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- 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 ready-made suppliers.

