

## **Directa Plus plc**

("Directa Plus" or the "Company")

## Grant Award from TECH FAST Lombardy for Industrial Filtration

Directa Plus (AIM: DCTA), a leading producer and supplier of graphene nanoplatelets based products for use in consumer and industrial markets, announces that it has won a project tender from the state of Lombardy's TECH FAST programme for accelerating innovation processes by Lombardy based companies. The project will last for 12 months and has a total value of €294,058, of which 50 per cent. is non-refundable. The project will commence immediately.

The project is titled 'GRAFYLTER: Eco-innovation for antibacterial and antiviral industrial filtration using graphene-enhanced filters' and will see the Company develop applications for  $G+^{\ensuremath{\circledast}}$  graphene in industrial filtration, such as for air-conditioning or transportation filters, which have antibacterial and antiviral properties. It will include the sanification of  $G+^{\ensuremath{\$}}$  filters using infrared radiation or electrical heating.

GRAFYLTER will exploit the deep know-how and experience acquired by Directa Plus over the last two years for the production of its Co-Mask<sup>®</sup> line of face masks, leveraging the entire value chain, from raw materials major supplier to final customers and will include support from the University Cattolica of Rome.

**Commenting, Giulio Cesareo, Founder and CEO of Directa Plus, said:** "This project will fund us to develop specific applications of our technology for industrial filtration markets, building on the work we have already done to launch our range of anti-viral and anti-bacterial face masks and filters. Industrial filtration could be an important new market for our sustainably produced products."

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## **About Directa Plus**

Our focus is principally on the two sectors in which we have strong commercial advantage through developed and launched products and a technological lead: environmental (based on our Grafysorber<sup>®</sup> product), textiles (based on our  $G^{+}$  products) and, more recently, lithium-sulphur batteries. In addition, we will continue to pursue opportunities in elastomers and composites (including tyres and asphalt), also using our  $G^{+}$  products. All our products are hypoallergenic, non-toxic and sustainably produced. Directa Plus holds the Green Economy Mark from London Stock Exchange which recognises companies that contribute to the global green economy.

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