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BW Packaging announces strategic partnership with Crown Packaging Corp.

Collaboration strengthens integrated packaging capabilities to better address the evolving needs of today's packaging operations

ST. LOUIS — July 21, 2026 — [BW Packaging](#), Barry-Wehmiller's global packaging machinery business, today announced a strategic partnership with [Crown Packaging Corp.](#), a leading provider of packaging supplies, equipment and services, to deliver innovative packaging automation capabilities and integrated packaging solutions to customers across North America.

The partnership brings together BW Packaging's industry-leading portfolio of packaging machinery, automation technologies and integrated systems with Crown Packaging Corp.'s expertise and distribution network of over 50 branches and affiliates across the United States, Mexico and Canada. Together, the companies will provide manufacturers, retailers, logistics operations and e-commerce businesses with comprehensive solutions designed to improve operational efficiency, reduce downtime, enhance sustainability initiatives and streamline end-of-line packaging processes.

By aligning strengths across equipment, services and industry knowledge, BW Packaging and Crown Packaging Corp. are positioned to better address the evolving needs of today's packaging operations.

"Our collaboration with Crown Packaging represents a shared commitment to helping customers solve complex packaging challenges through innovative technology and exceptional service," said Matt Venezia, Chief Commercial Officer, BW Packaging. "Combining Crown's customer relationships, service footprint and broad selection of packaging supplies with BW Packaging's integrated machinery solutions creates new opportunities to support our customers with scalable, future-ready packaging systems."

BW Packaging offers a broad range of packaging equipment and technologies, including filling, labeling, bagging, palletizing, end-of-line systems and complete packaging line integration. The partnership is designed to expand the range of available packaging solutions, while enhancing packaging consultation and integrated system implementation through the combined expertise of both organizations.

"The partnership brings together the complementary strengths of BW Packaging and Crown Packaging Corp. to deliver more integrated solutions for customers," said Jim Krapes, Senior Director, Global Key Accounts & Market Development, BW Packaging. "By combining our automation expertise with Crown's distribution network and expertise in the supply of packaging material, we can provide complete technical solutions that help customers improve efficiency and performance."

"Customers today are looking for more than individual products or standalone machines; they want integrated solutions and trusted partners who can help optimize their entire packaging operation," said Rich Benkelman, Executive Vice President, Crown Packaging Corp. "By partnering with BW Packaging, we're strengthening our ability to deliver world-class packaging machinery, technical expertise and long-term value to our customers."

Both organizations share a strong commitment to customer partnership, operational excellence and continuous innovation within the packaging industry.

ABOUT BW PACKAGING

BW Packaging is Barry-Wehmiller's packaging machinery business, which offers a comprehensive range of filling, closing, labeling and end-of-line solutions, as well as fully integrated packaging lines. Comprised of 50-plus acquisitions of the world's most trusted packaging machinery brands,



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BW Packaging supports customers with its broad but in-depth packaging expertise and its global footprint spanning six continents. To learn more, visit bwpackaging.com.

ABOUT BARRY-WEHMILLER

Barry-Wehmiller (BW) is a growth platform and value-added operator redefining success in business by demonstrating how human and economic vibrancy work in harmony. With a portfolio spanning industrial and packaging automation, professional services and life sciences technology, BW combines disciplined operations, people-centric leadership and purpose-driven growth with a permanent capital mindset to create lasting value for all stakeholders. Recognized globally for pioneering a model of leadership that empowers leaders to perform with excellence while caring for others, BW has grown into a \$4 billion organization with more than 12,000 team members united by a shared mission of building a better world through business. Barry-Wehmiller's journey in creating new expectations of business is chronicled in the late Chairman and former CEO Bob Chapman's bestselling book, [*Everybody Matters: The Extraordinary Power of Caring for Your People Like Family*](#). To learn more, visit barrywehmiller.com.

ABOUT CROWN PACKAGING CORP.

[Crown Packaging Corp.](#) is one of North America's leading packaging companies, providing packaging supplies, equipment, automation systems and support services to businesses across a wide range of industries. With more than 50 years of experience and a nationwide network of packaging specialists, Crown helps customers improve efficiency, reduce costs and optimize packaging operations.