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CBI Group Produces 20,000 Units per Day of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) CBI Group leverages Gerber Technology for Amma - Ind. de Confecções, Lda facility to increase production by 50%.

Porto, Portugal, June 4, 2020 - CBI Indústria de Vestuário S.A. leveraged their long-standing partnership with Gerber Technology to successfully convert their production lines to personal protective equipment (PPE). The CBI Group normally specializes in men's, women's and children's clothing but were one of the first companies in Portugal to transition to PPE production during the COVID-19 outbreak. With the support and expertise of Gerber, the CBI Group is producing 20,000 consumer masks per day and is expected to increase their production capacity by 50% when an additional Gerber Paragon® arrives at their recently-acquired Amma - Ind. de Confecções, Lda facility.

"We are so proud of the CBI Group's tremendous efforts towards increasing production of PPE," stated Francisco Aguiar, Sales Director of Gerber Technology. "We are fully committed to supporting them in every way we can, whether it be sharing our expertise, providing resources, or helping them optimize their production for an efficient process."

Confidence and stability play an important role in the current economic state of the world, which is the reason the CBI Group chose a Gerber Paragon for their Amma Têxtil facility, which was originally using another technology partner. Gerber provided the CBI Group with early access to essential market information like raw material suppliers and production-ready patterns which allowed them to quickly get started producing PPE. The CBI Group relied heavily on Gerber's PPE Resource Center to quickly connect with raw material suppliers and mask models which made their transition fast and fluid.

"Gerber's initiative to help companies convert their regular production to production of PPE was essential in the first phase, where it was necessary to quickly identify suppliers of raw materials in order to be able to start production and to access mask patterns ready to produce," said Francisco Batista, Administrator for CBI Group. "Gerber was above all a proactive partner who was there from the start to guide the process along the entire value chain."

About the CBI Group

The CBI Indústria de Vestuário S.A. operates in the apparel industry, producing men's and women's high-quality clothing, aimed at the medium/high segment. In the market since 1997, it is located in Mangualde, Portugal, producing mainly to external markets like Spain, France, England, Germany, Northern European countries and the United States.

The company currently has around 200 qualified employees and produces about 600 pieces per day, including jackets, trousers and vests. It recently created a new production line for PPE and now produces 20,000 units of masks and gowns per day, which will soon be increased by 50%.

Besides the facilities in Mangualde, it also has its own production in Cape Verde and Morocco for the production of more competitive product lines. Visit www.cbiportugal.com

About Gerber Technology

Gerber Technology delivers industry-leading software and automation solutions that help apparel and industrial customers improve their manufacturing and design processes and more effectively manage and connect the supply chain, from product development and production to retail and the end customer. Gerber serves 78,000 customers in 134 countries, including more than 100 Fortune 500 companies in apparel and accessories, home and leisure, transportation, packaging and sign and graphics.

Based in Connecticut in the USA, Gerber Technology is owned by AIP, a New York based, global private equity firm specializing in the technology sector and has more than \$3.0 billion assets under management. The company develops and manufactures its products from various locations in the United States and Canada and has additional manufacturing capabilities in China. Visit www.gerbertechnology.com and www.

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