



smi SK 602 T ERGON

MAJOR INVESTMENT IN MEXICO

IN MEXICO, IN THE CITY OF QUERÉTARO, YOU ARE IMMEDIATELY FASCINATED BY A MAGICAL ATMOSPHERE THAT INVITES YOU TO HAVE A BREAK AND TO TASTE A REFRESHING COCKTAIL, LIKE THE READY-TO-DRINK 'CARIBE COOLER' PRODUCED BY BEBIDAS INTERNACIONALES BEPENSA S.A. DE C.V.

In order to automate the secondary and tertiary packaging process of its production plants, the Mexican company turned to SMI for the supply of the SK 602T ERGON shrink wrapper and the APS 3090 ERGON automatic palletiser.

The 36,000 b.p.h. Caribe Cooler bottling plant is the result of a recent investment in new technologies that has allowed to strengthen the presence of Bepensa on domestic and foreign markets.



Thanks to IoT technology with which they are equipped, the solutions purchased by the company allow to quickly switch from one pack format to another, to manufacture packs with a high quality aesthetic appearance, to manage production processes with a high level of sustainability and to achieve significant energy savings.

Shrink wrappers from SK range stand out for: continuous motion packaging system, that ensures a smooth production process, without any jerking movements, which protects containers from strikes, guaranteeing greater reliability, better pack quality and a reduction of mechanical wear. Easy and quick format changeover to quickly switch from one pack format to another, by alternating the production of different types of packs. High operational flexibility to easily and quickly adapt production plants to the changing needs of the company and to pack

0.33 L and 0.75 L in packs in film only, tray+film and pad+film in single or double lane. Packer equipped with hot blade sealing that allows to join the edges of the two shrink film reels installed on the machine without stopping the production process.

Shrink tunnel equipped

with metal chain: a solution that ensures improved film grip beneath the pack.

APS palletising system stands out for: Easy and intuitive man-machine interface, that allows the operator to easily and quickly control the end-of-line palletising operations. Low running and maintenance costs and easy integration inside current or new packaging lines.

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The company, that has been on the market for almost 30 year, is a leader in Mexico in the production of soft drinks featuring a wide range of flavours and sold under the brand Caribe Cooler, able to meet any consumer preference.

For the secondary and tertiary packaging of 0.33 L and 0.75 L glass bottles, Bepensa chose the automatic, flexible and efficient packers from the SK ERGON range and the palletisers from APS ERGON series produced by SMI.

KHS – Ferrum Deal

The KHS Group and Ferrum AG are intensifying their longstanding cooperation. Pending approval from antitrust authorities, KHS GmbH will be acquiring a stake in Ferrum Packaging AG. The aim is to optimally bundle the competencies of both machine-engineering companies to form a common system portfolio in the interest of providing integrated customer systems.

The KHS Group and Ferrum AG have been working together successfully in the can segment for years. Dortmund full-service provider KHS values most of all its Swiss partner's innovative machine technology and its expertise based on many years of experience, emphasises Martin Resch, CFO in charge of purchasing at KHS. "Ferrum AG is the worldwide well-known manufacturer of can seamers. Combined with our future-oriented solutions in the field of filling and packaging technology, we form an effective union that is valued highly in the market."

The two engineering companies are now intensifying their cooperation even further. Ferrum Packaging AG was founded as a subsidiary of Ferrum AG and incorporates Ferrum's entire worldwide can seaming business. KHS will be acquiring minority ownership in Ferrum. At the same time, Ferrum Packaging Inc., the US subsidiary of Ferrum Packaging AG, will be taking over KHS' can seaming business together with its employees and will be integrating it into the joint offer.

US Tariffs Announcement

Commenting on the news that the US have decided not to extend crippling tariffs to British gin Miles Beale, Chief Executive of the Wine and Spirit Trade Association, said, "The news that the US has decided not to escalate tariffs is encouraging. This will come as a huge relief to the growing UK British gin sector which has seen distilleries more than double in number in the last five years. Our innovative British distillers, particularly those working in the SME distilleries that the WSTA represents, can breathe easy and raise a glass to America."