

MULTIVAC builds new distribution centre

The MULTIVAC management celebrated the ground-breaking ceremony for a new distribution centre in Wolfertschwenden. The investment volume amounts to 11.9 million euro. The distribution centre will cover an area of 5,400 square metres and will be equipped with the newest and most efficient storage systems. It will be accomplished by the end of 2015.

“The investment is meant to further optimise the spare part provisioning of our 17 European affiliates”, says Hans-Joachim Bookstegers, director and CEO at MULTIVAC. “At the same time, there will arise advantages in regard to the material supply for the manufacturing of packaging machines at this facility. One of MULTIVAC’s factors of success is that we take care of the spare part supply of installed machines worldwide. By implementing the new distribution centre we are able to further optimise the availability and lead time for our spare parts. The new distribution centre will be the first



step in the redirection of our distribution concept, with additional centres in other regions being planned.”

Many guests attended the ceremony at the MULTIVAC headquarters, among them Hans-Joachim Weirather, chief administrative officer of the Landkreis Unterallgäu, and Karl Fleschhut, mayor of Wolfertschwenden. The MULTIVAC group has approximately 4,300

employees worldwide, with about 1,600 based at the headquarters in Wolfertschwenden. Overall, the headquarters cover an area of more than 63,000 square meters. Lately, the engine builder constructed a new production hall with an area of more than 3,200 square meters for the production of retrofitting and spare parts as well as for the production of chamber machines. ♦

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PMMI, the owner and producer of the PACK EXPO portfolio of trade shows, is pleased to announce GE’s Intelligent Platforms business is a sponsor of the Food Safety Summit Resource Center (Booth S-2962) at PACK EXPO International and Pharma EXPO 2014 (McCormick Place, Chicago; Nov. 2–5).

The Food Safety Summit began bringing The Food Safety Summit Resource Center to PACK EXPO in 2010, making this the fourth appearance of this exclusive PACK EXPO hub for food safety information.

GE will present a three-part series of educational sessions, “The Top 10 Ways Software Can Help Assure Food Safety,” at the Food Safety Summit Resource Center.

“With 51 percent of the attendee base being part of the food industry, food safety is obviously a priority for PACK EXPO attendees. By participating in the

Food Safety Summit Resource Center, GE deepens this PACK EXPO resource for addressing solutions throughout the entire line,” says Charles D. Yuska, president & CEO, PMMI.

The GE sessions are listed below:

Monday, Nov. 3

11:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

The Top 10 Ways Software Can Help Assure Food Safety - Part 1

Speaker: Katie Moore

Tuesday, Nov. 4

12:30 – 1:00 p.m.

The Top 10 Ways Software Can Help Assure Food Safety - Part 2

Speaker: Patrick Durante

Wednesday, Nov. 5

11:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

The Top 10 Ways Software Can Help Assure Food Safety - Part 3

Speaker: Brenda Rompf



“Communications along the production line and documentation are keys to successfully complying with Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA) rules,” says Katie Moore, Global Industry Manager, Food & Beverage for GE Intelligent Platforms. “The GE sessions will provide insight into technologies that can assist with both.”

Registration for PACK EXPO International and Pharma EXPO 2014 is \$30 through Oct. 3, when it increases to \$60. For more information about the shows, visit packexpointernational.com or pharmaexpo.com. ♦

