologies, and cutting-edge natural and sustainable chemicals for the future. Bio-on's biopolymers, PHAs or polyhydroxyalkanoates, are made from renewable plant sources with no competition with food supply chains, including molasses and sugar beet and sugar cane syrups, fruit and potato waste, carbohydrates, glycerol, waste frying oil and even carbon dioxide in the atmosphere. Bio-on bioplastics, called Minerv PHAs, have the same thermo-mechanical properties as conventional oil-based plastics with the advantage of being completely eco-sustainable: 100% natural and 100% biodegradable, as certified by Vincotte and by USDA (United States Department of Agriculture). The great versatility of PHAs means Bio-on can produce Minerv PHAs bioplastic in microscopic dimensions to replace the invisible microbeads used in cosmetics products, in professional SLS 3D printers, fragrances, animal feed and many other applications. To promptly meet the exponentially rising and increasingly diversified demand, Bio-on, which is already working alongside big multinationals to develop alternatives to conventional plastics, operates through six Business Units: **Bio-on Plants**, **RAF Recovery And Fermentation**, **CNS (Cosmetic, Nanomedicine & Smart Materials)**, **SMD (Structural Materials Developments)**, **FDM (Fashion Development Material)** and **ENG (Engineering)**.

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Rivoira S.p.A.

Founded in 1950 by Giovanni Rivoira, a pioneer of innovation in agriculture, in Falicetto, municipality of Verzuolo in the province of Cuneo (Italy), Rivoira is today one of the leading fruit producers and distributors in Europe. The production, initially limited to apples and peaches, has grown over the years: today it reaches almost 100 thousand tons per year and includes kiwis, nectarines, plums, pears, grapes, cherries, mangoes and pomegranates produced mainly in Italy, where Rivoira has 6 owned farms, and in Chile. There are three factories equipped with the most advanced preservation and packaging technologies. Rivoira exports to the main European countries and is a leader in some non-EU markets such as Saudi Arabia and Libya. Since its foundation the company has been characterized by a high rate of innovation, both in the field with the adoption of the most modern principles of sustainable agriculture and integrated defense, both in the conservation, selection and packaging phase, to guarantee the final consumer a high quality standard. In terms of diversification, Rivoira invested in the production of water in 2010 and with the EVA brand it conquered the international markets thanks to the lightness of the highest water in Europe and to the sodium content, one with the lowest in the world. In the last 10 years, the group has also invested in the construction of hydroelectric plants and electricity production in Chile. Web link: www.rivoira.it Acqua Eva is born minimally mineralized from the slopes of Monviso at 2042 meters, from the highest source in Europe. Pure and light as it flows from the source, it is bottled keeping its key properties unaltered, including a very low fixed residue, only 48 mg / l and one of the lowest sodium content in the world, only 0.32 mg / l. In May 2013, the Monviso area in which the sources of Acqua Eva are located has been awarded the prestigious Unesco Biosphere Reserve award. Acqua Eva has always been committed to innovation and in July 2018 it inaugurated a fully automated warehouse that today remains unique in Europe in the field of mineral water. Thanks to its unique characteristics, Acqua Eva, after only eight years, is one of the best-selling waters in Italy and exports to over 10 countries worldwide. www.acquaeva.it

