

Press Release

Bilcare Solutions starts up PET-extruder at the site in Staufen

As already published in December 2010, Bilcare Solutions announces today an extension to their product selection.

The company expands its existing product portfolio of the Specialty Films Solutions Business with the start up of a PET-extruder for manufacturing PETG-films at the site in Staufen, Germany.

"The capacity extension enables us with immediate effect to serve the strong demand in the fast growing market of shrink film for sleeve applications even better than before," explained Dr. Heinz Gärtner, Chairman Bilcare Research AG. "This is an important step for implementing our growthstrategy."

With a capacity of several thousand tons and the along going generation of additional jobs, this investment is, being part of a several Million overall program, an important step to continue to be a fully integrated solutions provider for a wide variety of films. The combination of the PET-extruder with the already existing stenter line, will not only concentrate the product know-how under one umbrella, but will result in an optimum manufacturing efficiency. "In addition to our existing portfolio we are now able to offer our world-wide operating customers also an excellent service and integrated solutions "made in Germany" for highest quality PETG-film.

Note to the Editors

Bilcare Solutions (www.bilcaresolutions.com) is alongside with the businesses Global Clinical Supplies und Bilcare Technologies part of the Bilcare Research Group (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 and the USA. It has the capacity to produce around 120,000 tonnes of films per annum and had sales of EUR 270 million in 2010.

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