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## Thiele announces release of fully-automatic highly-efficient WPP Sealer

### Packaging solutions veteran to demonstrate new bag filling technology at upcoming Pack Expo 2016



MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. (USA) — Oct. 26, 2016 — [Thiele Technologies, Inc.](http://ThieleTechnologies.com), a Barry-Wehmiller company, is pleased to announce the release of its new Woven Poly Propylene (WPP) Sealer for the Star Series line of bag filling machinery.

The WPP Sealer is integrated into the bag filling machine in its own unique station. The sealer is used for sealing step cut paper and poly bags. These types of bags are commonly used in pet food, animal feed, seed, salt, sugar, fertilizer and chemical packaging applications. The new sealer runs in

concert with the UltraStar bag filling system, allowing for bags to be closed seamlessly without affecting production rates.

The WPP sealer is also fully integrated into the Star series machine controls and is touchscreen-operated, allowing for quick and simple changeovers when changing bag types, sizes, and heat and belt speed settings. The WPP sealer will be a standard offering on all UltraStar bag filling systems, and as an upgrade on all existing Star Series bag filling equipment.

“This project was a direct result of customer needs,” said Braden Beam, Thiele’s Flexible Business Leader. “We’ve seen the use of woven poly propylene bags increasing for many of our customers. They have needed a fully automatic bag filling solution that runs and seals in one system. Our team invested in this project and we hope this meets their needs in meaningful way. It’s about listening to customers and building trust with them so they know they can rely on us, even for something new.”

Other new features added to the UltraStar include front and rear driven belts that maintain continuous control of bag tops; easy-change drive compression belts; safety features that are designed to allow for outages and loss of air pressure; high efficiency heater element; and easy removal of bag jams by “popping open” of the upper drive assembly on demand.

Thiele Technologies is one of a number of Barry-Wehmiller companies represented in BW Packaging Solutions, which will be in booth #S-2100 at Pack Expo 2016, Nov. 6-9 in Chicago, Ill. These companies can collectively provide a single piece of equipment to fully-integrated, tailor-made packaging solutions for a wide range of industries, including: food and beverage, personal care, container manufacturing, pharmaceutical and medical devices, household products, paper products and textiles, industrial and automotive, and converting, printing and publishing.

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Thiele Technologies is a leader in the design, manufacture and integration of high-speed packaging solutions for a variety of industries, including the fresh and frozen food, pet food, beverage, brewery, dairy, bakery, pharmaceutical, health and beauty, chemical, horticulture, industrial goods, paper goods, medical devices, and consumer mailing and collating industries. Our complete range of end-of-line packaging machinery, which serves a broad range of global markets, includes placing, feeding, bagging, cartoning, bag- and pouch-making equipment, robotic, palletizing, reclosable packaging solutions, and case- and tray-packing equipment, as well as case- and tray-forming, erecting and sealing equipment. For more about Thiele Technologies, which is part of the Barry-Wehmiller family, go to [thieletech.com](http://thieletech.com).

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