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Global debut at Anuga 2025

ALCA Corp launches first products filled on SIG's next-gen aseptic spouted pouch system featuring in-line pouch sterilization

SIG, a global leader in packaging systems and solutions, and ALCA Corp, a leading supplier of tropical fruit ingredients, are proud to announce the launch of the first products filled on SIG's next-generation aseptic spouted pouch system featuring in-line pouch sterilization: SIG Prime 55 In-Line Aseptic, removing the need for third-party pre-sterilization of spouted pouches. The official debut will take place at Anuga 2025, one of the world's largest food and beverage trade fairs, held in Cologne, Germany, from October 4 to 8.

This milestone innovation represents a major step forward in aseptic pouch technology. ALCA is the first customer worldwide to bring products to market with the new SIG Prime 55 In-Line

Aseptic, SIG's next generation aseptic spouted pouch filling system. SIG has thereby combined its longstanding experience in the field of aseptic pouch filling with decades of expertise in aseptic carton filling technology with in-line sterilization. Key benefits of the SIG Prime 55 In-Line Aseptic include: High output (filling speeds of up to 55 pouches per minute), lower TCO (in-line sterilization reduces operating costs); and flexibility (filling volumes ranging from 30ml to 500ml).

With three factories, ALCA brings together more than 60 years of combined expertise in producing aseptic juices and purees. The company exports to over 70 countries and supplies bulk packaging for further processing to leading manufacturers of baby food, beverages, and healthy snacks worldwide.

Building on this legacy, ALCA is broadening its portfolio with the launch of an innovative aseptic pouch featuring SIG's CloverCap closure. The first products in this format will spotlight the two fruit ingredients, in which the company holds global leadership: banana and MD2 pineapple. With this new capability, ALCA will also provide co-packing services, enhancing collaboration opportunities with brands around the world.

Farm to Pouch: ALCA's pilot brand as proof of concept

ALCA is introducing into the market, the first aseptic pouch as a proof of concept, aimed at gathering market feedback. This initiative with new technology will guide the development of new products to open co-packing opportunities for its clients.

"We're excited to take our long-term partnership with SIG to the next level" said **Andro Mandakovic, Commercial Global VP of ALCA Corp.** "Together, we're taking an important step of offering added value products in retail formats that will allow us to reinforce our vision of inspiring healthier habits by providing the most innovative, high-quality, socially responsible tropical products."



"This joint launch at Anuga is a milestone that reinforces SIG's role as the pioneer and leader in aseptic technology," said **Ricardo Rodriguez, President & General Manager Americas at SIG.** "For decades, we have set the global benchmark in aseptic carton packaging, and now we are bringing that unmatched expertise to the pouch segment. The SIG Prime 55 In-Line Aseptic is an exclusive innovation that showcases our ability to combine food safety, efficiency, and flexibility, while creating new growth opportunities for our customers and raising the standards of the entire industry."

Educating consumers with Clean Commit

The Farm to Pouch line proudly carries the Clean Commit logo – a mark for food safety, quality, and sustainability. More than a logo, Clean Commit is a movement and a dedicated online resource (www.cleancommit.com) designed to help families understand the true value of aseptic packaging.

Through Clean Commit, consumers can discover how aseptic technology keeps food safe and preserves the natural goodness in it for up to 12 months. Aseptically packed products retain essential nutrients, flavors, and natural colors without preservatives or refrigeration, The Clean

Commit platform highlights how aseptically packed products with extended shelf life can help to reduce food waste and energy consumption.

By choosing products with the Clean Commit logo, families can be confident they are making a healthier, more sustainable, and more convenient choice backed by the benefits of aseptic packaging.

About SIG

SIG is a leading solutions provider of packaging for better – better for our customers, for consumers, and for the world. With our unique portfolio of aseptic carton, bag-in-box, and spouted pouch, we work in partnership with our customers to bring food and beverage products to consumers around the world in a safe, sustainable, and affordable way. Our technology and outstanding innovation capabilities enable us to provide our customers with end-to-end solutions for differentiated products, smarter factories, and connected packs, all to address the ever-changing needs of consumers. Sustainability is integral to our business, and we strive to create a regenerative food packaging system.

Founded in 1853, SIG is headquartered in Neuhausen, Switzerland, and listed at the SIX Swiss Exchange. The skills and experience of our approximately 9,600 employees worldwide enable us to respond quickly and effectively to the needs of our customers in over 100 countries. In 2024, SIG produced 57 billion packs and generated €3.3 billion in revenue. SIG also has an AAA ESG rating by MSCI, a Platinum CSR rating by EcoVadis, and is included in the FTSE4Good Index. For more information, visit www.sig.biz

About ALCA Corp

ALCA Corp, the leader in tropical fruit ingredients, was founded in 2001 and is headquartered in Miami, Florida (USA). Since then, ALCA Corp has become the top supplier of tropical fruit purees, juices, and IQF products with 3 processing plants throughout Latin America: Banalight (Ecuador), Tropilight (Guatemala), and Frutilight (Costa Rica).

ALCA Corp prides its value proposition of supplying the highest quality products, at a competitive price, and with the highest level of customer service. Our clients can always depend on reliable year-round deliveries from 3 diversified countries of origin as well as our many warehouses in the United States and Europe.

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SIG and ALCA Corp are proud to announce the launch of the first products filled on SIG's next-generation aseptic spouted pouch system featuring in-line pouch sterilization: SIG Prime 55 In-Line Aseptic, removing the need for third-party pre-sterilization of spouted pouches. In a first move, ALCA launches its pilot brand Farm to Pouch, a banana purée aseptically filled in a pouch with SIG's CloverCap closure.

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