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### **Bilcare Solutions - 50 years of competence in films**

Bilcare Research GmbH founded September 18, 1962 under the name Myraplast Staufen GmbH, was one of the first manufacturers of rigid plastic films in Germany. Step by step the company advanced to become a global player.

With the first calender, 200 tons of films were produced in the founding year. In 1965 the company's name was changed to Kunststoffwerk Staufen GmbH, and 1969, after the acquisition of the calendaring business of Pegulan in Bötzingen, to Vereinigte Kunststoffwerke GmbH. Together with the pharmaceutical industry blister packaging for tablets as well as PVDC-coating to improve water and oxygen barrier properties were developed. With the launch of the worldwide largest PVC-film calender at that time in Staufen, the production of shrink film for tamper evident seals, bottle capsules and full body sleeves, as well as numerous process-engineering improvements, the company became a leading film manufacturer in Europe.

1988 the films specialist was incorporated into the European Vinyls Corporation (EVC) and 1997 a name change to EVC Rigid Film GmbH followed. 1998 a third German site in Weißandt-Görlau could be acquired. In 2001 EVC was taken over by the British petrochemical group INEOS, consequently 2005 EVC Rigid Film GmbH became INEOS Films GmbH. The INEOS-time was marked above all, by the launch of a new stenter-line for the production of shrink-films in Staufen and the set-up of a new manufacturing site in Delaware, USA, which was officially opened in 2007. 2010 the INEOS Films group was taken over by Bilcare. Ever since, the company operates in Germany as part of the Bilcare Solutions group under the name of Bilcare Research GmbH.

Half a decade after its founding, the Bilcare Solutions group is one of the leading, global manufacturers of a vast array of high quality calendred and extruded films for pharmaceutical blister packaging, shrink films for sleeves and capsules as well as films for printing and decoration, food and non-food packaging, credit- and chip-cards. Beside PVC and PVC-PE films and a broad variety of finished films such as coated, stentered, laminated and metallized films, extruded PET films round up the wide product portfolio, providing customers worldwide with a wide range of innovative solutions.

„Since day one, know-how and innovative power have been basic values of our company. It's our high quality products as well as the excellent customer service standing, as a deeply rooted part of our company culture, for our films for 50 years now“, comments Thorsten Kühn, CEO Bilcare Research AG.

„We focus on further quality growth. Recently an extruder for the PETG-film production at the German site in Staufen was launched. The extruded films are being processed in the stenter-line into technically superior, high quality shrink-films. At the Bötzingen site we invested in a new laminating line. This makes us the sole provider of high barrier films in Europe, offering in-house production of barrier films for the pharmaceutical industry from the actual manufacturing over lamination to coating, all under one roof. Further investments within the Bilcare Solutions group are being planned.

We particularly concentrate on the continuous expansion of our service and sales activities in the global market, driven by a strong future-orientated customer focus, in order to develop together with our customer's sustainable and innovative films solutions. This is our strength and our mission."

Note to the Editors

**Bilcare Solutions** ([www.bilcaresolutions.com](http://www.bilcaresolutions.com)) is alongside with the businesses Global Clinical Supplies und Bilcare Technologies part of the **Bilcare Research Group** ([www.bilcare.com](http://www.bilcare.com)) which operates 13 sites with 2,300 employees worldwide. Bilcare Solutions is a global producer of rigid films. Its manufacturing and marketing activity is concentrated in the production of rigid PVC and PVC-PE films and includes the finishing of films in the form of coating, stentering, laminating and metallizing. The company is also involved in the extrusion of PET films. With over 50 years experience in the production of rigid films, Bilcare Solutions today is one of the leading rigid film producers in the world. Worldwide the company employs approximately 1,300 people with sites in Germany, Italy, India, Singapore, UK and USA. It has the capacity to produce around 130,000 tonnes of films per annum and had sales of EUR 300 million in 2011.

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