IBP PET DEVELOPMENTS

New online stock containers

In a move intended to make its packaging solutions more accessible to a wider pool of customers, Constar LLC has recently launched an online catalogue on its website at www.constar.net, featuring a wide range of stock PET bottles, jars, and performs.

The online stock catalogue is designed to help prospective customers quickly and easily research and identify a Constar packaging solution. Visitors can review an entire category or search by application, size/capacity and finish size. There are seven categories: hot fill bottles, water /cold fill bottles, carbonated soft drink bottles, wine bottles, beer / liquor bottles, food jars, and preforms. Containers are available with Constar's industry-leading oxygen scavenging technologies, MonOxbar® and DiamondClear®, which extend the shelf life of oxygen sensitive packaged foods and beverages. Each listing includes an illustration of the bottle or jar and specifications on gram weight, finish, height, width, and bottles per pallet. Containers are sold by the truckload.

Constar President and CEO Grant Beard believes the online catalogue is a powerful tool for prospective customers and for Constar as it seeks to broaden its customer base. "By making our stock portfolio available on the web, companies that want to get a new beverage or food product to market quickly can now immediately find a production-ready PET bottle or jar. Choosing a stock container can save a significant amount of time and avoid the cost of developing a custom package. It's an attractive option for co-packers and small and mid-size companies."

Cost saving solution



market segment.

All main producers for the Food and Beverage industry with production plants running up to 36,000 bph can now rely upon the highly automated packaging systems delivered by SMI efficiently, costeffectively, and with a focus on ecosensitivity.

SMI's engagement in research and innovation activities has led to the launch of Smiform's ECOBLOC® PLUS series, featuring integrated systems of stretch-blowing, filling/capping and labelling of PET containers with capacity from 0,2 to 3 L., and ECOBLOC® series, featuring integrated system of stretch-blowing, filling and capping of PET containers with capacity up to 10 L.

Suitable for bottling lines of still and carbonated drinks, running up to 36,000 bph, the ECOBLOC® PLUS and ECOBLOC® systems stand out for their compact, modular frame, excellent price/quality ratio, outstanding environmental performance, low TCO, reduced maintenance requirements and for the application of technologies to ensure the perfect separation between the dry environment of the stretch-blowing module and the wet environment of the filling/capping module.

Smiform's integrated systems of stretch-blowing, filling/capping and labelling can boast several benefits in terms of cutbacks on costs, efficient use of space, and reduced maintenance requirements.

The compact frame and ergonomic design of the whole system are the result of hi-tech engineering solutions; likewise the application of the "Baseless technology" on the filling and capping module leaves the area underneath the bottles completely clear, so as to ease the operator's access to the machine for maintenance and cleaning operations.

As regards to the blowing module, the direct control of each station from the main operator control panel allows to stop - in case of failure only the relevant stations, with no need of stopping the machine operations.

All models are equipped with air recovery system, an environmentfriendly solution allowing consistent cutbacks on energy costs and providing up to 40% saving on air consumption.

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