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Hood Packaging Increases Efficiency with Massive Investment in W&H Equipment

Company to install the PB[®]2555 pinch bottomer, two AD[®]8310 bottomers, two TRANSYSTEMS[®] and two ARCOMAT[®]2 palletizers from Windmoeller & Hoelscher Corporation.

LINCOLN, RI, August 2005 – Windmoeller & Hoelscher Corporation is excited to announce the purchase of a substantial range of products from W&H's Multiwall Division by Hood Packaging of Madison, Mississippi. The company has agreed to buy the PB[®]2555 pinch bottomer, two AD[®]8310 Bottomers, two TRANSYSTEMS[®] and two Arcomat[®]2 robot palletizers for installation in early 2006.

Hood Packaging is a long-time W&H customer. "It is our confidence in their products," states Manufacturing Vice-President, Gene Schneck, that once again brought Hood to W&H when faced with the decision to increase production efficiency and lower operational costs.

Hood Packaging designs and manufactures a wide range of plastic and paper packaging products. Its investment in W&H equipment will target growth markets that Hood

Packaging Corporation has major market share in already. The equipment will also allow them to offer new and improved products at competitive prices to their customers.

With beginnings dating back to 1959, today's Hood Packaging grew through several large acquisitions that have made them a key supplier of multiwall paper packaging, consumer plastic packaging and industrial plastic packaging in the North American market. Hood Packaging is also known for high quality flexo printing and maintains its own graphics facility in Anniston, Alabama.

The new PB[®]2555 pinch bottomer processes flat and side gusseted tubing into open mouth pinch bottom sacks, resulting in bags with ultrasonically sealed mitered corners. The AD[®]8310 bottomer is W&H's latest high performance mid range pasted valve bottomer with an output of up to 300 sacks/min. All the machines come with TRANSYSTEMS[®].

TRANSYSTEMS[®] automated material flow elements provide the logistic link in numerous aspects of the multiwall production process. It relieves personnel of monotonous and strenuous labor, enables more factory floor space, and protects intermediate and finished products from damage caused during in-house handling and transport.

In the case of Hood Packaging, the TRANSYSTEMS[®] will be used downstream of the PB[®]2555 bottomer and an existing PB[®]2550 to feed sack packets to the ARCOMAT[®]2 robot palletizer. Utilizing the ARCOMAT[®]2's automated high quality stacking capability, packet frequency is increased to 25 cycles/min.

The new pinch equipment will be installed in Hamlet, North Carolina. The Hamlet plant will then have two completely automated pinch lines. This will give the Hamlet plant the capability to tube, bottom and palletize pinch sacks in a single operation. The Hamlet plant currently runs four pinch bottomers. Hood Packaging Corporation currently has seven pinch bottomer lines to serve Eastern North America.

The Pine Bluff, Arkansas plant will have the AD®8310 bottomers installed with automated systems. The new AD®8310 bottomers will have multiple valve units and bottom patch capabilities. The Pine Bluff plant will have the leading edge technology in pasted valve sack product capability once the AD®8310 bottomers are in place. Hood Packaging Corporation currently has seven automated pasted valve sack lines to serve Central and Western North America.

Windmoeller & Hoelscher is a leader in the design, manufacture and distribution of flexographic and gravure printing presses, blown and cast film extrusion systems, multiwall equipment, plastic sack and bag making machines, as well as form-fill-seal machinery for the converting and packaging industry.

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