

Press Release

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Technology 4.0 – KHS at drinktec

- Focus on resource savings and water systems
- World premiere for innovative packaging concepts
- Portfolio expanded for medium-sized companies

Dortmund/Munich, 22 June 2017 – A worthwhile visit: at drinktec, the KHS Group will be exhibiting the future of filling and packaging systems under the motto "Technology 4.0" from 11 to 15 September 2017. In Munich, this systems supplier will be presenting its new systems for all container segments. All branches of industry, from small craft brewers to large water bottlers, will find innovative ideas for sustainable and effective processes in Hall B4.328.

"Technology 4.0 means that innovative strength and future viability continue to characterize our systems and services. The focus of attention here is on the innovative use of digitization as well as new concepts throughout the entire production process," explains Prof. Dr.-Ing. Matthias Niemeyer, Chairman of the Executive Management Board. This enables KHS to optimize the total cost of ownership (TCO) of its customers and ensure greater sustainability in all processes. The exhibits to be presented in Munich include absolute world innovations in virtually all areas of application.

PET packaging for bottling water

More and more water is being bottled in PET worldwide. KHS has long since been meeting the requirements of this trend. Together with its

customers, the company develops lightweight bottles with characteristics that are ideal for production, logistics and eye-catching presentation at the point of sale. Combined with the trend towards space-saving blocked systems that facilitate operation, KHS offers optimum systems to meet all requirements. Visitors will have the opportunity to see such an extremely space-saving system at the exhibition booth.

Growing systems for small quantities

KHS also offers small- and medium-sized bottlers technology and know-how that have proven effective at the highest level. The systems supplier has integrated established technology of can and keg fillers, for example, into new systems for smaller quantities. KHS will also be presenting a compact solution for labeling that is likewise tailor-made to meet the requirements of the lower capacity segment. Common to all developments is the capability of enabling the machines to grow in size in accordance with increasing quantities with simple upgrades.

Practical benefits from digitization

In view of increasing digitization, Technology 4.0 also focuses on the benefit for users. Effective control instruments become IT systems that are decisive for managing the entire system. Users realize more economical and more reliable processes thanks to further automated and precise control of all processes. Systems previously tried-and-tested in practical operation pave the manufacturers' way to the digitized smart factory.

In Hall B4.328 at drinktec 2017, the KHS Group will also provide insights into disruptive and sustainable systems for filling and packaging in the food and non-food sectors that will soon open up to customers undreamed-of opportunities within their production and product marketing activities.

For more information go to: www.khs.com/press

About the KHS Group

KHS is one of the leading manufacturers of filling and packaging systems for the beverage, food and non-food industries. The KHS Group includes the following companies: KHS GmbH, KHS Corpoplast GmbH, NMP Systems GmbH and numerous subsidiaries outside Germany.

KHS GmbH manufactures modern filling and packaging systems for the high-capacity range at its headquarters in Dortmund, Germany, and at its factories in Bad Kreuznach, Kleve and Worms. The KHS Group's PET expertise is pooled at KHS Corpoplast GmbH in Hamburg, Germany, where innovative PET packaging and coating systems are developed and produced. NMP Systems GmbH, a wholly-owned subsidiary of KHS GmbH based in Düsseldorf in Germany, designs and markets new, resource-saving packaging systems for PET bottles.

In 2016 KHS and its 4,995 employees achieved a turnover of around €1.18 billion within the Salzgitter consolidation. The companies in the KHS Group are 100% subsidiaries of the MDAX-listed Salzgitter AG corporation.

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