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KLÖCKNER PENTAPLAST GROUP, CHINA, HOSTS INAUGURAL PHARMA FORUM

Suzhou, P.R. China – June 11, 2015 – Klöckner Pentaplast Group, hosted the first **Solid Drug Packaging Technology Forum on High Barrier Packaging Material Solutions** in cooperation with Honeywell, Zhongjin, and DuPont, in Shanghai, China, on May 14, 2015. Designed to share information and experiences relating to pharmaceutical packaging, the forum was fully subscribed with more than 60 delegates from the 26 most influential global and local pharmaceutical enterprises in Mainland China.

Delegates were welcomed by Guy Calcagno, Business Director, Pharmaceutical Films Division, Asia, Klöckner Pentaplast Group. The presenters shared innovations and applications, technical knowledge and the latest industry trends regarding pharmaceutical packaging. Kevin Carter, Global Business Development Manager, Pharmaceutical Films Division, Klöckner Pentaplast Group, focused on BlisterPro® XCEL Services, of which the objective is to maximize value and efficiency of customers' packaging design and operations, with the capability to expand to a global scope. BlisterPro® XCEL services, which incorporates FreeThink Technologies' ASAP^{prime}® software, offers design and prototyping services enabling accelerated market introduction with increased accuracy in stability testing using the most cost-effective blister film. Kevin Carter also announced that the kp i.center, home to BlisterPro® XCEL Services, opened in Charlottesville, VA, U.S.A. in March 2015. This center is an integrated educational and collaborative pharma packaging solutions innovation center for Klöckner Pentaplast customers.

Many presenters contributed, representing companies including Honeywell, Zhongjin, DuPont and CNPPA. Ashish Mathpal, Technical Manager, Honeywell, analyzed the global trends in blister packaging and shared learnings for Chinese pharma companies. High barrier films like ACLAR® /Alu-Alu are now standard. Wang Dezhu from Zhongjin spoke about the impact of packaging material performance on the production efficiency, including common packaging methods, main impact factors, efficiency improving methods as well as new features of packaging materials. Park Qian from DuPont introduced the Tyvek® for Pharm desiccant application which is widely applied for active packaging due to its premium selective barrier performance. And Zhang Weimin from CNPPA presented the reformed direction of a supervision system which is of great interest to most of our participants.

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“The message was clear, Klöckner Pentaplast is prepared to be here for the long term in China,” Guy Calcagno, Business Director, Pharmaceutical Films Division, Asia, commented after the forum. “The feedback about the innovative new kp i.center was extremely positive. This innovation will allow us to build the foundation for future growth in Asia. As a speed-to-market solution it allows ideas to be quickly turned into reality for our customers.

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.

Thanks for 50 years

Founded in 1965 the company is celebrating its 50th anniversary under this motto, extending special thanks to clients, stakeholders and employees for their commitment. Klöckner Pentaplast has grown from its initial facility in Montabaur, Germany, to effective operations in 12 countries with 18 production sites. Within the last financial year, the company had sales of over € 1.194 billion and currently employs over 3,000 people committed to serving customers worldwide. The Klöckner Pentaplast Group is wholly owned by an investor group led by SVP Global. For more information, visit our web site at www.kpfilms.com.

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