

**New production facility planned in Taicang/
Jiangsu province**

MULTIVAC signs an investment agreement in China

Wolfertschwenden, 12 March 2019 – In February MULTIVAC signed an investment agreement to establish a new production company in Taicang in China. The new production facility will enable MULTIVAC in future to react to the requirements of customers in China with even greater speed and focus. The production of packaging machines and their peripheral components is planned for the new site. In addition to manufacturing, the Taicang facility will also have development and design departments. Steven Shen, who has worked for MULTIVAC since 2012, most recently as Technical Manager for the MULTIVAC sales company in China, is taking over the management of the new company on 1 March 2019.

“China is a significant market for us. This makes the establishment of a local production facility a logical step for us and a further stage in expanding our global production and sales network. Our objective is to achieve shorter delivery times for our customers and to be able to respond even more rapidly to the needs of local customers,” explained Guido Spix, Director and Group COO/CTO.

Steven Shen, future CEO of the new production company, added: “We are very pleased, that the MULTIVAC Group has opted for China as the place to expand its production capacity. This means that we can support our customers even better. Employing highly qualified personnel, we will produce on this site a range of machines in various output categories and for different functions within the packaging procedure, all of them produced to the MULTIVAC quality standard.”

Start of production planned for 2019

A production hall and office area of around 4,300 square metres in total has been rented for the new production company. Thermoforming packaging machines, traysealers, chamber machines, peripheral components and spare parts are all due to be manufactured in the new factory for the Chinese market. The start of production is planned for the end of 2019. In addition to this, a local R&D department will be set up on the site, so that it will be possible to react in a more targeted way to the development needs of regional customers. It is expected that in the next three years up to 100 jobs will be created at the Taicang site.

MULTIVAC China was founded in 2008. Today MULTIVAC in Greater China has a comprehensive sales and service network with around 80 employees. The main office is located in Shanghai, and there are subsidiaries in Beijing, Wuhan, Hongkong and Taiwan. A state-of-the-art Training and Application Center has been set up in Shanghai, and there is also one in Beijing, which specialises in meat processing.

In addition to the planned factory in China, MULTIVAC has twelve additional production sites in Germany, Austria, Bulgaria, 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 requirements of processors and producers in terms of pack design, output and resource efficiency. It comprises a wide range of packaging technologies as well as automation solutions, labellers and quality control systems. The product 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. This means that MULTIVAC solutions guarantee a high level of operational and process reliability as well as efficiency. The MULTIVAC Group has approximately 5,900 employees worldwide, with some 2,200 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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