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Third filling line for sachets

Contract manufacturer SternMaid enlarges its filling capacity with a further sachet line

Wittenburg (Germany), August 2020 – This month, the contract manufacturer SternMaid commissioned a third sachet line for powdered foods and food supplements that will enable it to respond even more flexibly to customers' requests and changing market conditions. On this new line, three single-portion sachets can be filled simultaneously.

As SternMaid's commercial manager Mark Riemer explains: "Convenience is becoming more and more important. A ready-portioned product – quick and easy to consume even away from home – offers potential buyers considerable extra value. Since demand for the practical single-portion sachets is increasing all the time on the part of our customers and also retail consumers, we decided to install a third sachet line. It will be used for filling dry beverage bases or food supplements like vitamin and mineral mixtures, for example."

The new triplex line will greatly increase the contract manufacturer's capacity for filling three and four-sided sealed sachets. It has been installed in Plant 2, which was built specially for retail products at the company's site in Wittenburg. Like the two existing duplex lines, the new line will run very quietly. Preparations for this were already made at the project planning stage, in close collaboration with the installation engineers. Moreover, in the interests of sound-optimized working conditions, the filling and packaging sections of the line were separated structurally. This is part of the company's overall strategy for ensuring optimum safety and noise protection at the workplace. SternMaid is planning further investments before the end of the year, including installation of a new line for filling cans and sealing them with a cardboard base.

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About SternMaid:

SternMaid GmbH & Co. KG with its registered office in Wittenburg, in the Greater Hamburg area, is a member of the owner-managed Stern-Wywiol Gruppe. For over 35 years the group of companies with 12 industry-specific specialist firms in Germany, 18 affiliates abroad, 7 Stern Technology Centers and production facilities in ten countries around the globe has been among the successful enterprises operating internationally in the world of Food and Feed Ingredients. The Stern-Wywiol Gruppe employs a staff of over 1,400; it includes 100 R&D specialists, who develop products and formulations in the company's 18 applications laboratories. The group exports to over 130 countries.

SternMaid was established in 1996 and has since become one of Europe's leading contract manufacturers. With over 300 employees, the company offers a wide range of services. Besides manufacturing powdered food ingredients, food supplements and pharmaceutical excipients on a contract basis, SternMaid blends and processes special ingredients for baby food, vitamin mixtures and foods for special dietetic purposes.

A total of fifteen different blending lines and a diversity of filling lines for industrial and retail packs are available to meet all manner of different requirements. The packs include spiral-wound plastic or fibreboard cans, tubular bags and sachets for individual portions. This range of equipment is complemented by a modern fluidized bed processor for gentle drying, agglomeration, microencapsulation, instantization and granulation. With additional warehousing, co-packing, logistics and purchasing, the contract manufacturer offers a full range of services all from one source.

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