

NEXTCHEM (MAIRE) STRENGTHENS ITS FINANCIAL STRUCTURE WITH A NEW €125 MILLION LOAN TO SUPPORT ITS CAPEX PLAN FOR TECHNOLOGICAL INNOVATION AND R&D IN THE ENERGY TRANSITION

- **This new credit facility, backed by SACE's guarantee, will fund NEXTCHEM's investments, including M&A, aimed at enhancing the technology portfolio and accelerating the adoption of cutting-edge solutions within the Sustainable Technology Solutions business unit**

Milan, 2 January 2025 – MAIRE (MAIRE.MI) announces that **NEXTCHEM S.p.A.** has signed a new €125 million loan agreement, 70% backed by SACE S.p.A.'s "Garanzia Archimede", strengthening its funding power to support investments in technological innovation and R&D.

The credit facility will have a maturity of 7 years, including a 2-year grace period. It will bear a variable interest rate based on the 3-month Euribor plus a 1.6% margin, in addition to the cost of SACE's guarantee, and may be repaid in full or in part at any time without penalties.

In accordance with the "Garanzia Archimede" – a tool introduced by the 2024 Budget Law to support new investments by Italian companies – the financing will primarily support strategic investments, including M&A, technological innovation, digitalization, ecological transition, and R&D projects of NEXTCHEM S.p.A., the Italian-based company leading the Sustainable Technology Solutions business unit, and its subsidiaries.

The financing will be provided by a pool of major Italian financial institutions including Banca Monte dei Paschi di Siena, Banco BPM, BNL BNP Paribas, Cassa Depositi e Prestiti, Intesa Sanpaolo (IMI Corporate & Investment Banking Division). Intesa San Paolo will also act as SACE Agent, Global Coordinator, Sustainability Coordinator and Facility Agent.

Fabio Fritelli, Managing Director of NEXTCHEM, said: "With this new financing, NEXTCHEM is in an even stronger position to face the challenges of energy transition and sustainability. The support of Garanzia Archimede allows us to accelerate our investments in technological innovation and R&D, strengthening our leadership in the sustainable solutions sector. We are eager to continue delivering cutting-edge technologies that will drive the future of the green industry".

MAIRE S.p.A. is a leading technology and engineering group focused on advancing the Energy Transition. We provide Integrated E&C Solutions for the downstream market and Sustainable Technology Solutions, the latter through three business lines: Sustainable Fertilizers, Low-Carbon Energy Vectors, and Circular Solutions. With operations across 45 countries, MAIRE employs over 9,300 people, supported by a global network of 20,000 project partners. MAIRE is listed on the Milan Stock Exchange (ticker "**MAIRE**"). For further information: www.groupmaire.com.

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