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SIG CARTON PACK 100% LINKED TO PLANT-BASED MATERIALS RECOGNIZED INTERNATIONALLY FOR PACKAGING EXCELLENCE

SIGNATURE PACK WINS WORLDSTAR PACKAGING AWARD

SIGNATURE PACK from SIG, the world's first aseptic carton pack 100 % linked to plant-based renewable materials, has won the prestigious international WorldStar Packaging Award, in the 'Packaging Materials and Components' category.

One of the major events held by the WPO (World Packaging Organization), the renowned awards – which have been running for nearly 50 years – are judged by a distinguished panel of international WPO representatives, plus an International Packaging Press Organization member.

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SIGNATURE PACK is a key milestone in the aseptic packaging sector, driving the replacement of conventional plastics from fossil fuels by certified and sustainable plant-based polymers, which are used to laminate the paperboard and to make the closure without compromising on the quality of barrier protection.

SIG carton packs contain on average 70-80 % paperboard from renewable wood sources. Additionally, in **SIG**NATURE PACK the polymers used for laminating the paperboard and making the closure are linked to plant-based material via a mass balance system. This means that for the polymers used in the **SIG**NATURE PACK, an equivalent amount of bio-based feedstock went into the manufacturing of the polymers.

One of the key attributes that elevated **SIGNATURE** PACK to the top of the judge's shortlist was the use of tall oil – a by-product of paper production – as the bio-based feedstock going into the polymers via mass balancing, as it doesn't affect staple food crops. To ensure the integrity of this process, the mass balancing is certified through internationally recognised third-parties.



Ace Fung, Global Product Manager at SIG, received the WorldStar Packaging Award on behalf of SIG: "This award is another great accolade for SIG and its ongoing commitment to going 'Way Beyond Good' and to becoming a netpositive business. **SIG**NATURE PACK uses tall oil as the bio-based feedstock because it is a by-product of paper production, rather than a crop which requires land to grow. In doing this the polymer used to laminate **SIG**NATURE PACK has a 100% link to plant-based material. This is a world first for aseptic carton packs and also a drive for a more sustainable future in the global packaging industry."

SIGNATURE PACK is a stand-out carton pack both in terms of providing added value to the beverage industry and satisfying growing consumer demand for sustainable packaging solutions. **SIG**NATURE PACK is one of the most pivotal innovations supporting SIG's Way Beyond Good ambitions to offer customers the most sustainable food packaging solutions and to becoming a net positive business by contributing more to society and the environment than it takes out – across the value chain.

MORE ABOUT OUR SIGNATURE PACK:

https://www.sig.biz/en/packaging/beverage-packaging/signature-pack-details

About SIG

SIG is a leading systems and solutions provider for aseptic packaging. We work in partnership with our customers to bring food products to consumers around the world in a safe, sustainable and affordable way. Our unique technology and outstanding innovation capacity enable us to provide

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our customers with end-to-end solutions for differentiated products, smarter factories and connected packs, all to address the ever-changing needs of consumers.

Founded 1853, SIG is headquartered in Neuhausen, Switzerland. The skills and experience of our approximately 5,000 employees worldwide enable us to respond quickly and effectively to the needs of our customers in over 60 countries. In 2018, SIG produced more than 35 billion carton packs and generated €1.7 billion in revenue. For more information, visit www.sig.biz.

PICTURE CAPTIONS:

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Award Ceremony – **SIG**NATURE PACK:

Ace Fung (left), Global Product Manager at SIG, receiving the WorldStar Packaging Award on behalf of SIG at the award ceremony in Prague.

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