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KLÖCKNER PENTAPLAST EARNS HIGHEST LEVEL SAFE QUALITY FOOD CERTIFICATION

Montabaur, Germany – May 17, 2016 – Klöckner Pentaplast has earned a Safe Quality Food (SQF) Level 3 Certification, the highest possible rating, at its Greenville, Ohio (US) site. The certification is achieved when a company demonstrates an exceptional food safety and quality management system. SQF is recognized globally by retailers and foodservice providers who require a rigorous, credible food safety management system. The SQF Program is recognized by the Global Food Safety Initiative (GFSI) and links primary production certification to food manufacturing, distribution and agent/broker management certification. SQF is unique in that it integrates a quality component as well as food safety. Level 3 certification expands beyond the food safety requirements contained at the first two levels and implements a quality standard which verifies kp's ability to provide customers with the highest quality products throughout the entire production process.

As end-consumer demand for improved food safety assurances increases, the need for objective evidence that food safety and quality control systems have been effectively implemented and maintained encompasses not only the final product provider, but also the critical suppliers in the value chain. Current customers with an interest in kp's participation in the process expressed a minimum expectation of Level 2 certification – fundamental food safety controls along with a certified HACCP food safety plan benchmarked by GFSI.

"Achieving SQF Level 3 Certification validates our commitment to quality, safety and reliability, which provides our customers assurance that their brands' packaging requirements are well protected," says Justin Glass, Business Manager Food Films.

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About the Klöckner Pentaplast Group

The Klöckner Pentaplast Group is a global leader in providing packaging, printing and specialty solutions serving the pharmaceutical, medical device, food, beverage and card markets among others. With a broad portfolio of rigid plastic films and services powered by innovation, Klöckner Pentaplast plays an integral role in the customer value chain by marketing and protecting product integrity, safety, consumer health and ultimately, brand reputation.

Klöckner Pentaplast continuously earns high EcoVadis ratings, indicating the company's commitment to Corporate Social Responsibility throughout its global operations. kp's practices rank in the top 8% of suppliers within the respective industry classification of plastics manufacturing and in the top 12% of over twenty thousand suppliers evaluated by EcoVadis. In benchmark comparison within the plastics manufacturing industry, kp is ahead of the industry average in all four areas assessed: Environment, Labor Practices, Fair Business Practices, and Responsible & Sustainable Procurement. Klöckner Pentaplast is among the top 5% of suppliers assessed in industry classification for Environmental Practices and in the top 9% of suppliers assessed in respective industry classification of Fair Business Practices. Visit www.kpfilms.com.

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