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S. A., MACCHI VARESE
APR. 1944; DEC. 1945 - AUG. 1946


DOTT. CARLO MAURIZIO RUSPOLI
ROMA - VIA LISBONA, 23
TELEF. 862-170

Milan 7-7-46

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Dear Wing Col. Thompson,
As I promised I have
looked up the Macchi people
about the manufacturing
permit of the small plane
I told you about recently -

They have constantly been
in touch with your Lt Reid
and therefore I believe they
are not "trespassing" in any
way at all! - No doubt
Lt Reid will be able to explain
the whole situation to you, and
their satisfaction -

With my very best regards
Yours Chambers

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FROM : Air Forces Sub-Commission, A.C. Milan
TO : Air Forces Sub-Commission, A.C. Hq. Rome
(attention W/Cdr. Thompson)
DATE : 13 August 1946
REF. : AFSC/M/823/Eng.

CONSTRUCTION OF LIGHT AIRCRAFT

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Receipt is acknowledged of your letter AFSC/823/
29/Eng. dated 8th August 1946.

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2. The points raised in paras 1) 2) 3) of this letter are answered by our AFSC/M/36/Air of 8th August, which contained drawings and specification of the aircraft.

3. MACCHI firm have been again informed to-day, both verbally and by letter (copy enclosed) that all work on the "MB 308" is to cease.

1 Enclosure



D.G. REID
Commanding
A.F.S.C. MILAN



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FROM : Air Forces Sub-Commission, A.C. Milan
TO : Aeronautica Macchi, Varese
DATE : 13 August 1946
REF. : AFSC/M/36/Air

CONSTRUCTION OF LIGHT AIRCRAFT

Reference is made to your letter IFC/eb dated 6th August 1946 and to our telephone conversation of this morning date.

2. In accordance with orders issued by AFSC Rome all work on aircraft at Aeronautica Macchi, Varese, must cease.
3. It is again pointed out that the construction of "MB 308" was effected without authority and a very serious view will be taken of any further unauthorized work.

Di riferiamo alla vostra lettera IFC/eb del 6 Agosto 1946 ed alla nostra conversazione telefonica di questa mattina.

2. Come da ordini emanati dalla Sotto-Commissione Alleata per l'Aeronautica, Roma, tutti i lavori riguardanti aerei all'Aeronautica Macchi, devono cessare immediatamente.
3. Si fa rilevare che la costruzione di un "MB 308" fu effettuata senza alcuna autorizzazione e che in avvenire saranno presi seri provvedimenti qualora si verificassero infrazioni del genere.

Copy to:
AFSC. Hq. A.C. Rome
(for information W/Cdr. Thompson)

D.G. REID F/O
Commanding
A.F.S.C. MILAN



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From: Air Forces Sub Commission, A. C., Rome
To : Air Forces Sub Commission, Milan Detachment.
Date: 8th August, 1946.
Ref : AFSC/823/29/ENG.

CONSTRUCTION OF LIGHT AIRCRAFT.

Application has been made by a PRINCE RUSPOLI to test fly an aircraft constructed by MACCHI at VARESE.

2. This Headquarters has no knowledge of this construction and has certainly not authorised it.
3. You are to visit the MACCHI firm and inspect this aircraft, obtain particulars of design, performance, etc, and endeavour to find out who authorised the construction, and forward your report to this Headquarters.
4. Work on this aircraft is to cease.

H. Thompson

for, H. THOMPSON WG/CDR.
AIR VICE MARSHAL,
DIRECTOR,
AIR FORCES SUB COMMISSION.

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M A C C H I - VARESESede della Ditta: Varese

Personalità dirigenti: Ing. FORMSIO - Direttore Generale
Reg. CARONNI - Direttore Amm.vo e Procuratore
Ing. PEANO - Direttore Produzione
Ing. BAZZOCCHI- Direttore Tecnico
Ing. FACCHINETTI- Affari Generali

Maestranze: La Ditta impiega 1678 operai e 392 impiegati, con un eccedenza del 30% rispetto al fabbisogno.-

Capitale Sociale:

Produzione in corso: La Ditta attualmente ha in corso una temporanea produzione di motocarri a rimorchio.- Nel campo della costruzione aeronautica la Ditta si sta attrezzando per la produzione del biposto da turismo "MB.308" nonchè del velivolo da turismo a 8 - 10 posti " MB.310".-

Progetti per il futuro: La Ditta intende proseguire nella sua attività aeronautica, attività nella quale stima di poter trovare le ragioni della sua esistenza.-

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C A P R O N I - MILANO

Sede della Ditta: Milano

Personalità dirigenti: Ing. Amilcare FORRO - Capo Uff. Tecnico, Progetti
sta e costruttore

Maestranze: Il numero attuale degli operai ed impiegati è di 4650, contro
4100 del biennio 1938-40.-

Capitale Sociale:

Produzione in corso: la Società intende mantenere una adeguata produzione di materiale aeronautico, con particolare riguardo per gli aeromobili da trasporto e turismo.- Si occupa inoltre della trasformazione di velivoli militari in velivoli civili.- Particolare importanza e precedenza viene data agli studi e progetti tecnici relativi alla costruzione di filobus, autobus e tranvie.-

Progetti per il futuro: la Ditta sta cercando di riallacciare con l'estero le relazioni commerciali di anteguerra.-

From : Air Forces Sub Commission, Milan
To : Air Forces Sub Commission, Rome
(attention W/CDR Thompson)
Date : 5th June 1946
Ref. : AFSC/W/5/INT

ITALIAN AIRCRAFT INDUSTRY

Further to our letter of even reference dated 27th May 1946,
report on the following Italian Firm:-

S.A. MACCHI Varese

which have been received from Ufficio "I" Comando 1 ZAT is forwarded
herewith for your information.



[Signature]
D.H.G. SMITH, S/Ldr,
Commanding
AFSC MILAN

Enclosure (1) report on Aircraft Firm.

MACCHI FIRM - VARESE

The firm is located at Varese, Via S. Silvestro and was damaged by bombs in April 1944.

The greatest part of hangars and buildings was destroyed. At present they are using the buildings in better conditions, while the greatest part of machinery has been installed in two workshops rented by the firm respectively at Vaile Olona (Varese) and Inino, the depots are at Schiranna, Casbeno, Viale Valganna (Varese).

The managers of the firm are:-

Ing. Paolo FORESIO

Ing. Eligio CARONNI

Ing. Vittorio PEANO

Ing. Ermanno BAZZOCCHI

Ing. Piergiorgio MACCHINETTI

General Manager
Admini. Manager
Product. manager
Technical Manager
General business

This last is also the president of the firm's C.I.N. (National Liberation Committee), this committee does not interfere in the activities of the management as far as instructions and ^{policy} intentions are concerned.

Up to 1939 the Company was constructing also civilian a/c i.e. two engine seaplane in wood MC 94 and three engine MC 1000.

During these last years they constructed only metal a/c fighter ~~and~~ MC 202 and MC 205. During the German occupation work continued constructing 80 MC 205. They also repaired and dismantled some Republican a/c.

At present the firm intends to keep the production of lorries (reaching a daily production of 4 - 5 lorries complete with trailers), and they have already orders for 700 - 800 lorries.

The Aeronautical Civilian Section is i/c of the aeronautical production and they have already planned the a/c. The intentions of the firm would be to construct some wooden a/c.

At present the firm is supplying only parts for MC 205 to I.A.F. and hopes to contract in future some a/c for training and school purposes and carry out repairs to a/c.

The raw material stocks are as follows:-

steel	quintals	3250
light alloy	"	2000
Copper alloy	"	140
plywood	cubic meters	7
coal	quintals	20

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diesel	"	15

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The Company has just now overcome, thank to the capability of the managers and workers, a very serious financial crisis. They are in condition to assure a good production, like that for the lorries which is steadily increasing. They are also making alterations in order to render them more accurately finished.

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AERONAUTICA MACCHI & VARESE

The present Engineer promoter and constructor is Mr. Ermanno Barocchi.

The number of workers as at 25/4/45 was 1678, the employees 392, at present there is a surplus in personnel of 30-50% among the workers and 24-30% among the employees. The Firm would like to keep 1200 workers, employing half for the aeronautical production.

The raw-material stocks would last for 20 work days. The average labour cost per hour is, excluding the cost of material L. 309,65.

The Firm is at present constructing motorlorries, but there is always an aeronautical section. This Firm in fact is trying to carry on its aeronautical activities and keep only for precautioning measure the present construction of motorlorries. At present the Aeronautical Section ^{is} being fitted for the construction of a touring two-seater "MB 308", the model of which is already under construction.

An other touring a/c already planned is an 8-10 seater MB 310. They also intend to build an a/c for pilot training purposes.

During the German occupation the Firm did not work with R.S.I., this factory was declared under German authority protection, and an office for military supervision was opened by them. During this period a/c repairs were carried out and at the end they built also Messerschmitt.

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S.A. AERONAUTICA MACCHI. VARESE.-

La sede della Ditta, situata in Via S. Silvestro in, Varese, venne fortemente danneggiata da un bombardamento aereo avvenuto nell'aprile 1944 che distrusse la maggior parte dei capannoni ed edifici.

Attualmente vengono utilizzati i fabbricati meno danneggiati con sistemazioni di fortuna, mentre la maggior parte del macchinario è stato sistemato in due opifici affittati dalla Ditta e situati rispettivamente a Valle Clona (Varese) ed a Luino; magazzini si trovano a Schiranna, Gasbano, Viale Valganna (Varese).-

Gli attuali dirigenti dell'industria sono:

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Quest'ultimo è pure presidente del C.L.N. aziendale, il quale peraltro ha pure valore simbolico e non interferisce le attività della direzione per ciò che riguarda le direttive e l'andamento della Ditta.-

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Della produzione aeronautica ~~non si progetta~~ ^{non si progetta} se ne occupa il "Reparto Aeronautica Civile" che ha progettato i già segnalati velivoli.

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Inoltre in questo campo l'intenzione della Direzione dell'Azienda è di costruire per il momento apparecchi in legno basandosi sul concetto di produzione di qualità.

Attestando la Società Italiana Soluzioni Particolari per la

Rivoli di Linea.

Pertanto a tutt'oggi essa dispone approssimativamente delle seguenti scorte di materiali:

Acciaio	Ql.	3250
Leghe Leggere	"	2000
Leghe Rame	"	140
Compensato	mo.	7
Carbone	Ql.	20
Nafta	"	15.

Si segnala inoltre che la Società ha superato da poco tempo un periodo di crisi finanziaria gravissima, grazie alla capacità dei dirigenti e delle maestranze che sono in grado di assicurare una ottima produzione, quale quella al presente dei motocarri il di cui gettito va aumentando in seguito alle richieste sempre più favorevoli del mercato e delle successive modifiche che ne fanno un prodotto sempre più rifinito ed apprezzato degno della buona reputazione di cui gode ed ha sempre goduto la Ditta per la sua onestà commerciale e per l'accuratezza della lavorazione.-

Milano 3 giugno 1946.-

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FROM :- Air Forces Sub-Commission,
Allied Commission, Milan.

TO :- Air Forces Sub-Commission,
H.Q. Allied Commission, Rome.

DATE :- 20th December 1945.

REF :- AFSC/M/326/ENG.



AERONAUTICA MACCHI - VARESE

The following information was obtained during a visit to the Aeronautica Macchi, Varese by P/O Reid on 19th December 1945.

2. Considerable damage by bombing has been sustained at the main Varese establishment, a portion of which has been repaired and is back in use. Owing to the policy of decentralisation all machine-tools, which were moved to a another site, escaped damage.

3. No work of an aeronautical nature is in progress with the exception of studies and paper-work in connection with the light 2-seater aircraft, designed by Ing. Bazzocchi, of which one prototype was constructed and still exists in a battered and fragmentary state. The type is a 60 HP monoplane.

4. At present some 1700 workmen are employed on the following constructions at factories situated in Varese and Luino :- 397

- (a) Light 3-wheeler vans (23 HP) with trailers.
- (b) Threshing-machines for farm work.
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- (d) Miscellaneous furniture, toys, cycle-parts.

5. Production of the listed items is anticipated to reach the following monthly output at maximum :-

- (a) Vans :- 100 per month.
- (b) Threshing-machines :- 6 per month.
- (c) Barges :- according to order (contracts for bare in hand).

6. Workers are kept fully employed on the above programme and no unemployment difficulties exist. It is emphasised by the directors of the firm, however, that their real interest is aircraft-production and that they retain skilled workers and machine tools in readiness to recommence operations in the hope that, at some future date, authority for construction or repair work may be granted.



L.E. JARMAN C/O
Commanding
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