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Expansion of dairy business in Germany: NORDMILCH relies on flexible filling technology from SIG

Our focused efforts in the German dairy segment continue to bear fruit: the long-standing and successful cooperation between the SIG Combibloc division and Germany's NORDMILCH Group is currently being expanded through a new project. At its production facility in Zeven, NORDMILCH has invested in four new machines from SIG Combibloc for filling beverage cartons. Moreover, for the second time in a row, NORDMILCH has nominated SIG Combibloc as its best supplier.

The SIG Group is rigorously continuing to expand in the dairy business of its biggest market, Germany. In the first half of 2006 already, a 6% increase in net sales over the previous year on year period was achieved. Now, yet another project is being realised with NORDMILCH, a customer of many years standing. The northern German enterprise is expanding its Zeven facility, located near Bremen, by installing four additional filling machines designed and built by SIG Combibloc. Optimum efficiency is ensured, in particular, by the new high-speed machines for medium-sized packs. For the first time ever, they allow an output of 12.000 cartons per hour, including application of the closures, to be achieved. Says Manfred Feldmann, Head of the Production Centre for Dairy Products, when explaining why NORDMILCH chose filling machines from SIG Combibloc, "This output capacity is matched by enormous flexibility, both in terms of the products themselves and volume changeovers." For the future, NORDMILCH is relying exclusively on SIG Combibloc technology for filling its beverage cartons at Zeven.

In closure technology too, NORDMILCH is convinced that SIG Combibloc systems solutions are the ideal choice: for the mass production of its milk and milk-mix products, the group has selected the innovative combiSwift pouring aid from SIG Combibloc.

Production with the four new lines is expected to come on stream at the beginning of 2007.



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The German NORDMILCH Group nowadays exports to over 80 nations across the globe and, in 2005, achieved group net sales of EUR 2.03 billion. The products offered by the group range from fresh milk products, UHT items, evaporated milk and coffee cream through to processed cheese, butter, milk concentrates, powdered milk and special foodstuffs. In Europe, NORDMILCH sells exclusively through its MILRAM brand and internationally under the OLDENBURGER umbrella brand.

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SIG is a global provider of packaging solutions. Its product range includes the manufacture of cartons for beverages and food products, as well as machinery for the aseptic and non-aseptic filling of packages (SIG Combibloc division). In the PET sector, equipment for the production, coating and filling of plastic bottles complement the product spectrum (SIG Beverages division). In 2005, the approximately 4,800 employees generated annual net sales (continuing business) of EUR 1 207 million. The company has its registered office in Neuhausen am Rheinfall (Switzerland) and the SIG share is listed on the Swiss Exchange SWX (SIGN, security no. 001202249).

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