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Winkler+Dünnebier GmbH (W+D) to acquire BICMA Hygiene Technologie GmbH
Partnership joins two solution providers for the hygiene industry



Lothar Geiger, Thomas Spurzem and Frank Eichhorn (l.-r.).

NEUWIED, Germany – Feb. 1, 2018 – Winkler+Dünnebier (W+D)—a division of Barry-Wehmiller and a leading provider of integrated system solutions for the mail and hygiene industries—has acquired BICMA Hygiene Technologie GmbH. Based in Mayen, Germany, BICMA designs and manufactures machinery for the production of hygiene products in the personal-care sector.

BICMA will complement W+D's Hygiene Solutions business unit, which manufactures machines that produce facial tissue and hygiene products. The collaboration will drive growth for both entities in the rapidly expanding hygiene market.

“It fills us with pride to continue the success story of BICMA, which was founded in 1995,” explained Frank Eichhorn, Managing Director of W+D. “We want to continue to build on the company’s solid foundation in the market and learn from the BICMA team members’ great technological know-how.”

BICMA will continue to be based in Mayen and led by Managing Director Thomas Spurzem, in collaboration with Eichhorn. Former Technical Managing Director and joint shareholder Lothar Geiger, who helped establish the company, is retiring at the age of 72, but will continue supporting BICMA in an advisory capacity.

“We chose to partner with W+D because both companies are guided by the same principles,” said Spurzem. “It is reassuring to know that BICMA will retain our culture of reliability and innovation, and that we can continue to focus on fostering our customers’ trust and providing them with exemplary service.”

“I am excited to welcome the BICMA team members to W+D and Barry-Wehmiller’s people-centric culture,” said Bob Chapman, Barry-Wehmiller CEO. “Together, we can enhance our offerings for the hygiene industry, while honoring BICMA’s 20-plus years of success in the market.”

Please see the attached document for English and German versions and a high-resolution photo.

ABOUT WINKLER+DÜNNEBIER GMBH

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