

Joint Press Release

MEP STRENGTHENS ITS PRESENCE IN THE ASIA-PACIFIC WITH THE ACQUISITION OF MACHINERY INDENTS: MEP AUSTRALASIA IS BORN

MEP acquires Machinery Indents, its exclusive agent in Oceania, transforming a partnership into a direct presence of the Group in a high-potential market, giving rise to MEP Australasia.

Milan-Udine, June 5th, 2026 – **MEP**, company controlled by Wise Equity together with Giorgio Del Fabro, global leader in manufacturing machinery for processing steel rebar used in reinforced concrete, announces the acquisition of **Machinery Indents**, based in Melbourne (Victoria, Australia), the long-standing exclusive agent of MEP Group in Oceania. Through this transaction, the Group consolidates and transforms a multi-year collaboration into a direct industrial presence in the region, giving rise to **MEP Australasia**.

With this transaction, MEP Group strengthens its presence in the Australian and neighboring markets – a strategic area characterized by significant investments in the infrastructure sector and a strong interest in the industrial automation embodied by MEP's solutions. The acquisition enables the Group to **directly manage sales, technical assistance and after-sales activities** in the region, **ensuring local customers an even more efficient service that is closer to their specific needs**.

Machinery Indents' founders – David Binetti, Frank Eramo and John Fede – will support the transition, working alongside the Group to **ensure full operational continuity** for the customers across the region.

The transaction represents MEP's **second add-on acquisition since the entry of Wise Equity as majority shareholder** in January 2024 and marks a further step in the **Group's growth and internationalization strategy**.

Paolo Schneider Savio, CEO of MEP Group, **Christian Leschiutta**, General Manager, and **Giancarlo Sam**, CFO, stated: *“We are very pleased with this important step, which transforms a long-standing partnership into a direct presence of the Group in Australia and the Asia-Pacific. Machinery Indents has been a fundamental partner for years in the development of our business in the region: they have a deep understanding of the local market, customers and industry dynamics. We are confident that, with MEP Australasia, we will be able to offer an even more comprehensive and competitive service to our esteemed customers.”*

Alessio Riccioni, Principal at Wise Equity, and **Edoardo Vaghi**, Investment Manager, who managed the transaction with the support of **Fabrizio Medea**, Senior Partner, added: *“This transaction is fully consistent with MEP's strategy, which aims to strengthen its direct presence in high-potential international markets. Australia and the Asia-Pacific represent an extremely demanding market in which the Group has already demonstrated its competitiveness: we are convinced that a direct presence through MEP Australasia will create significant value for both current and future clients.”*

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MEP

MEP S.p.A., founded by Remigio Del Fabro in 1966, is a global leader in supplying machinery for processing steel rebar used in reinforced concrete, exporting to over 70 countries worldwide, along with related after-sales services. Thanks to its extensive product range, solid corporate structure, and distinctive market positioning, MEP is a recognized benchmark for its large and diverse customer base, which increasingly demands automation and safety. MEP's advanced machineries are a key component in the supply chain of strategic construction and infrastructure projects worldwide.

MEP Australasia (former Machinery Indents Pty Ltd)

*Machinery Indents Pty Ltd, headquartered in Melbourne (Victoria, Australia), has been MEP's exclusive agent in Oceania for over a decade. Specializing in the distribution of machinery for the processing of steel for reinforced concrete and in after-sales technical support, the company boasts a well-established customer portfolio. Following the acquisition by MEP, Machinery Indents becomes **MEP Australasia**, the Group's direct subsidiary for the region.*

Wise Equity

Wise Equity is an investment management company focused on closed-end funds investing in small and medium-sized Italian companies. The funds managed by Wise Equity typically carry out leveraged buyout and development capital operations in companies that hold leading positions in their respective niches, with two primary objectives: to increase critical mass – including through build-up operations – in order to improve competitiveness and profitability, and to foster international development. Wise Equity currently manages three funds:

- *Wisecurity IV, with subscribed capital of €215 million, invested in eight companies, seven of which have been fully realized;*
- *Wisecurity V, launched in July 2019 with an allocation of €260 million, invested in eight companies, with two completed exits;*
- *Wisecurity VI, launched in June 2023 with total commitments of €400 million, partially deployed across seven investments.*

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