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**Burgo Group, 15 million euros for the Mantova plant**

Fifteen million euros to make Burgo's newsprint more suitable for printing colours and flexography, so adapting it to changing market needs. This is the Burgo Group's investment in the Mantova plant which, designed by celebrated architect Pier Luigi Nervi in the 'Sixties, produces about 160 thousand tonnes of paper every year, mainly sold in Italy.

"A notable investment," said plant manager Giovanni Bottino, "for our Group's production unit which has achieved excellence in the reuse of waste paper and the production of recycled newsprint".

Most of the upgrading work was done on the paper machinery and involved the main stages of the production process: the preparation of the pulp with new cleaning devices, paper formation with a new head box and new dryer sections, and ending with a new soft calender in line. "The result is a newsprint", he explained, "that is also available in pink and salmon coloured versions, and that is positioned in the upper segment of today's market range. This is shown by the positive opinion of our main customers who have all noted an appreciable improvement in quality during printing tests carried out after the new plant went on stream".

The Burgo plant in Mantova, which has obtained ISO 9001:2000 and ISO 14001:2004 certifications, employs 206 people.