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*By making use of a 4000 firms database, this article is aimed to analyze the dynamics of division of labour among manufacturing firms during the '90s and to assess the impact that subcontracting has on manufacturing firms' profitability, productivity and growth. The results of our econometric analysis show that: a) the division of labour is ample among Italian firms; b) belonging to supply chain system fosters firms' productivity, profitability and growth. However this last result does not hold for firms localised in the South, that is the less developed region of Italy.*

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