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SYMACH Unveils New FillStar Bag Filling Machine at Victam 2015



Terneuzen, Netherlands — June 5, 2015 — <u>SYMACH</u>, a part of <u>Thiele</u> <u>Technologies, Inc.</u>, will proudly introduce a brand new, versatile bag filling machine – the <u>FillStar</u> – at <u>Victam 2015</u> held June 9-11 in Cologne, Germany. The FillStar is a part of Thiele's Star Series bagger line which features machines designed for bagging all types of free-flowing product using laminated poly-woven, polyethylene and paper open-mouth bags. Other Star Series baggers include the <u>UltraStar</u> and the <u>OmniStar</u>.

The FillStar selects empty bags from a bag magazine, opens the bags and automatically places them onto the filling spout for filling from an overhead scale or filling device. Bags are presented under the spout by mechanical clamps which consistently maintain the form of the flat bag (including the gusset) until the bag is transported through the closing station.

Handling bag sizes ranging from 4kg to 50kg, the FillStar offers speeds of 20 bags per minute (using 25kg / bag) which totals more than 30 tons of product per hour. It also features high-speed automatic changeover for recipe changes, an intuitive operator interface that provides alarms and maintenance notices, as well as remote online support capabilities.

Each element of the FillStar is thoughtfully designed and selected. The unique universal filling spout guarantees the maximum opening of the spout allowing for a large range of bag sizes for maximum product throughput. Constructed with FDA-approved high density polyethylene, it offers excellent sliding properties along with high impact strength and good wear resistance due to its low coefficient of friction. The modular design of the machine allows the integration and option of a variety closing stations – including sewing, sealing and pinch-top - in the main frame.

Established more than a decade ago, SYMACH has been building innovative, quality palletizing solutions for customers in a variety of industries worldwide. With many successful past installations, SYMACH has tripled in size during that time. SYMACH joined Thiele Technologies, a division of Barry-Wehmiller Companies, Inc., in March of 2014. Thiele is a well-balanced supplier of packaging machinery systems and solutions, providing a full complement of equipment for high-speed: bag filling and palletizing, case packaging and palletizing, cartoning, bundling, and placing/feeding solutions. Hudson-Sharp, which offers pre-made bag and pouch equipment, is also a Thiele Technologies company.

ABOUT SYMACH

SYMACH B.V., a Thiele Technologies, Inc. company, is proud to provide a new generation of palletizers and bagging equipment to a variety of industries ranging from agricultural to industrial, food to chemical, and more. SYMACH's new baggers and palletizers are designed to incorporate the latest technologies to make them faster, more product-friendly and energy efficient. Based in the Netherlands, SYMACH is globally active in all directions and expanding steadily.

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 billion organization with 8,000-plus team members united by a common belief: to use the power of business to build a better world. To see how, go to barry-wehmiller.com.

