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BEKUM appoints Dr. Wilfried Lehmann as Technical Director

- **BEKUM plans to advance modularisation, programmes and synergies**
- **The focus will be on expansion and progress in process engineering**

Berlin (Germany), 18/07/2016: BEKUM Maschinenfabriken now have a new Technical Director. Dr. Wilfried Lehmann will take over this role with immediate effect. Dr. Wilfried Lehmann is known to BEKUM customers already, as he previously held this position from 1998 to 2002. With this foundation, he will be able to draw on his practical experience in blow-moulding technology. Dr. Lehmann looks back on many years of international management experience in the plastic and machine tool industry, including at Ferromatik Milacron and Kampf Schneid- und Wickeltechnik.

In his role as Technical Director he aims to focus specifically on standardisation and modularisation for all blow-moulding system series at BEKUM. Here, potential synergies from the packaging sector and automotive industry will be more closely linked. For Dr. Lehmann, the sustainable development of process and rheological expertise is on the agenda, with the aim of ensuring lasting customer satisfaction. Dr. Lehmann: "Our customers should be so satisfied with our machines that they keep recommending BEKUM to others with complete conviction. From our

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Technology management will be consolidated

The outstanding role of BEKUM, known as a technology leader in the blow-moulding industry with high quality standards worldwide for over 55 years, will receive a dynamic impetus from the new Technical Director Dr. Lehmann. BEKUM will gain from Dr. Wilfried Lehmann’s in-depth expertise in the industry and his many years of experience to develop its range of machines, to safeguard the technological value of the BEKUM brand and help shape the company’s future success. Following the successful implementation of the BEKUM Group reorganisation with offices in Berlin (Germany) and Traismauer (Austria), Dr. Lehmann will now secure the company’s market success in development and design, and continue to advance and provide impetus in the areas of packaging and automotive.

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Captions:

Caption 1 (opening image): New Technical Director of BEKUM Maschinenfabriken - Dr. Wilfried Lehmann: "Our customers should be so satisfied with our machines that they keep recommending BEKUM to others with complete conviction. From our perspective, high availability, process reliability and high production quantities of our machines and equipment form the best basis for the BEKUM brand to convince the market."

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About BEKUM ++++++

Pioneer and Trendsetter in Blow Moulding Technology

Founded in Berlin in 1959, BEKUM Maschinenfabriken GmbH is one of the world's leading manufacturers of extrusion blow moulding machines.

Founder Gottfried Mehnert conceived the name BEKUM as the acronym (**B**erliner **K**unststoff **M**aschinen).

The company began to flourish in its founding year with the development of the world's first neck-rim calibration. Numerous innovations and patents followed, confirming that BEKUM, with its innovative and customer-oriented machinery solutions, has always been ahead of its time – and remains so to this day.

When innovative and economical machinery solutions with high productivity for individual packaging requirements of hollow packaging are in demand, then BEKUM, with over 55 years of experience in blow-moulding technology, is the first choice worldwide.

Product Range and Applications in Food and Non-food

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With future-oriented and reliable production processes and fully electric, as well as hydraulic machinery for the commercial production of blow moulded containers ranging from 5 ml to 3000 l, BEKUM offers everything for plastic packaging from one source.

Philosophy of the Company

Building and maintaining long-term relationships with market partners through future-oriented, predictable company policy determine the actions of the first and second generation of the family. This strategy ensures the jobs of dedicated and experienced staff. The preservation of traditional structures, an established network of partners and far-sighted adaptation to change form the basis for continuous development and inspiration for the company in the interest of partners, customers and employees.

Innovation and Technology

Process reliability, availability, efficiency and sophisticated design characterise the high standard of BEKUM production lines for blow moulding. BEKUM contributes the expertise that has grown based on these references, associated with 40 patents in blow moulding, to the fulfilment of every customer requirement.

The level of process design is key for process reliability, reproducibility, parts quality and cost-efficiency. A high-quality production line for extrusion blow moulding, consisting of machine, die and automation which is impressive in terms of speed, wear resistance, availability, process reliability and stability alike, is critical for return on investment (ROI) and the level of added value.

Facts and figures

With 16,000 machines delivered worldwide - about half of them still in use - the BEKUM Group has achieved by far the largest production of blow moulding machines of any brand.

The BEKUM Group serves approximately 100 countries around the world directly or through representatives.

Today, 330 employees work for the BEKUM group worldwide at three locations, generating sales revenue of €80 million (2015).

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