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## **COIL ACQUIRES FORMER ITALFINISH BUSINESS AND FURTHER STRENGTHENS ITS MANUFACTURING CAPABILITIES**

*Brussels, August 28<sup>th</sup>, 2015 (5:45 pm) – COIL, the world leader in the continuous anodising of aluminium in coil form announces its acquisition of the former Italfinish business.*

### **Italfinish, a market-leading Italian company**

Based in Capestrano, Italy, Italfinish was a family-owned company involved in both continuous and batch anodising. After being declared bankrupt, Italfinish's production facilities were leased from the liquidator by the United Anodisers Group in 2012 and recently purchased. Coil is acquiring 100% of the issued share capital of United Anodisers srl.

The production assets acquired dovetail effectively with Coil's existing operations, while offering strategic synergies, including:

- A continuous anodising line for aluminium flat-rolled coil products
- An automated batch anodising line specialised in sheet aluminium anodising
- A cut-to-length line

### **Strategic assets to enhance added value**

This acquisition is consistent with Coil's strategy to enhance the quality of its production assets and further strengthen the development of its product range.

The continuous anodising line in Italy will be integrated into Coil's existing continuous operations. The production lines in Belgium and Italy will increasingly specialise in fast-growing markets for thinner gauge materials. To achieve this, substantial investments have been made over the past few years in Belgium to boost both quality and productivity. Following on from its very successful investment in Line 1 in 2013, Coil is investing €2.2 million to refurbish its second production line in Landen in 2015.

Construction is also underway to build a new €20.9 million Line 6 in Bernburg, which will expand Coil's German operations, specialising in thicker gauge materials, serving architectural markets, with a focus on export markets outside of Europe.

Italfinish's automated batch anodising line represents an important addition to Coil's production and R&D capabilities. It will support Coil's business development as it moves towards architectural project and end-user markets, particularly outside of

Europe. More specifically, this line, which, unusually, is exclusively optimised for treating aluminium in sheet form, will make it possible to produce mock-ups for architectural projects and small production batches, which are very difficult to deliver economically at short notice on large-scale continuous anodising lines. It will also help drive the expansion of Coil's product range into new textures and colours.

## Financial terms

The purchase price is €8.65 million payable in cash, with €4.7 million of this to be reinvested in Coil with in new ordinary shares, subscribed for by the vendor United Anodisers Limited, the ultimate owner of Italfinish's business, has provided €1.85 million in short-term vendor financing for the acquisition, as well as guarantees for Italfinish's existing liabilities and future trading performance.

## COIL's management comments on the acquisition

Tim Hutton, Coil's CEO, concluded: *"We are very pleased to add the former Italfinish operations to our business. This will considerably enhance our capabilities and enable us to significantly expand future capacity. Focused on our core activities, Italfinish's assets will provide us with strategic value. They will give us an opportunity to make our business much more flexible, while expanding both our geographical sales and our product range. Their integration will enable us to accelerate our growth towards a broader global customer base, particularly with higher margin niche anodised products"*.



**COIL** is the world's largest architectural and industrial anodiser.

Anodising is an electrochemical process - electrolysis - that develops a natural and protective exterior layer on aluminium that can be coloured, providing exceptional corrosion protection and/or increased functionality for the metal.

Anodising preserves all the natural and ecological properties of aluminium - it retains its high strength-to-weight ratio, non-magnetic properties and exceptional corrosion resistance without any impact on the total and repeated recyclability of the metal.

Anodised aluminium is used across a wide range of architectural, designer, industrial and automotive applications.

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