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SOL Group, through its subsidiary ITOP, consolidates its presence in the orthopedic sector with the acquisition of POR Group, a Rome-based group specializing in the production of devices and after-sales assistance.

SOL Group - a multinational operating in the technical, industrial and medicinal gases sector, as well as in the home care sector through the companies distinguished by the "VIVISOL" brand - continues to strengthen its presence in the orthopedics sector, where it operates through the VIVITOP brand, with the acquisition of 100% of the shares of POR Group.

Founded in Rome in 1967, POR Group stands out for its decades of experience in the design, production and assistance of custom-made orthopedic devices. In addition to its production site based in Rome, the group has a network of orthopedic health centers located in the Roman area. In the 2023 financial year, POR Group recorded a turnover of 3 million euros and a workforce of 27 employees.

This operation represents a new strategic partnership that allows VIVITOP to further expand both its offer of personalized products and services with a high technological level and its geographical presence in this important sector, which already brings together some of the Italian excellences in orthopedics such as ITOP, Centro Ortopedico Ferranti (COF), Medere and Orthohub, which operate in Lazio, Sicily and Veneto.

Aldo Fumagalli Romario, Chairman and CEO of SOL Group, said: "*This operation is part of the strategic vision of SOL Group and, in particular, of VIVITOP to combine innovation and technological excellence with an increasingly wide and accessible territorial offer for patients and healthcare professionals. It also contributes to further strengthening VIVITOP's role as a leader in the Italian orthopedic landscape*"

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SOL is an Italian multinational Group that operates in Europe, Turkey, Morocco, Brazil, Ecuador, Peru, China and India in two distinct main sectors: that of the production, applied research and marketing of technical, pure and medicinal gases (Technical Gases Division) and that of Home Medical Assistance (Home Care Division).

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