



Press release

Marcolin Group: co-operation with Dolce&Gabbana set to continue until 31st December 2005.

The manufacturing and distribution of the Dolce&Gabbana Eyewear and D&G Dolce&Gabbana Eyewear lines which started in 1995 and 1998, respectively, will continue on until the contract expires, on 31st December 2005.

Longarone, 8th October 2004 – Following the press release by which Luxottica Group and Dolce & Gabbana announced to have signed a licence agreement set to start in January 2006, Marcolin S.p.A. points out that in compliance with the existing contracts with Dolce & Gabbana it is entitled to manufacture and distribute the Dolce & Gabbana Eyewear and D&G Dolce & Gabbana Eyewear lines for the following fifteen months, that is until 31st December 2005.

Regarding the sudden notice received, Marcolin S.p.A. confirms that it agreed with Luxottica Group to start discussions on the realization of possible distribution synergies between their respective structures. Such synergies will also aim at further enhancing the presence of Dolce & Gabbana and D&G Dolce & Gabbana eyewear on the market.

Marcolin Management, while expressing its confidence in the possibility of strengthening the growth of all other portfolio brands and while starting or completing agreements for new initiatives, reaffirms in any case the positive outlook for revenues over the current year.

In this respect the company also stresses that, as per previous releases, it signed a licence agreement with Kenneth Cole Productions Inc. for the manufacturing and distribution of *Kenneth Cole New York* and *Reaction Kenneth Cole* eyewear in the United States for eyewear and sunwear.

The company states that this last year Marcolin Group made around 157 million euro turnover, of which around 48% gained by the Dolce & Gabbana Eyewear and D&G Dolce & Gabbana Eyewear lines.

The Marcolin Group is one of the leading companies in the production and distribution of eyewear and sunglasses and is listed on the Milan Stock Exchange. It has over 1,100 employees in fourteen branch offices worldwide. In 2003, the company produced more than 6 million frames in approximately 400 models. Its brand portfolio includes: Dolce & Gabbana Eyewear, D&G Dolce & Gabbana Eyewear, Roberto Cavalli Eyewear, Costume National Eyewear, Montblanc Eyewear, Replay Eyes, Miss Sixty Glasses, Timberland, Mossimo Vision, Cover Girl Eyewear, Kenneth Cole, NBA Eyewear, The North Face Eyeequipment. The Group also produces and sells a wide range of products under its own brands including Marcolin and C  b   (ski goggles and sports glasses).

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