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Handover Confectionery business to Bühler AG

Hosokawa Micron Group signed a sale contract of Confectionery Business to Bühler Group (Uzwil, Switzerland), all shares of Hosokawa Bepex GmbH (Leingarten, Germany) was sold to Bühler Group on September 30, 2015.

To Bühler Group, this acquisition is a perfect fit by supplementing their leading chocolate processing capabilities by the special confectionery know-how of Hosokawa Bepex. On the other hand, Hosokawa Micron Group will concentrate its business resources on Powder & Particle Processing as well as Blown Film Processing.

About Bühler A.G.

Bühler's process technologies and solutions contribute significantly to the worldwide production of confectionery. With a leading market position, its equipment and services have set standards in cocoa and chocolate manufacturing.

With their industrial-scale process technologies and solutions, they contribute significantly to feeding the world's population, setting the focus on food security and food safety. Bühler flour mills process contributes to processing rice and producing pasta, chocolate, or breakfast cereals.

In addition, Bühler is a leading solution provider of die casting, wet grinding, and surface coating technologies, with an emphasis on automotive, optics, electronics, printing & packaging inks, and glass applications.

Bühler is the family-owned company, and has 10,600 employees in some 140 countries, generating sales of CHF 2.3 billion.

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About Hosokawa Micron Group and Hosokawa Bepex GmbH

Hosokawa Micron Group is a world leader in providing process solutions in the fields of powder and particle processing technology and blown film technology.

Hosokawa Micron (Osaka, Japan) is advancing 100 years of powder and particle processing technologies experience and market leadership in the future with the application, development and commercialization of ultrafine powder and particle technologies.

Hosokawa Bepex is a global plant supplier in the field of confectionery and bakery, and offers solutions ranging from engineering, design, manufacturing and commissioning of entire plants for candies, cookies and chocolate or cereals bars. In fiscal 2014, it generated sales of about EUR 25 million with 153 employees.

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