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Whirlpool relaunch with investments.

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It was the fourth meeting between the trade unions, **FIM, FIOM and UILM**, and **Whirlpool's** top managers, to discuss the reorganisation plan presented by the American multinational. During the meeting, which took place in the offices of Univa (the Union of industrialists in Varese Province), the company explained their intentions for the EMEA spare part warehouse (SPC and Costumer Service Italia) and logistics.

In the **Cassinetta** area, **Whirlpool** have confirmed the strategic role of the spare parts warehouse for **Europe, Asia and Africa (EMEA)**, with further investments of **€1 million** for the two-year period **2012-2013**, which is in addition to the investment, of the same amount of money, already made in the previous two years. The investment, which was announced during the meeting, will be in addition to the **€42 million** planned for the three-year period in the other areas of Cassinetta. The trade unions wrote, "What the company showed us entails enhancement by concentrating a number of warehouse activities, which, today, are distributed around the region."

After this initial phase of examining the industrial plans for **the area of Cassinetta as a whole**, the trade union delegation confirmed their positive assessment of the overall investments, and appreciated the choices concerning the maintenance and enhancement of some activities, but confirmed their **negative assessment** of the declared lay-offs and closure, albeit gradual, of the side by side sector.

The parties established a calendar of meetings to continue the exchange of views and discussion; the dates are **25 November, and 2 and 13 December**.

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