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Sukano Announces Investments in Research & Development and Further Global Expansion.

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"To meet increased demand for its products and services, Sukano invests in all production sites worldwide, while launching company branding refresh."

Schindellegi, Switzerland, Sept. 1, 2016 – Sukano, a world leader in the development and production of additive and colour masterbatches for polyester and specialty resins, announces that it is expanding globally, with investments in all production sites worldwide. These investments are being made in response to increased demand of the company's high quality products and appreciated services. At the same time, the company is using this expansion as a platform to launch its new corporate identity.

Sukano is a key development partner for customers in several markets and applications, including thick and thin films, and bottles and containers. To further increase flexibility of product development and provide the highest quality support to customers in these areas, the company is investing in a Karo IV stretching machine from Brückner and a multilayer coextrusion flat film line from Dr. Collin. Both machines will be installed at Sukano's global research and development center in Switzerland. The company will be able to produce multilayered films as well as orient monoaxial and biaxial films in-house for customers worldwide. This unique offer from Sukano will drastically shorten development times and speed up time to market for customers, while reducing development costs.

Michael Kirch, head of research and development, explains that "our goal has always been to support customers with the best service and products on the market. We are confident that these strategic laboratory equipment investments will allow us to serve an increasing number of customers worldwide, while continuing to give our existing customers the world class products and services they expect. It will also support us in better representing the performance of our products, allowing our customers to make quicker and more accurate decisions before going into trials."

In the Asia Pacific region, Sukano is seeing very rapid growth in its operations. As a result, the company is building a new 2,100m² warehouse for raw materials and finished goods at its plant in Johor Bahru, Malaysia, which will allow the company to grow sustainably. Sukano is also installing new analytical equipment in the laboratory at the facility. This will help to continuously improve the technical service provided to local customers and keep operations up to date.



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Business is rapidly growing in the Americas as well. At its facility in Duncan, South Carolina, USA, Sukano will increase its warehouse space while adding additional extruder. This will increase production capacity by more than 30% by the end of this year.

To support the global expansion, the company is also changing its visual identity, including a new website, brochures and presentations. Alessandra Funcia, head of marketing, explains that “Sukano is recognized for its expertise and outstanding service to customers worldwide – so our corporate identity must also reflect this perception and positioning by offering insightful information in an even easier, user-friendly, modern and dynamic way.”

The company will once again participate in the K Show in Düsseldorf, Germany, Oct. 19 to 26. Visitors are encouraged to stop by Sukano’s booth in Hall 8A to find out how the company can support them in increasing productivity, enhancing product functionality, enabling sustainability and improving aesthetics.

About Sukano:

Sukano is a world leader in the development and production of additive and colour masterbatches and compounds for polyester and specialty resins. The company is driven by expertise – Sukano focuses its technical knowledge on developing innovative products and services for oil and bio-based polymers that can be used for applications such as thin and thick films, bottles and containers, fibers, filaments, and sheets.

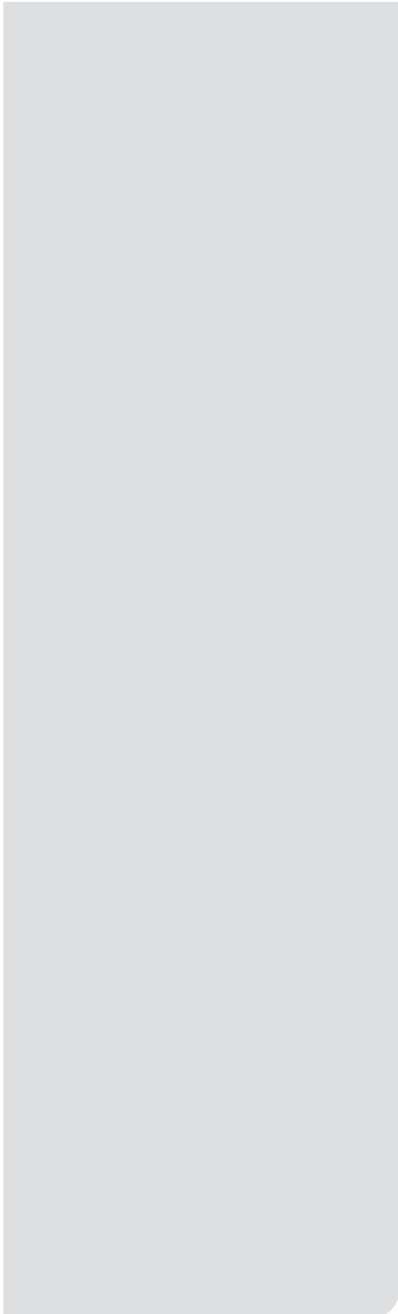
Founded in 1988, Sukano developed the state-of-the-art, market reference slip/antiblock additive masterbatch for PET film and sheet applications. Headquartered in Switzerland, it is a family-owned business with a global distribution network and three production facilities strategically located in Europe, the Americas and Asia.

Providing unparalleled service, knowhow, and quality to its customers worldwide, Sukano is the global partner of choice for plastic converters and brand owners to develop their innovative products and highly specialized solutions.

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