

PRESS RELEASE

MAJOR PRESENCE OF SPANISH MACHINE-TOOL INDUSTRY AT EMO MILANO

San Sebastián, 4 October 2015 – The EMO MILANO 2015 fair opens today amid high expectations due to positive forecasts of an upturn in global consumption. The managing director of the EMO Milan fair, Corrado Peraboni, along with the state secretary for the Italian Ministry of Economic Affairs and Finance, the presidents of CECIMO (Jean-Camille Uring) and UCIMU (Luigi Galdabini), and the general commissioner of EMO MILANO 2015, Pier Luigi Streparava, officially opened the fair this morning, highlighting the strength of Italian industry and Milan's ability to attract large numbers of investors from around the world to visit the 120,000 square metre space occupied by 1,600 companies.

The Spanish machine tool industry is positioned seventh at this year's EMO. Its 54 companies occupy 4,717 square meters, showcasing major developments running from the inclusion of additive manufacturing technologies to new technologies that significantly improve machine performance. Most of those new lines are set out [in the attached document](#).

Good business prospects

The world's biggest event for the most advanced industry comes at a time when orders from Europe received by Spanish companies since the beginning of the year are up 18 percent over the same period last year. Given that in 2014 Germany was the second-ranking destination for Spanish exports and that France, Portugal, the United Kingdom and Italy are among the top ten countries receiving our exports, Europe's good prospects bode well for a fair with many special visits and projects of interest. The organisers have forecast an estimated 150,000 visitors from 100 countries.

To support companies' efforts to showcase their progress and innovations at EMO MILANO, the secretary-general for science, technology and innovation of the Ministry of Economy and Competitiveness, María Luisa Poncela, will travel to Milan to visit Spanish manufacturers. Also present at the fair from today on are the deputy secretary for industry and energy of the Basque Government, Javier Zarroaindía, along with the director-general of SPRI, Alex Arriola, and the Economic Development Committee of the Basque Parliament. The head of the Gipuzkoa Provincial Council, Markel Olano, is expected tomorrow, accompanied by the secretary for economic promotion, Ainhoa Aizpuru.

Presentation of 29 BIEMH in Milan

The upcoming 29 BIEMH, due to be held from 30 May to 4 June in Bilbao, will be presented at the fair; its international campaign kicks off at EMO this 8 October. The BIEMH will be presented with an image centred on intelligent manufacturing and 4.0 industry, offering a tour via its three main exhibitors, who are likewise EMO's: Ibarmia, Soralue and Bost.

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ABOUT AFM

AFM Advanced Manufacturing Technologies, the Spanish Association of Manufacturers of machine tools, accessories, part and tools, represents 90 percent of the companies specialising in machine tools and advanced manufacturing technologies in Spain. From its headquarters in San Sebastián and its office in China it works to promote internationalisation and technological innovation among its associated companies. AFM Advanced Manufacturing Technologies is a member of CECIMO and ECTA, the European associations of machine tool and cutting tool manufacturers, respectively, and also co-organises the Spanish Machine Tool Biennial (BIEMH), to be held for the 29th time from this coming 30 May to 4 June 2016 in Bilbao.

The AFM-overseen Additive and 3D Manufacturing Technologies Association of Spain (ADDIMAT) aims to gather all players with stakes in the development and promotion of additive and 3D manufacturing. ADDIMAT's mission is to represent additive manufacturing and foster its development, promoting inter-company cooperation and providing professional services to its members. It has also set up a forum with a view to building a consistent and varied image of the additive and 3D manufacturing industry, thereby giving its companies a voice. It now counts 94 member companies.