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Synerlink S.A. acquires cutting tool manufacturer Sogameca

Form-fill-seal leader strengthens its position as key provider to the fresh dairy and food industry



PARIS, France — Nov. 28, 2016 — Only three years after joining global capital equipment leader Barry-Wehmiller, Synerlink, supplier of packaging technology for the food industry and fresh dairy products, has expanded for the fourth time—with the acquisition of Sogameca, a manufacturer of precision machines and cutting tool technology based in Le Mans, France.

The addition of Sogameca extends Synerlink's production capacity for its Aprium end-of-line business and enhances its spare parts and cutting and sharpening services. Sogameca is recognized worldwide for its cutting tool precision, durability and ease of maintenance. They are considered at the forefront of innovative cutting solutions for new plastic materials, an area of capability Synerlink intends to accelerate.

"We are very proud to have the Sogameca team join the Synerlink family," said Eric Lesbats, Synerlink President. "As one of our most loyal and innovative suppliers for more than 20 years, we have collaborated closely with them. Their unique mechanical competencies, both in design and machining, will allow us to satisfy our customers' growing needs, especially within our Aprium end-of-line solutions. We look forward to introducing our global customer base to Sogameca's exciting technology and capabilities."

Sogameca is Synerlink's fourth acquisition since joining Barry-Wehmiller in 2013. In 2014, Synerlink acquired Axone Systems of Troyes, France; in 2015, Dinieper of Sao Paulo, Brazil; and in 2016, Dairy Pack of Logroño, Spain.

"We are pleased to introduce our caring culture and people-centric leadership practices to our new Sogameca team members and look forward to working alongside them in creating long-term value for all of our stakeholders," said Bob Chapman, Barry-Wehmiller Chairman and CEO.

With Sogameca as its 86th acquisition, Barry-Wehmiller, headquartered in St. Louis, MO (USA), grows to more than 11,000-plus team members among 100+ locations worldwide. Since 1987 when it began its acquisition strategy, the privately-held firm has experienced significant growth, anticipating revenues to surpass \$2.3 billion in 2016.

ABOUT SYNERLINK

Part of Barry-Wehmiller, Synerlink designs, manufactures and integrates complete ultra-clean packaging lines for spoonable and spreadable dairy products, as well as fruit-based desserts. Synerlink's global approach to packaging design, project management and complete line testing before shipment enables the company to ensure maximum performance warranty for our customers. Today, Synerlink provides the engineering of complete packaging lines through a broad range of packaging solutions, such as Arcil and Dinieper form-fill-seal lines, Dairy Pack form-fill-seal and fill-seal machines (preformed cups), Dosil filling and dosing modules, and Aprium end-of-line robotic solutions, such as collating and overwrapping, picking, crating and palletizing. For more, go to www.synerlink.com.

ABOUT BARRY-WEHMILLER

Barry-Wehmiller is a diversified global supplier of engineering consulting and manufacturing technology for the packaging, corrugating, sheeting and paper converting industries. By blending people-centric leadership with disciplined operational strategies and purpose-driven growth, Barry-Wehmiller has become a \$2.3 billion organization with 11,000-plus team members united by a common belief: to use the power of business to build a better world. CEO Bob Chapman shares the story of the company's transformation in his new book, [*Everybody Matters: The Extraordinary Power of Caring for Your People Like Family*](#). To learn more, go to barrywehmiller.com.