



## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **The Apave Group consolidates its presence in Italy and announces the acquisition of CND Service**

Apave, an international group with over 150 years of experience, specialising in the management of technical, environmental, human and digital risks, today announced **the acquisition of CND Service, an Italian company specialising in non-destructive testing (NDT) and skills certification.**

#### **CND Service: a recognised player in non-destructive testing for 45 years**

Founded in 1979, CND Service is a recognised player in the electrical, aeronautical, industrial and petrochemical sectors. With more than 70 employees, including qualified technicians, the company offers its customers a wide range of non-destructive tests: visual, ultrasound, radiography, X-rays and gamma rays, magnetic, dye penetrant, Time of Flight Diffraction Technique (TOFD), induced currents, thermography, geo-radar, hardness and metal analysis, among others. CND Service operates throughout Italy.

Through its subsidiary TecnoLab, CND Service also carries out destructive testing and is able to carry out post-heat treatment checks on large parts, thanks to a 26m-long oven.

CND Service is also recognised for its skills qualification and certification activities, which it carries out mainly for the energy industry, where needs are growing as a result of the technological transitions underway.

#### **Expanding Apave's presence and offering in Italy**

Since the end of 2020 and in line with its strategic plan, Apave has been developing its geographical footprint and expertise through an ambitious external growth policy, with the aim of meeting all its customers' needs, wherever they are.

The acquisition of CND Service will enable the Group to consolidate its presence in Italy, which began in 1994 and strengthened in mid-2021 with the acquisition of Tecno Piemonte. Apave is thus broadening its range of services, adding non-destructive testing to its existing inspection, training, certification and materials laboratory activities.

"Ensuring the integrity, quality and reliability of equipment is part of our mission to help our customers control their risks and thereby guarantee the safety of people, property and the environment. Our Non-Destructive Testing activities use a range of technologies to detect any defects while preserving their integrity and without causing any damage. I am delighted with this acquisition, which will enable our Group to accelerate its development in Europe, and more specifically to consolidate its presence in Italy. I would like to extend a warm welcome to the CND Service teams, and wish them every success in their integration into Apave," says Philippe Maillard, Chief Executive Officer of the Apave Group.

"CND Service is proud of its choice of Apave, which will enable the company to provide integrated services (non-destructive testing, destructive testing, inspections, certification, etc.) of increasing quality to its customers.", said Ugo GIOSAFATTO, General Manager of CND Service.

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#### **About the Apave Group**

Apave is an international group with over 150 years of experience in technical, human, environmental and digital risk management. An independent company with a turnover of €1.2 billion in 2023, Apave currently has 16,500 employees, 130 branches in France, 170 training sites in France and abroad and 18 test centres. Apave has an international presence in more than 55 countries. Nearly 500,000 customers already place their trust in Apave in France and abroad. For more information, visit [www.apave.com](http://www.apave.com)

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