

Press Release

**AZZURRA CAPITAL SIGNS AN AGREEMENT TO ACQUIRE A STRATEGIC STAKE
IN NEXTCHEM**

Milan, 4 March 2025 – Azzurra Capital Management (“Azzurra Capital”) announces the signing of an agreement with Maire Investments S.p.A. (“MI”) to acquire a strategic stake of approximately 8% in the share capital of NEXTCHEM S.p.A. (“NEXTCHEM”) from MI.

NEXTCHEM is MAIRE’s subsidiary heading the Sustainable Technology Solutions business unit of MAIRE Group. The total consideration is approximately €110 million, corresponding to an equity value of NEXTCHEM of €1.4 billion.

Azzurra Capital is an international private equity investment group focused on companies that are leaders in their business and capable to deliver sustainable growth and superior value. Its expertise as a successful long-term investor will further contribute to NEXTCHEM’s valorization path.

As a result of the above investment, MAIRE will hold approximately 82% of NEXTCHEM’s share capital, Azzurra Capital approximately 8%, Yousef Al Nowais 5% and MI approximately 5%. The agreed terms of the transaction, whose closing is expected to take place during the second quarter of 2025, are substantially in line with those of the Al Nowais.

Stefano Marsaglia, Founder and CEO of Azzurra Capital, stated:

"We are very pleased to have become a strategic investor in NEXTCHEM which fits perfectly with our strategy of investing in entrepreneurial companies who are leaders in their sector of activity, have been successful for many years and have real potential for further growth. Also, we have a long-standing relationship with Fabrizio Di Amato, Chairman of Maire and a highly successful entrepreneur with whom we are perfectly aligned in terms of objectives, strategy and values. We are convinced that Azzurra Capital can bring a significant contribution to further boost value creation for all NEXTCHEM’s shareholders, and we will be fully engaged to do so."

Alessandro Bernini, CEO of MAIRE, commented:

"This agreement is another important step in NEXTCHEM’s value enhancement journey. The company has drawn significant interest from leading international partners and achieved high market valuations. The investment of a partner with a strong track record such as Azzurra Capital is a further confirmation of the effectiveness of NEXTCHEM’S strategy and positioning as a major technology player in the energy transition."

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Azzurra Capital is an international private equity fund with offices in Milan, Luxembourg, Dubai, London and Singapore. Azzurra Capital targets majority or qualified minority acquisitions in family-owned and entrepreneurial companies that are leaders in their business sector and are led by a management team with a track record of success. Azzurra Capital takes a collaborative approach by offering support to the management team, always respecting their vision and experience. During the last 14 months, Azzurra Capital completed 3 other investments: Gruppo Desa/Chanteclair, leader in Italian home and personal care markets; Marval, leader in precision engineering for large industrial vehicles; and Lucart, leader in paper, and recycled paper, tissue products.

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