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RATINGS FROM MOODY'S AND STANDARD AND POOR'S

Alessandria, Italy, September 25, 2018 — Guala Closures S.p.A. (the "**Company**") announced that on September 24, 2018 (i) Moody's has assigned to the Company a Corporate Family Rating of "B1", with a stable outlook; and (ii) Standard and Poor's has raised the Credit Rating of the Company from "B" to "B+", with a positive outlook.

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Founded in 1954, **Guala Closures** is today the world's leading manufacturer of spirits and wine closures. It operates in 5 continents with 27 production sites and has a commercial presence in over 100 countries; about 90% of the group's turnover is generated outside of Italy. Since taking control of the company in 1998, Marco Giovannini and his team have been able to transform a standard commodity into a high valued added product, growing the turnover from around €70 million to €535 million in 2017 (up 7% vs 2016), with EBITDA margin constantly above 20% in the last ten years (in 2017 the adjusted EBITDA amounted to Euro 111 million). Thanks to a policy of continuous commercial development and technological innovation, Guala Closures is a globally recognized standard, in a context of highly differentiated and constantly growing markets. Worldwide leader in the "safety" (anti-counterfeiting) closures sector for spirits and in the production of aluminum closures for wine and spirits, with a wide range of patents and utility models (over 140) and the continuous innovation of products, processes, technologies and materials. The group is present throughout all mature markets and is constantly expanding on new emerging markets. Guala Closures is listed on the STAR segment of the Italian Stock Exchange with an initial capitalization of approximately Euro 650 million, making it one of the largest manufacturing companies on the STAR by capitalization and free float size.

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