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ESSENTRA OFFICIALLY OPENS ITS NEW PURPOSE-BUILT LABELS AND MANUFACTURING FACILITY IN NEWPORT, WALES

As part of its growth ambitions, and consistent with its Vision 2015 strategic objectives, Essentra plc ("Essentra" or "the Company") today officially opened its purpose-built labels manufacturing facility in Newport, Wales.

This investment provides the Company with a 52,000 sq ft facility from which to meet the growing demands of both existing and new business across its target end-markets.

It marks the latest investment by Essentra, which only last week announced plans to acquire Clondalkin Group's Specialist Packaging Division for approximately US\$455m.

The Newport site incorporates the Company's latest investment in digital printing and a cleanroom for production of primary packaging foils for the healthcare market. To ensure the exacting requirements are met for this new product, the cleanroom meets the Class 8 ISO standards and is the first for Essentra, enabling the Company to better service its healthcare customers from this world class operation.

The factory also meets Essentra's internal high standards for quality, and has already gained the triple certification of ISO 9001, ISO 14001 and OHSAS as well as the BRC / IoP global standard for packaging and packaging materials.

The new facility was officially opened by Essentra plc's Chairman Jeff Harris and Chief Executive Colin Day in front of employees and Economy Minister Edwina Hart from the Welsh Government, which supported the investment with £290,000 of business finance. The site currently employs 66 people and has plans for further expansion as part of Essentra's growth ambitions.

Commenting on today's announcement, Jeff Harris, Chairman, said:

"Our Essentra facility at Newport represents a substantial investment in our label and primary packaging capabilities, and ensures we have the best operational footprint and necessary space to meet the growing needs of the healthcare and consumer packaging markets we serve.

"Our new site is a world class operation with the best in cleanroom technology, and builds on the strong reputation we have developed as Essentra from our other locations in order to serve our customers worldwide."

Edwina Hart said: “I am delighted that Essentra - a global leader in healthcare packaging - is investing in Wales and creating a state-of-the art centre of expertise which is creating and safeguarding jobs. Attracting a company of this calibre is great news and a vote of confidence in Welsh manufacturing and capability.”



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About Essentra Packaging

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Essentra Packaging is a global provider of innovative packaging solutions that deliver benefits to consumer and healthcare markets, combining pack functionality with creative design & print to deliver brand communication and protection.

Essentra offers customer solutions from a broad range of capabilities for both secondary and primary packaging requirements. Authentication expertise adds layers of protection which can be tailored to address the brand protection needs of individual customers. Capabilities include the production of cartons, leaflets, foils, tapes, labels and tamper evident seals.

Supported by a global manufacturing base, in-house design studio, R&D facilities and state of the art print facilities, Essentra Packaging delivers the very best in quality, service and reliability to support the needs of our customers.

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About Essentra plc

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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 26 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 equipment manufacturing, automotive, fabrication, electronics 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 eight 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 33 countries and includes c. 5,700 employees, 42 principal manufacturing facilities, 64 sales & distribution operations and 5 research & development centres: subject to the successful completion of the acquisition of Clondalkin Specialist Packaging Division, Essentra's network will increase to 66 manufacturing sites and c. 8,100 employees.

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