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### ESSENTRA PLC SHOWCASES RECENT INVESTMENT IN INDIA

Essentra plc (Essentra” or “the Company”) has showcased its new purpose-built, standalone facility in Bangalore, India for the first time. The facility initiated production in November 2013, and has the capacity to accommodate manufacturing, warehousing and the appropriate commercial infrastructure for all Essentra’s business activities, excluding the Company’s successful joint venture with ITC in Filter Products which remains unchanged.

P T Sreekumar - Managing Director, Asia Region, commented: *“India is a key opportunity market for Essentra, and the investment we have made in this dedicated facility will allow the Company to serve customers even better with our extensive range of speciality components, supported by our considerable experience and technical expertise. As such, the establishment of our new site will provide a platform from which to develop all Essentra’s business activities in India, and underscores our commitment to this important, fast-growing market.”*

Essentra’s 70,000 sq. ft. state-of-the-art, fully air-conditioned site is located in the Peenya Industrial Area, and has been designed for optimal machine and material storage for cost effectiveness. With potential employment for up to 100 individuals, the plant currently comprises a dedicated team of 41 headed up by General Manager Mr A Narayanaswamy who joined the Essentra Group in 2000. The factory meets Essentra’s internal high standards for quality, and has already gained the triple certification of ISO 9001, ISO 14001 and OHSAS 18001 as well as the BRC / IoP global standard for packaging and packaging materials.

Essentra (India) Private Limited, the Group company responsible for operating the facility in India, currently brings together the manufacturing and sales activities of Essentra's Packaging and Porous Technologies divisions, as well as the commercial, customer and warehousing capabilities of its Components and Speciality Tapes businesses. In addition, the Company is in the process of evaluating the opportunities to establish manufacturing for Healthcare Packaging so as to extend its product offering into more value-added areas such as folding carton and leaflets, as well as for its custom profile Extrusion operations.

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## **Notes to Editors:**

Essentra plc is a FTSE 250 company and a leading international supplier of speciality plastic, fibre, foam and packaging products. Through its four principal operating divisions, Essentra focuses on the light manufacture and distribution of high volume, essential components which serve customers in a wide variety of end-markets and geographies.

### *Component & Protection Solutions*

The Components business is a global market leading manufacturer and distributor of plastic injection moulded, vinyl dip moulded and metal items. Operating units in 25 countries serve a very broad industrial base of customers with a rapid supply of primarily plastic products for a variety of applications in industries such as hydraulics, pneumatics, electrical controls and construction.

The Pipe Protection Technologies business specialises in the manufacture of high performance innovative products from commodity resins to engineering-grade thermoplastics and polymer alloys for use in a range of end-markets. Locations in four countries, combined with a wide distributor network, serve customers around the world.

### *Porous Technologies*

A global market leading developer and manufacturer of custom fluid handling components, engineered from a portfolio of technologies that includes bonded and non-woven fibre, polyurethane foam and porous plastic. Representing leading innovations used in healthcare, consumer and industrial applications, its enabling components are found in a wide range of products from medical diagnostics tests to advanced wound care pads, inkjet printer cartridges, writing instruments, clean room wipes and air fresheners. Customers in over 56 countries are served from six manufacturing facilities with research and development centres supporting the division globally.

### *Packaging & Securing Solutions*

A leading global provider of packaging and securing solutions to a diversified blue-chip customer base. The division focuses on delivering value adding innovation, quality and service to customers through a range of cartons, tapes, leaflets, foils and labels for the healthcare, consumer and specialist packaging, point of sale and paper & board industries. The division is also a leading supplier of authentication technologies and identity solutions. Customers in over 100 countries are served from facilities operating in ten countries.

### *Filter Products*

The only global independent cigarette filter supplier. The nine worldwide locations, including a UK-based research facility and three regional development centres provide a flexible infrastructure strategically positioned to serve the tobacco industry. The division supplies a wide range of value adding high quality innovative filters, packaging solutions to the roll your own sector and analytical laboratory services for ingredient measurement for the industry.

## *Other*

The Extrusion business is a leading custom profile extruder located in The Netherlands and offers a complete design and production service. One of the first companies to extrude plastics in 1956, it is now one of Europe's most advanced suppliers of co-extrusions and tri-extrusions to all branches of industry.

Headquartered in the United Kingdom, Essentra's global network extends to 32 countries and includes c. 5,700 employees, 42 principal manufacturing facilities, 64 sales & distribution operations and 5 research & development centres. For further information, please visit [www.essentra.com](http://www.essentra.com).