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**EOS IM acquires control of Compton Industriale, an Italian leader in the circular economy and a pioneer in electrical equipment recycling technologies**

*Second transaction for the EOS NEXT TRANSITION FUND II, which has raised over €110 million in investment commitments in less than a year.*

**London | Luxembourg | Milan, 13 February 2026** – EOS Investment Management Group (**EOS IM**), an independent *asset manager* and a leading player in sustainable investment and energy transition, announces the second acquisition by the EOS NEXT TRANSITION II thematic fund, having completed the acquisition of 60% of **Compton Industriale S.p.A.**, an Italian company specialising in the design and manufacture of **industrial lines and machinery for recycling electronic materials**, in particular **photovoltaic panels, alkaline batteries and wind turbine components**, based on proprietary technologies protected by international patents.

*"Perfectly in line with the thematic strategy of the Fund, which specialises in Energy Transition, Circular Economy and Sustainable Agriculture, this second acquisition comes less than a year after the Fund's first closing, which raised investment commitments of over €110 million from institutional investors including the European Investment Fund (EIF, part of the EIB Group), insurance groups, pension funds and leading industrial groups,"* comments **Ciro Mongillo, Founder and CEO of the Group**.

Founded in 2011 and based in Isola Vicentina (Vicenza), **Compton Industriale** is now one of Italy's leading operators in the field of electrical material recycling technologies, particularly photovoltaic modules, with an international commercial presence in the UAE, Spain, the Netherlands, Germany, Romania, the UK and North America (approximately 50% of sales are exports). Compton has also opened a *branch* in Hong Kong to support its expansion in Asia and another in the United States. In 2025, after completing its move to a new production site of over 5,000 square metres, the company achieved **revenues of £10 million (up 40% on the previous year) and defined a business plan that already forecasts growth of over 50% in 2026** and a fourfold increase over the next four years.

Compton develops advanced technological solutions for the treatment of waste electrical and electronic equipment (WEEE), with a specific focus on end-of-life photovoltaic panels. The plants designed and manufactured by Compton, using proprietary technology, enable significant improvements in the quality of recovered materials, significantly reducing recycling waste, with a recovery rate that, in the case of photovoltaic panels, exceeds 95% of materials. Over the last two years, the technology platform has been further enhanced with the introduction of **automation and robotics** systems supported by intelligent recognition software capable of improving operational performance over time, with greater safety.

The operation is part of a context of expected strong growth in the electrical materials recycling market, particularly photovoltaic panels. Considering an average life span of photovoltaic modules of approximately 18 years, a significant increase in the volume of end-of-life materials is expected from **2025-2026** onwards: by 2050, globally, it is estimated that **approximately 300 million panels will need to be disposed of**, equal to approximately 80% of the mass of new installations, with the value of recyclable materials potentially reaching \$80 billion by 2050. In this context, there is also growing regulatory pressure at European level regarding the collection, treatment and recycling of WEEE waste, as well as an increase in the economic value of recoverable materials (glass, aluminium, copper, silver), which makes efficient and technologically advanced industrial solutions increasingly important.

With the support of EOS IM, Compton Industriale aims to strengthen its production capacity, accelerate

the scalability of existing technologies and expand the scope of application of its solutions to adjacent segments of the energy transition supply chain, while maintaining a strong focus on innovation, industrial efficiency and sustainability.

*"Compton Industriale is an example of Italian technological excellence at the service of the circular economy and energy transition, perfectly in line with the thematic strategy of our EOS NEXT TRANSITION II Fund," commented **Gianni Galasso, Senior Partner at EOS IM Private Equity**. "Compton is a company with unique capabilities in developing proprietary technologies dedicated to different types of materials and applications. Our goal is to support the management team in a structured international industrial and commercial growth path, leveraging all proprietary technologies in markets that are set to grow significantly in the coming years."*

*"The entry of a partner such as EOS IM allows us to accelerate Compton's industrial development, strengthening our ability to respond to rapidly expanding demand for efficient and technologically advanced recycling solutions," said **Andrea Pasin, Founder and CEO of Compton Industriale**. "The end-of-life market for renewable energy plants represents a crucial industrial and environmental challenge, to which we intend to contribute with concrete and innovative solutions."*

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#### **About EOS Investment Management Group**

EOS Investment Management Group (EOS IM) is an independent international group headquartered in London, with offices in Milan and Luxembourg, specialised in promoting alternative investment funds dedicated exclusively to the energy and sustainability transition. It operates at the European level in the private equity and energy infrastructure sectors, having been a pioneer in new-generation renewable energy investments without relying on public subsidies. EOS IM Ltd is authorised and regulated by the UK's Financial Conduct Authority and has adhered to the UN Principles for Responsible Investment (UN PRI) since 2019.

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