



# klöckner pentaplast

## press release

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### **KLÖCKNER PENTAPLAST STARTS-UP NEW PET CAPACITY AT CRUMLIN SITE**

**Montabaur, Germany – January 12, 2010** – The Klöckner Pentaplast Group, the largest European producer of rigid PET films, is pleased to announce that its new PET production capacity has commenced operation at the company's Crumlin, UK, manufacturing facility. The new line produces high-performance polyester films for food and consumer packaging applications, in particular to support the fast growing UK market. Klöckner Pentaplast invested £3 Mio (€3.4 Mio /\$4.4 Mio USD) for the expansion with the support of the Wales Assembly Government (WAG). The expansion included production capacity and a building expansion.

“This PET capacity expansion demonstrates Klöckner Pentaplast’s continued support of the growing global demand for high-quality PET films, especially in the UK,” notes Dr. Hans-Joachim Kogelnik, president and COO, Klöckner Pentaplast/Europe. “Despite the difficult economic climate, we are committed to servicing the market and our customers with a highly flexible supply capability and new product development.”

#### **About the Klöckner Pentaplast Group**

The Klöckner Pentaplast Group is the world's leading producer of films for pharmaceutical, medical device, food, electronics, and general-purpose thermoform packaging, as well as printing and specialty applications. Founded in 1965 in Montabaur, Germany, Klöckner Pentaplast has grown from its initial facility to 19 current production operations in 11 countries.

The Klöckner Pentaplast Group is wholly owned by affiliates of The Blackstone Group. The company has sales of over \$1.6 billion (€1.1 billion) and employs more than 3,200 people committed to serving customers worldwide. For more information, visit our web site at [www.kpfilms.com](http://www.kpfilms.com).

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