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## Italy to host ITMA 2023

ITMA returns to Milan following successful showing in 2015

21 June 2018 – CEMATEX, the European Committee of Textile Machinery Manufacturers, today announced that ITMA will return to Milan, Italy, for its 19<sup>th</sup> edition. ITMA 2023 will be held at the Fiera Milano Rho exhibition centre from 8 to 14 June 2023.

The decision to host ITMA 2023 in Milan was taken at the CEMATEX General Assembly held recently. Mr Fritz P Mayer, President of CEMATEX, explained: "We received very positive feedback from ITMA 2015 exhibitors and visitors. Milan has excellent infrastructure for holding large-scale exhibitions like ITMA, which grosses over 200,000 square metres and attracts a global audience. It offers an extensive range of hospitality services and air connections to all parts of the world. Italy also has a large textile machinery and textile making industry."

Alessandro Zucchi, President of ACIMIT, the association of Italian textile machinery manufacturers, said: "We are very pleased that Milan has been selected to host ITMA 2023. We will work hard with all parties, including government agencies and local partners to ensure another successful show."

Fiera Milano, which also hosted ITMA 2015, beat two other short-listed bidders out of an initial list of 9 venues. "It is a great satisfaction for us to have brought the top international exhibition of machinery and technology for textiles and clothing back to Italy," said Mr Fabrizio Curci, Chief Executive Officer of Fiera Milano. "The trust the organisers have placed in us is an acknowledgement of the professional approach and quality services Fiera Milano is able to guarantee for international events hosted here."

ITMA – the world's largest textile and garment technology exhibition – has been held every four years since 1951. The next exhibition will be held from 20 to 26 June 2019 at Fira de Barcelona, Gran Via venue, Spain.

Space at ITMA 2019 has sold out and new applicants are being put on a waiting list. The exhibition has attracted over 1,600 exhibitors to showcase their latest technologies and sustainable solutions for the entire textile and garment manufacturing value chain, as well as fibres, yarns and fabrics. Visit <u>www.itma.com</u> for more information.

## **About CEMATEX & ITMA**

The European Committee of Textile Machinery Manufacturers (CEMATEX) comprises national textile machinery associations from Belgium, France, Germany, Italy, Netherlands, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland and the United Kingdom. It is the owner of ITMA and ITMA ASIA. Considered the 'Olympics' of textile machinery exhibitions, ITMA has a 67-year history of displaying the latest technology for every single work process of textile and garment making. It is held every four years in Europe.

## About ITMA Services

Headquartered in Brussels with a subsidiary in Singapore, ITMA Services is the appointed organiser of ITMA 2019 and future ITMA branded exhibitions. It is managed by professionals with extensive

experience in organising ITMA and other major trade exhibitions around the world. It aims to maintain and expand ITMA's unique selling proposition and relevance to a global audience.

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