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RadiciGroup for sustainability: Radici Fil SpA production site certified to ISO 14001.



*Commitment to the environment. Attention to customers, products, local communities, people and cultures. Now RadiciGroup has taken another step on its path towards sustainable economic growth: **Radici Fil SpA** – one of the first RadiciGroup companies and a leader in the manufacture of PA6 and PA6.6 BCF yarn for the contract, residential, automotive and upholstery sectors – has been awarded **UNI EN ISO 14001:2004** certification for its environmental management systems. (The site has also recently obtained BS OHSAS 18001:2007 certification for its occupational health and safety management systems).*

RadiciGroup, the only fully vertically integrated supplier of polyamide 6.6 for the European contract market, took a further step in the direction of quality, safety and the environment by obtaining *UNI EN ISO 14001:2004* environmental certification for the production site of Radici Fil SpA, an Italian company engaged since 1964 in the production of nylon 6 and 6.6 BCF yarn sold under the Radifloor® brand name. This achievement rewards the Group's commitment to the development, implementation and improvement of policies concerning the environmental, occupational health and safety management systems at all its companies.

"ISO 14001 environmental certification, together with BS OHSAS 18001 certification, is an important step for us," said **Stefano Loro**, *managing director of Radici Fil*. "It represents the evolution and optimization of a management system that had been in place for quite some time at our company. In order to ensure maximum reliability for our customers and stakeholders, we have always focused on setting up management systems with the capability of monitoring and controlling the environmental impact of our business activities and products, all the while concentrating on occupational safety

aspects. Our next step is going to be certification to ISO 50001, an energy management system standard that we intend to adopt to improve and optimize our performance in terms of energy efficiency.”

“Although the implementation of an eco-management model is first and foremost a social duty,” Mr. Loro concluded, “it is much more than that. I am convinced that it is an important factor that differentiates us in our target market, a factor that really increases the value added of our company and our products.”

## **PATH TO CERTIFICATION**

**Riccardo Guerini**, *quality manager of Radici Fil*, described the path to certification: “The environmental impact analysis and assessment needed for certification took about two years. We began in 2012 with document and environmental analysis and the development of our action, implementation and monitoring plans. We then started to implement corrective action and conduct re-examinations to assess the results with the goal of improving management processes. And, in December 2013, we obtained the formal certification.”

“Our corporate management system, which has already been certified to ISO 9001 and BS OHSAS 18001,” Mr Guerini continued, “is aimed at ensuring that the products and services we supply are of the highest quality. During these years, we have constantly taken action targeted at the continuous improvement of our quality, safety and environmental management systems. The most significant aspects of our environmental strategy that we have been working on include the optimization of natural resources and energy usage, and the careful and rigorous measurement of the environmental impact performance indicators for our products using the LCA method, so as to be able to develop Environmental Product Declarations (EPDs) for our products.”

## **RADICI FIL FOR SUSTAINABILITY: A FEW FIGURES...**

### **■ WATER SAVINGS**

*In the three-year period 2010 – 2012, the company was able to reduce the quantity of water per ton of product by about 21%, by improving its production processes and water recycling systems. In 2012, RadiciGroup as a whole achieved a water recycling and reuse rate of 91% at its companies.*

## ■ RENEWABLE SOURCE ENERGY USAGE

Today, at the company, renewable source energy – HYDROELECTRIC POWER – covers about 45% of total consumption. For RadiciGroup as a whole, hydroelectric power covered 41% of total consumption in 2012.

### **RADICI FIL: 1964-2014.**

#### **FIFTY YEARS OF EXPERIENCE AT OUR CUSTOMERS' SERVICE.**

In 2014 *Radici Fil* – as part of RadiciGroup, the sole vertically integrated supplier of polyamide 6.6 for the European contract sector – is celebrating fifty years in business.

Well-known for its flagship Radifloor® PA6 and PA6.6 BCF yarn range, *Radici Fil* has built a leadership position in the high-quality European flooring market over the years. Furthermore, *Radici Fil* is engaged in the production of high-tenacity PA6.6 yarn sold under the Raditeck® DoubleSix brand name, which is ideal for applications in the automotive and industrial sectors.

### **Radifloor® ...**

From *Contract* to *Residential*, *Automotive* and *Upholstery*, Radifloor® is the ideal choice to ensure optimal end product performance and quality.

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To see all the details, go to the [Raditeck®](#) webpage.

## RADICIGROUP FOR SUSTAINABILITY: A BROADER REACH...

The main focus of the certification of all of RadiciGroup management systems is sustainability. The Group reports on its sustainability initiatives in its [Sustainability Report](#), which is drawn up according to the GRI (*Global Reporting Initiative*) guidelines. The various performance indicators included in the Sustainability Report – Economic (EC), Human Rights (HR), Labour Practices and Decent Work (LA), Society (SO), Environment (EN) and Product Responsibility (PR) – are central to RadiciGroup's challenge to make sustainability a tool for business, innovation and corporate culture. All certification proceedings, including external assurance of the Sustainability Report, have been conducted by Certiquality.

Discover [some of the key figures](#) of our Sustainability Report!

## RADICIGROUP: FROM CHEMICALS TO PLASTICS AND SYNTHETIC FIBRES & NONWOVENS.

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- Apparel
- Furnishings
- Automotive
- Consumer goods
- Construction
- Electrical and electronics
- Household appliances
- Sport

RadiciGroup, with its Chemicals, Plastics, Synthetic Fibres and Nonwovens Business Areas, is part of a larger industrial group that also includes textile machinery and energy businesses. [www.radicigroup.com](http://www.radicigroup.com)



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