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### ECOLOGICAL TRANSITION: ITELYUM GROUP, CIRCULAR ECONOMY PIONEER, PRESENTS ITS 2022 SUSTAINABILITY REPORT AT ECOFORUM

**1,300 people, more than half a billion euro in revenues, 1.8 million tonnes of waste managed with a circularity index of 84% and 500,000 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> avoided: the figures defining a unique player in Italy, Itelyum.**

Rome 5 July 2023 - Itelyum confirms its position as a leading player in the circular economy in Italy thanks to a business model focused on the recovery and recycling of special waste, which has made it a unique player in the country in terms of size and integrated service: as a matter of fact, today the entire Group has the capacity to manage around 1.8 million tonnes of special waste per year, generating revenues over 552 million euro and achieving very high circularity indexes of 84%.

This is what emerges from Itelyum's Sustainability Report 2022 presented at Ecoforum 2023, published just over a month after the celebration of Itelyum's 60th anniversary and outlining the Group's role as a multifunctional player in the circular economy, with its range of services offered to different industrial supply chains.

Important acquisitions took place in 2022, allowing the Group to enter new business sectors such as seaports and the water treatment industry.

Constant growth always combined with the driver of sustainability: the virtuous trend of the Itelyum Group also in 2022 saw an increase in tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> avoided, now nearing half a million, equivalent to those emitted by 145,000 cars with an average annual mileage of 11,000 km.

Reducing emissions and sending waste to circular destinations are very specific commitments made by Itelyum towards its stakeholders and the market: the two sustainability targets are binding with respect to the Sustainability - linked Bond issued in 2021, which includes the obligation to increase avoided emissions from products sold by 2025 by 25 per cent compared to 2020, and to increase waste sent to circular destinations (regeneration, recycling, water treatment and recovery) by 25 per cent by 2025, compared to 2020.

*'Our Sustainability Report comes just a few weeks after the celebration of Itelyum's 60th year of activity and provides an opportunity to confirm our pioneering approach, and confirms our plan to invest in innovation and technology in order to compete in increasingly challenging markets in terms of quality and sustainability,'* says Antonio Lazzarinetti, Itelyum's Chairman.

*"The year 2022,"* continues Lazzarinetti, *"saw the Group grow significantly, as a result of the acquisitions made: with the Crismani Group in Trieste and Secomar and Ambiente Mare in Ravenna, we launched a new line of business, that of environmental services in ports, which are related to the services already carried out by our Environment Division and allow us to grow further horizontally by bringing our circular economy model into a new supply chain. This growth has taken place in a global context that is not easy due to the worsening socio-economic dynamics linked to the conflict in Ukraine and the critical issues arising from the scarcity of resources and energy supply"*.

*'Dynamics,'* explains Valentina Lucchini, Itelyum's Sustainability Manager, *'that have not limited our social commitment, first and foremost to our more than 1,300 people who are a strategic asset in the success of Itelyum, a solid reality that enhances local excellence and acts in synergy on the territory, guided by common values and its own culture of sustainability'*.

*"A Group like Itelyum, with a business model based on industrial plants where material is recovered, responds to the need for infrastructure that the country needs. The Italian recycling supply chain has been an excellence for many years, but the challenges are increasing, so the evolution of the circular economy requires investments both on ecodesign and prevention policies, but above all on industrial recycling plants, where thanks to technology it is possible to transform and produce new material, avoiding any raw material consumption,"* said Legambiente President Stefano Ciafani.