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The Burgo Group increases the number of PEFC certified paper mills

The Burgo Group has obtained PEFC (Programme for Endorsement of Forest Certification Schemes) certification for the Duino (Trieste), Verzuolo (Cuneo), Sarego (Vicenza), Villorba (Treviso) and Toscolano (Brescia) paper mills, which is awarded to companies that use wood from forests managed with respect for the ecosystem and biodiversity. The same certification had already been awarded to the Burgo Ardennes mill in Belgium. PEFC certifies the Chain of Custody: a 'certification of traceability' of all transfers from the forest of origin to the finished product. "It is prestigious recognition for our Group, which considers respect for the environment one of the cornerstones of its business," says Alessandra Bogliano, the Burgo Group Quality System Manager.

The Burgo Group, southern Europe's leading graphic paper producer, also produces FSC (Forest Stewardship Council) certified papers – another internationally recognised scheme guaranteeing correct and sustainable forest management – at six Italian mills, Sora, Chieti, Avezzano, Toscolano, Sarego and Tolmezzo.

Launched by national associations formed by forest owners and wood and paper industrialists, the PEFC system is in operation in 14 European countries, each with a different certification scheme albeit founded on three common principles. These are: observance of criteria and indicators established at the Ministerial Conferences for the Protection of Forests in Europe (Helsinki 1993, Lisbon 1998), their application at national (or at lower) level, audits and certification assigned to independent and accredited bodies.