

++ MESTEMACHER INCREASES TURNOVER BY 8%

The Mestemacher GmbH, Gütersloh, Germany, attained a turnover of EUR 128m in the last fiscal year 2012. With the self-service packed bread varieties such as pumpernickel, a number of different whole-grain varieties, international bread specialties and deep-frozen cakes, the group turnover could be increased by 8%, which is an increase in turnover of EUR 10m. For 2013, an increase in annual turnover to EUR 130m is planned. This corresponds with a growth figure of approx. 1.6%. These conservative turnover planning figures are due to the hard to assess economic situation, both domestically and abroad. Presently, the Mestemacher group employs 523 people. The export share has levelled off at 24%. For the 2012 fiscal year, investments in the amount of EUR 4.8m were made. Approx. EUR 6m has been planned for 2013. The investment sum will be divided into three for technology to increase energy efficiency, for rationalization to support the competitive ability and for replacement investments.

www.mestemacher.de +++

++ MÜLLER BROT: PRODUCTION SITE IN NEUFAHRN CANCELLED

About a year ago, the hygiene affair at Müller Brot GmbH from Neufahrn, Germany, shook the baking industry. The business was subsequently closed and Franz Höflinger and Evi Müller took over 149 of the 243 Müller shops. Contrary to the original plans, the production site in Neufahrn will not have a role to play anymore, as reported in the press. Instead, Höflinger and Müller will search for a new site, so that a smaller, artisan factory with a glass bakery can be built. It is said that Höflinger is willing to invest several million Euros into the new building.

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++ BÜHLER CONTINUES GROWTH WITH CONSTANT NET PROFIT

The Bühler Technology Group from Uzwil, Switzerland, has increased both its order intake (by 5% to CHF 2,345m, equivalent to EUR 1,904m) and its turn-

over (by 13% to CHF 2,409m, equivalent to EUR 1,956m), with acquisitions accounting for the rise in order intake. As a result of the substantial investments made by the group for securing its long-term future, the EBIT margin declined to 7.3% from last year. Its net profit of CHF 161m (approx. EUR 130.7m) was at the level of a year ago. For the current fiscal year, Bühler expects sales revenues at the same level as 2012 and a return to a double-digit EBIT margin. Overall, the emerging economies stand to become the main pillar of business in terms of both sales revenue and earnings. Bühler is one of the global leaders in the field of process engineering, in particular, production technologies and services for producing foods and manufacturing advanced materials. Bühler operates in over 140 countries and has a global payroll of over 10,000. In fiscal 2012, the Bühler Group generated sales (turnover) of CHF 2.4bn (approx. EUR 1.95bn).

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++ BIMBO: USD 75 M FOR A NEW BAKERY PLANT

Grupo Bimbo S.A.B. de C.V. from Mexico-City, Mexico, has bought land in Muncie, Pennsylvania, USA, to build a bakery plant for bread and buns. The investment will be worth approx. USD 75m (approx. EUR 56.3m) and will create around 100 jobs. The production is not expected to start operations before early 2014. According to news reports, the investment shall strengthen its presence in the North East of the USA.

www.grupobimbo.com +++

++ HOSTESS BRANDS: FLOWERS IS ONE BUYER

Hostess Brands, Inc. from Seattle, USA, and Flowers Foods, Inc., Thomasville, USA, have agreed to sell the Wonder, Nature's Pride, Merita, Home Pride and Butternut bread brands for around USD 360m (approx. EUR 195m). The bakery will also acquire 20 of the Hostess' bakeries in 17 states and approx. 38 depots in 15 states. "This agreement is consistent with Flowers Foods' long-term growth objectives to reach significantly more of the US population with its fresh breads, buns, and rolls," said George E. Deese, Chairman and CEO of Flowers Foods.

Based on the current bid price, Flowers Foods would expect the transactions to be accretive to earnings in 2013, as the company said in its press release. According to Hostess, its remaining bread and cake brands were still on the block. www.flowersfoods.com +++

++ BARRY CALLEBAUT BUYS ASM FOODS

On 18th January 2013, Barry Callebaut AG from Zurich, Switzerland, announced the acquisition of ASM Foods AB from Mjölby, Sweden. ASM Foods had previously belonged to the Danish Carletti Group from Aarhus; it is a supplier of ingredients to the Scandinavian bakery sector. The transaction includes a specialty factory in Mjölby, focusing on the production of specialty compound chocolate, fillings and inclusions, as reported in a press release. Simultaneously, Barry Callebaut will take over the industrial chocolate and compound production of Carletti A/S in Denmark. In return, the companies have agreed that Barry Callebaut will sell its non-core business of frozen pastry products in Alicante, Spain, to the holding company of Carletti A/S and ASM Foods AB, the Givisco A/S. The total costs of the three transactions will amount to approx. CHF 33m (about EUR 26.4m). All transactions are expected to close during summer 2013. www.barry-callebaut.com +++

++ FAZER HAS NEW BAKERY SHOP IN HELSINKI

The Fazer Group from Helsinki, Finland, has opened its first Fazer Bakery Shop in Ullanlinna, Helsinki. This new type of bakery shop shall be "a warm, welcoming neighbor, like a showcase for our passion for bread. The assortment of Fazer's bakery shops includes bread, bakery and confectionery products, handmade chocolate and coffee, all prepared with respect to the traditions of baking and using raw materials of high quality", says Petri Kujala, Managing Director of Fazer Bakeries Finland. The food corporation plans to grow by expanding concepts across country borders. The prototype of the Fazer Bakery Shop is its Gateau bakery shop chain in Sweden.

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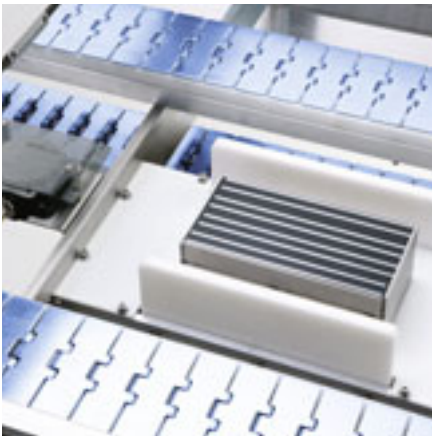
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