

Aliplast acquires Italian PET recycling plant from Gurit

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The plastic recycling specialist Aliplast, which is a subsidiary of the Italian company Hera Group, has acquired a PET recycling facility in the northern Italian town of Carmignano di Brenta from Gurit Italia. The transaction is expected to increase Aliplast's annual capacity by approximately 15,000 tonnes of recycled PET. The purchase price was not disclosed.



Aliplast is a European leader in the collection and reprocessing of plastic waste. The company, which is itself based out of Ospedaletto d'Istria in the Province of Treviso, recycles more than 100,000 tonnes of plastic waste each year, producing polymers, film and sheets, with recycled contents of up to 100 per cent. Aliplast processes PE, PET, and sometimes PP, and its operations are designed to close material loops to the greatest degree possible. More than 90 per cent of the company's input material is recycled.

Gurit announced the decision to divest the PET recycling plant at the end of January; the sale was closed at the start of April.

The latest acquisition forms part of a broader strategic expansion. Aliplast noted that this move comes as increasingly ambitious targets are introduced through new regulation, including Italian legislation transposing the EU Single-Use Plastics Directive (SUPD) and the EU Packaging and Packaging Waste Regulation (PPWR). Both pieces of legislation mandate increased incorporation of recycled materials in bottles and other plastic packaging, especially in the food sector.

The plant acquired from Gurit processes post-consumer PET collected by the Corepla and Coripet packaging waste recovery consortia. Through the transaction, Aliplast is purchasing a complete PET grinding, washing and extrusion line that can make products suitable for food-contact applications as well as for use in technical fibres for consumer goods, such as clothing and automobile accessories. In addition to boosting Aliplast's production capacity, the site's large storage yards would help optimise the company's logistics chain.

In addition to its headquarters, Aliplast operates four sites in Italy and one site each in France, Spain and Poland. Employing around 400 people, the group generated revenues of about €200m in 2022 and €160m in 2023. With more than 1,000 customers, Aliplast says it is a key partner for converters, especially in the packaging, food, automotive and textile sectors.

"This acquisition is, first and foremost, in line with our business plan, which includes the regeneration of resources as one of its qualifying points," remarked Aliplast's CEO Michele Petrone. The company's goal was to provide customers with the highest standards of in terms of supply chain transparency and product safety.

Gurit had acquired the PET recycling operations in Carmignano di Brenta from the company Valplastic Srl in 2019 for an undisclosed sum. Gurit's intention was to secure recycled PET as feedstock for the production of core components for wind turbine blades and other applications. In late January 2025, the company announced that it had decided to divest the PET recycling plant as it had now developed "a global sourcing of recycled PET".

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