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Press release

Marcolin announces the renewal of the eyewear agreement with The Timberland Company

Sunglass and prescription frame licensing agreement extended through 2010

Longarone, April 26 2006. Marcolin, one of the world's leaders in the eyewear industry, announced today the renewal of the licensing agreement for design, production and worldwide distribution of Timberland prescription frames and sunglasses.

The agreement extends the relationship through December 31st 2010 and contains terms and conditions which are basically in line with those included in the current agreement, originally due for expiry on December 31st 2007.

The estimated turnover for 2006 – 2010 is between 50 – 60 million US dollars.

Maurizio Marcolin, the Group's Style & Licensing CEO, commented: *"We are extremely excited to have advance renewal of the licensing agreement with Timberland. Our commitment for the future will aim to capitalize on and increase the growth of the brand in the eyewear sector, continuing the partnership we've established over the years".*

Patrick Baboin, Vice President of worldwide licensing for The Timberland Company commented: *"We are thrilled to be continuing our relationship with Marcolin. They have shown a strong ability to interpret and represent our brand with the utmost in quality and rugged outdoor styling. We look forward to many years of successful business together".*

Marcolin, listed on the Milan Stock Exchange, is one of the leading eyewear companies, and stands out, in the luxury sector, for the premium quality of its products, its attention to detail, and focused distribution. In 2005 the company produced and distributed over 6.3 million prescription frames and sunglasses in over 400 models.

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