

## AQUILA CAPITAL AND MACSPED INAUGURATE THE FIRST WAREHOUSE OF TORTONA GREEN LOGISTICS PARK TOGETHER WITH GSE

- **Federico Chiodi, Mayor of Tortona, Jens Höper, Head Investment Management Logistics of Aquila Capital, Omar Zamarotto General Manager of MacSped, Valentino Chiarparin, Country Manager of GSE Italia and Antonio Guarascio, Head of Confluence** inaugurated this morning the 51,600 sqm warehouse, which will employ more than 160 people from MacSped and has involved an investment of around 40 million euros
- **The state-of-the-art warehouse was built following high sustainability and energy efficiency standards**

### **Tortona, 3 November 2022**

Green Logistics by Aquila Capital, the logistics business of Aquila Capital, and MacSped, a courier/shipping company based in the Alessandria area, together with GSE, construction company operating as General Contractor, were the protagonists at the inauguration ceremony of the first warehouse built by Green Logistics by Aquila Capital in its logistics site Tortona Green Logistics Park.

The Green Logistics by Aquila Capital project was finalized in September and already closed its first tenant, the fast-growing courier/shipper MacSped, which deals with shipments in Italy and worldwide.

The inaugural event was attended by the Mayor of Tortona, Federico Chiodi, Jens Höper, Head Investment Management Logistics of Aquila Capital, Omar Zamarotto General Director of MacSped, Valentino Chiarparin, Country Manager of GSE Italia and Antonio Guarascio, Head of Confluence.

The attending guests had the opportunity to visit the 51,600 sqm warehouse, which represents the conclusion of the first phase of construction of the Tortona Green Logistics Park, a 395,000 sqm logistics hub. This is the first of two buildings with a usable commercial area of about 155,000 sqm. The event concluded with a formal "ribbon-cutting ceremony" by the Mayor of Tortona and the directors of the companies.

**Federico Chiodi, Mayor of Tortona** stated: *"The Municipal Administration cannot but look back on this day with satisfaction. What we particularly believe is in the interest of the City of Tortona can be summed up in three important advantages that the activity we are inaugurating today brings to our territory. The first, most obvious, is a step towards further economic development in a sector, that of Logistics, which is very important for us since it represents the main driver of the economy of Tortona and the Tortona area. The second element is employment: we are deeply convinced that today the priority of any public administration must be to favour new job opportunities. Employment is the only possible answer to counter the socio-economic crisis that we have been going through for years and that, as we know, has worsened further in recent years. Third, but no less important, is the environmental aspect: that term 'green' which the new logistics park also bears in its name and which we would like to see as a guarantee of truly sustainable development even in the logistics sector, which is often considered far removed from the environmental issues that are now a source of real attention by those who have the responsibility of administering, even at the local level".*

Like all Aquila Capital's logistics projects, the Tortona Green Logistics Park was developed by applying high energy efficiency and sustainability standards, which are sought both in the supply chain and in construction activities to reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions. This includes LEED GOLD certification, which validates compliance with sustainability standards in terms of energy and water savings, CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, materials, interior ecological quality, and construction site.

**Jens Höper, Head Investment Management Logistics of Aquila Capital** commented: *"The inauguration of the first warehouse represents a further step of Aquila Capital's Green Logistics strategy in Italy, confirming our commitment to expand our position in the Italian logistics market by benefiting from the expertise of our partners in the area, but also by bringing in our know-how gained from projects already active in Germany, Spain and Portugal".*

**Omar Zamarotto, General Manager of MacSped** added: *"We are pleased to have found a reliable partner like Aquila Capital, with their proven experience in developing logistics hubs and a strong focus on sustainability and energy efficiency. Aquila Capital has provided us with an efficient as well as sustainable warehouse, where we are relocating all our courier activity, which will also allow us to intensify our logistics activities (goods preparation, storage, unloading)".*

**Valentino Chiarparin, Country Manager of GSE Italia** commented: *"We are extremely pleased to inaugurate this warehouse today with Aquila Capital, and to have accompanied them, together with Confluence, in the realization of this first project in Italy, with high added value for the territory and the local community. Thanks to Aquila Capital for the trust placed in us, the municipal administration and all the consultants involved for their indispensable contribution to the completion of the operation."*

The project is located in the municipality of Tortona in a key position due to its proximity to the A7 and A21 motorways, which offer excellent connections to Milan, Genoa and Turin.

#### **Aquila Capital**

Aquila Capital is an investment company focused on the development and management of strategic real assets on behalf of its clients. Through investments in renewable energy and sustainable infrastructure, Aquila Capital contributes to the energy transition and decarbonization of the global economy, while strengthening the global infrastructure network. The company's approach is to initiate and develop investments in real assets which are then managed and optimized for their entire life and for the entire value chain. Today Aquila Capital manages around 13.2 billion euros on behalf of institutional investors around the world. The primary objective is to generate performance for its clients, reducing the complexity of investments and managing them effectively.

Today the company operates wind, photovoltaic and hydroelectric plants for a total installed capacity of over 11.1 GW. To these are added 1.7 million square meters of sustainable buildings and green logistics projects both in the development and construction phase and already operational. Aquila Capital also operates in the energy efficiency, forestry and data center sectors.

Sustainability has been part of the company's value system since its creation and is an integral part of investment strategies, processes and asset management. Since 2006, Aquila Capital has been 100% carbon neutral and is constantly striving to improve its carbon footprint. The company has around 600 employees from 48 countries, operating in 16 offices located in 15 countries around the world.

Further information: [www.aquila-capital.de/en](http://www.aquila-capital.de/en)

#### **Green Logistics**

Aquila Capital's Green Logistics is the company's business line focused on logistics. Aquila Capital has extensive experience in the logistics sector, with projects in several European countries since 2012. It currently develops and manages assets in Germany, Italy, Portugal and Spain. Green Logistics has a total investment of more than 739 million euros on a total rentable area of approximately 825,000 square meters.

All Green Logistics projects are developed according to energy efficiency and sustainability standards in the supply chain, thus contributing to the reduction of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions.

Further information: [www.greenlogistics-parks.com/it/](http://www.greenlogistics-parks.com/it/)

#### **GSE**

Founded in 1976, GSE has become a global contractor specializing in the comprehensive management of commercial real estate projects in Europe and China (from real estate development and financing to the search for land, project qualification, technical studies, design & build, and after-sales services), with commitments on prices, deadlines, and quality. In 2021, GSE group developed a turnover of around 743 million euros and to date it counts 504 employees in six countries in Europe and China, where it builds industrial, logistics, and commercial buildings. In May 2019 GSE was acquired by the construction company Goldbeck GmbH, a leading family company in the real estate market on a European scale with a 2021 turnover of over 5 billion euros and 10,000 employees in more than 100 locations in Europe. Together, the two companies constitute the primary pan-European operator capable of carrying out "tailor-made" or "product-based" interventions with a dense network of branches and specific expertise in the various areas of intervention.

GSE Italia, the Italian branch of the French group founded in 1999, is a company operating in the real estate and construction sector as General Contractor and specialized in the logistics and industry markets, partner of real estate funds and developers, as well as of GDO and 3PLs groups, logistics operators, manufacturing companies.

GSE Italia end users and clients include companies such as: Carapelli, Euronics, Kramp, Fresenius Medical Care, Lyreco, Michelin, Pirelli, Susa Trasporti.

For more information on GSE: [www.gsegroup.com/en/](http://www.gsegroup.com/en/)

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