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## € 8 million deal for the company's competitiveness in agri-food, a sector of Made in Italy excellence

Naples, 30<sup>th</sup> October 2017 – UniCredit has issued two loans in favor of Petti Group's companies for purchasing raw materials to introduce into their production process for foreign markets. The loans have been guaranteed by SACE, which with SIMEST forms the export and international hub of the CDP Group.

UniCredit has structured an € 8 million loan with a six-month grace period and an amortization period of six installments, covered by the revenue from sales in the foreign market.

This financing, coordinated by the Area Corporate Campania South Basilicata and Calabria with offices in Salerno and by the SACE office in Naples, is part of a 2017-2018 transformation plan undertaken by Petti S.p.A.

With this initiative, UniCredit and SACE confirm their commitment to Italian companies in the agri-food sector, industry where Made in Italy plays a prominent role worldwide.

The group, with sales volume of almost € 250 million in 2016, boasts an 80-year history of leadership and innovation in tomato processing. It is currently world leader in the export of tomato concentrate, with a 27% market share, and the leading Italian importer of product for reprocessing.

Development in production techniques and the decision to earmark the majority of the resources to upgrade the brand, have resulted in a production capacity of absolute value for both Petti S.p.A. and for subsidiary ITALIAN FOODS S.p.A. Through large investment, the Campania-based company has transformed itself into a new entrepreneurial entity, due in part to a stronger sales network in Italy and abroad.

"Thanks to the loan provided to the Petti group by UniCredit with the support of SACE - stated Antonio Petti, Sole Director of A. PETTI S.p.A. - We obtained the financial





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## resources needed to further increase our penetration in foreign markets, especially those scarcely served, such as Israel, Australia, Belgium, Mexico and United States. The objective, especially for Italian Food's product range, is to make the Petti brand one of the principal brands of preserves tomato abroad, focusing on the high quality of the raw material, exclusively Tuscan, and the distinctive flavor provided by our exclusive low-temperature processing method, which preserves the color and flavor of freshly-harvested tomatoes."

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Italy is a strategic market for UniCredit. Here UniCredit has loans of over € 160 billion in favor of 7.5 million households and companies.

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