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EFFECTIVE LEVER FOR FAST AND EFFICIENT PRODUCT AND PACKAGING INNOVATION

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Bringing further added value to SIG customers, the new Tech Center will help to expedite new product and packaging development, to meet the ever-increasing demand for more sustainable packaging solutions. To get the development and validation of such new packaging solutions and

innovative materials even faster, more reliable and efficient, the Tech Center Europe will be an important lever.

In the new Tech Center Europe existing R&D Test Field & Prototype and combiLab facilities will be complemented with a new pilot plant, which will host state-of-the-art extrusion and finishing technology as well as advanced quality measurement systems and testing equipment. This will significantly increase serial production processability, system validation and future digital technology capacities.

Built according to the latest and most effective energy standards and food hygiene regulations, the pilot plant is scheduled to be operational by end of 2022. It will increase the co-development of products with SIG customers, speeding up innovation cycles by carrying out short-run test fillings. It will also serve as a showcase plant and modern location for project interaction with customers and stakeholder meetings.

Marcel Schopen, Department Manager Test Field, Prototype & Pilot Plant at SIG: "Our new Tech Center Europe will make us even faster and more efficient in bringing new products and packaging solutions to market. It will help our customers to keep one step ahead of trends and changing consumer demands. In the pilot plant and test field of our Tech Center we support all processes from start to finish, including sleeve production, filling products and pallet packing."

The Tech Center Europe will accelerate new product and packaging development, enhancing SIG's sustainable packaging solutions and supporting customers with complete end-to-end product launches. Working closely with customers, SIG sets the course with the choice of right product and packaging concept to meet consumer demands and boost their own business.

José Matthijsse, President & General Manager Europe at SIG: "Our new Tech Center will create capacities for packaging innovation that will shape SIG's future growth in Europe. It will enable us to co-develop with our customers and better meet their needs, further strengthening our partnerships and expanding the service we provide to our customers in Europe."

About SIG

SIG is a leading systems and solutions provider for aseptic carton packaging. 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 unique technology and outstanding innovation capacity 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 are going Way Beyond Good to create a net positive food packaging system.

Founded in 1853, SIG is headquartered in Neuhausen, Switzerland. The skills and experience of our approximately 5,900 employees worldwide enable us to respond quickly and effectively to the needs of our customers in over 60 countries. In 2020, SIG produced 38 billion carton packs and generated €1.8 billion in revenue. SIG has an AA ESG rating by MSCI, an 18.8 (low risk) score by Sustainalytics and a Platinum CSR rating by EcoVadis. For more information, visit www.sig.biz
For insights into trends that drive the food and beverage industry and inspire us to innovate, visit our SIGnals blog: <https://www.sig.biz/signals/en>

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