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### **KLÖCKNER PENTAPLAST LAUNCHES NEW CENTER OF EXCELLENCE FOR DECORATIVE-SURFACES FILMS**

**Burgkirchen/Gendorf, Germany – September 6, 2011** – The Klöckner Pentaplast Group announced today the launch of its new center of excellence for decorative-surfaces films at its Burgkirchen/Gendorf, Germany site. The new center of excellence is part of Klöckner Pentaplast's €40 Mio (\$54 Mio) investment in new state-of-the-art manufacturing equipment in Europe. Klöckner Pentaplast offers the broadest range of polyester and PVC decorative-surface films available on the market today.

The new center reflects Klöckner Pentaplast's ongoing commitment to develop and supply high-quality, trendsetting decors to meet the needs of the fast-changing product cycles of the global furniture industry. All activities for the development and production of decorative-surfaces films are now concentrated at the Burgkirchen/Gendorf, Germany, site.

The decorative-surfaces films center of excellence encompasses investments in new state-of-the-art equipment and technology, as well as a design center and showroom. The new equipment investment, which includes a PET extrusion line, a lamination & embossing line, a coating line, and a digital printer, will enhance production time and efficiency resulting in quick turnaround time for customers. The design center's digital printer can facilitate the rapid creation of new designs to further increase speed-to-market for new products. In addition, the design center has a showroom to display the latest trendsetting designs and colors to aid customers in the design process.

"With the new center of excellence, we can deliver even higher value to our customers by employing the latest manufacturing technology integrated into one site," notes Dr. Hans-Joachim Kogelnik, President and COO of Klöckner Pentaplast/Europe. "The new digital printing capabilities combined with our strong design resources allow us to respond quickly to the market with new innovative decors."

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## **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 17 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 €1.024 billion (\$1.4 billion) and employs more than 3,000 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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