

First production site in Eastern Europe

MULTIVAC celebrates opening of new production facility in Bulgaria

Wolfertschwenden, Germany / Bozhurishte, Bulgaria, 7 June 2018 – Yesterday, the new production plant of MULTIVAC Bulgaria Production Ltd was inaugurated in Bozhurishte, near Sofia, with a festive opening ceremony. The guests included Boyko Borissov, Prime Minister of Bulgaria, Emil Karanikolov, Minister of Economy of Bulgaria, Gerogi Dimov, Mayor of Bozhurishte and Franz Josef Pschierer, Bavarian Minister of State for Economic Affairs, Energy and Technology, as well as other government officials and local politicians. Also participating in the celebration were representatives of the Agency for Investment and the National Company Industrial Zones EAD, board members of the German-Bulgarian Chamber of Industry and Commerce and managing directors of MULTIVAC Hans-Joachim Boekstegers, Group CEO and Spokesman, Guido Spix, Group CTO and COO, and Christian Traumann, Group CFO.

The new manufacturing plant of MULTIVAC Bulgaria Production Ltd is located in the industrial area of Bozhurishte and has a total surface area of around 20,000 square metres. In addition to a factory building with the latest technology for the production of MULTIVAC parts, the complex also includes a state-of-the-art warehouse and logistics centre, a training centre and an administration building. In addition to the Bulgarian sales and service company headed by Trifon Filipov, an international Shared Service Centre for IT, Strategic Purchasing, Design and Service will also be housed in the new building.

The groundbreaking ceremony for the new production facility was celebrated in September 2016. A total of 18.8 million euros were invested



and more than 150 modern and secure jobs were created.

Several initiatives were started by the company as far back as 2015 to attract young professionals in IT and logistics, among other areas.

“We are pleased to celebrate the opening of our first production facility in Eastern Europe here in Bozhurishte after a construction period of roughly two and a half years”, said Hans-Joachim Boekstegers, Managing Director and Group CEO of MULTIVAC. “Working in three shifts at this site, qualified specialists will produce machine parts and assemblies that meet the MULTIVAC quality standard. We are using modern turning and milling machines just as we also use at our headquarters in Germany. Incidentally, just a few weeks after commissioning, we are already utilising our full capacity.”

Ivaylo Dimitrov, Managing Director of Bulgaria Production Ltd, added: “We are proud that the MULTIVAC Group has opted for Bulgaria as the place to expand its production capacity. Our goal is to be one of the most modern production sites within the Group and to guarantee the high MULTIVAC standards through our specialists.”

In addition to the new plant in Bulgaria, MULTIVAC has eleven additional production sites in Germany, Austria, Spain, Brazil, Japan, Finland and the USA, as well as more than 80 sales and service companies worldwide.

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About MULTIVAC

MULTIVAC is one of the leading providers worldwide of packaging solutions for food products of all types, life science and healthcare products as well as industrial items. The MULTIVAC portfolio covers virtually all manufacturers' requirements in terms of pack design, output and resource efficiency. It includes a variety of packaging technologies as well as automation solutions, labellers and quality control systems. The prod-



uct range is rounded off with portioning and processing solutions upstream of the packaging procedure. Thanks to extensive expertise in packaging lines, all modules can be integrated into complete solutions. Thus MULTIVAC solutions ensure a high degree of operational and process reliability as well as high efficiency. The MULTIVAC Group has approximately 5,300 employees worldwide, with some 1,900 based at its headquarters in Wolfertschwenden. With over 80 subsidiaries, the Group is represented on all continents. More than 1,000 sales advisors and service technicians throughout the world use their know-how and experience to the benefit of customers, and they ensure that all installed MULTIVAC machines are utilised to their maximum. Further information can be found at: www.multivac.com.

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