

## COMAU LAUNCHES “SMART DIGITAL RESTART” AND “IN.GRID/LINK” IN COLLABORATION WITH MICROSOFT ITALY TO HELP COMPANIES MOVE FORWARD

- The in.Grid/Link app makes data shared to the Microsoft cloud from Comau robots and machining centers to the in.Grid platform available from any device
- The new app leverages Microsoft Azure platform and IoT solutions to deliver a secure environment for remote monitoring and telemetry
- A ‘light’ version of the app will be available free of charge for a period of 6 months to support Italian and international companies helping them to manage automated lines in remote working mode

**Turin, 15 June 2020** - Now that industrial activities are resuming after the Covid-19 pandemic, **Comau launches “Smart Digital Restart” in collaboration with Microsoft, supporting companies by providing in.Grid/Link, a new web app for the remote monitoring and diagnostics of its robots and machining centers.** A light version of the application will be available for free for a period of six months, first in Italy and then in other countries.

The app is part of the in.Grid platform, which was developed by Comau to help companies transition to digital manufacturing. It is a software package that simplifies the acquisition and exchange of data coming from industrial equipment and machinery to enable predictive maintenance and optimize productivity.

in.Grid/Link allows operators to remotely monitor the status of Comau robots and machining centers installed inside a plant by checking their operating parameters. The data processed by the in.Grid data analytics platform is displayed in real time on any PC, tablet or smartphone by means of an interface that can be customized according to the customer’s needs.

The new application leverages Microsoft Azure platform and IoT solutions to offer a scalable and secure environment for remote assistance workloads.

In its complete version, the system collects, analyzes and stores machine and process data directly in the cloud, thus keeping the progress of work cycles performed by the robotic lines under control. In the event of a malfunction, the system automatically notifies the need for maintenance and assistance.

The solution is part of Comau’s commitment to helping companies easily manage their automated lines with continuity even in “remote working” mode.

*“in.Grid/Link is a plug-&-play tool designed to keep robots and machining centers efficient by enabling remote access to the digital platform from mobile devices and desktop interfaces. We are delighted to collaborate with Microsoft Italy on this project,” explains **Maurizio Cremonini, Comau Head of Marketing.** “By making this application available for free during the restart phase, Comau wants to support its customers. Now, they can continue to work effectively, even if operators cannot work physically in a plant due to health emergency rules. The current emergency has confirmed that digital resources are increasingly part of corporate life and are, undoubtedly, a key element of*

*business strategies. We hope this initiative will help our customers move towards Industry 4.0 and digital production.”*

*“As we’re seeing companies embracing new ways of working after the emergency, the new application offered by Comau to its customers represents a great opportunity to empower technicians to collaborate more efficiently by working together from different locations,” said **Barbara Cominelli, Microsoft Italy COO, Marketing and Operations Lead**. “Thanks to our cloud and edge computing technologies and to the connection opportunities with the shop floor, the application seamlessly allows new scenarios of remote assistance, fostering the adoption of innovative digital solutions to help companies continue to operate and grow.”*

### **About Comau**

Comau, a member of the FCA Group, is a worldwide leader in delivering advanced industrial automation products and systems. Its portfolio includes technology and systems for electric, hybrid and traditional vehicle manufacturing, industrial robots, collaborative and wearable robotics, autonomous logistics, dedicated machining centers and interconnected digital services and products able to transmit, elaborate and analyze machine and process data.

With over 45 years of experience and a strong presence within every major industrial country, Comau is helping manufacturers of all sizes in almost any industry experience higher quality, increased productivity, faster time-to-market and lower overall costs. The company’s offering also extends to project management and consultancy, as well as maintenance and training for a wide range of industrial segments.

Headquartered in Turin, Italy, Comau has an international network of 7 innovation centers, 5 digital hubs, 8 manufacturing plants and employs more than 9,000 people in 14 countries. A global network of distributors and partners allows the company to respond quickly to the needs of customers, no matter where they are located throughout the world.

Through the training activities organized by its Academy, Comau is also committed to developing the technical and managerial knowledge necessary for companies to face the challenges and opportunities of Industry 4.0.

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### **About Microsoft**

Microsoft (Nasdaq “MSFT” @microsoft) enables digital transformation for the era of an intelligent cloud and an intelligent edge. Its mission is to empower every person and every organization on the planet to achieve more.

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