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## IndustriALL Global Union in solidarity with workers at Figline Valdarno Bekaert factory

Dear Sister Francesca and Brothers Marco and Rocco,

I am writing this letter to you on behalf of [IndustriALL Global Union](http://www.industriall-union.org)'s more than fifty million workers in mining, energy and manufacturing sectors throughout the world, including Italy, to express our full support and solidarity with the workers at the Figline Valdarno Bekaert factory.

We condemn in the strongest terms the decision of Bekaert of putting at risk the jobs of more than 300 workers at the Figline Valdarno factory by announcing the unilateral decision of closing down the plant, which is in blatant violation of the company's obligation, under European Union's law, to prior consultation with the European Works Council. In addition, this decision is also in violation of the commitments made in 2014, when the company was bought from Pirelli, to guarantee the continuity of production and job security at this important site.

IndustriALL Global Union stands shoulder to shoulder with the sisters and brothers at the Figline Valdarno Bekaert factory, and fully supports the unions' demands to the Italian government and the European Union to intervene to keep the plant open and protect the jobs of the whole workforce at Figline Valdarno, and thus avoid mass job losses that would have a devastating impact on the community.



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In solidarity,

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