

Press release

End-of-Line Packaging Experts complete the second step of their Buy & Build process and invest in BMS Maschinenfabrik

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A further step in the right direction! Pursuing its Buy & Build strategy, EOL Packaging Experts (EOL) has made a second add-on acquisition by investing in BMS Maschinenfabrik GmbH (BMS) in Pfatter, Regensburg District. EOL, composed of A+F Automation + Fördertechnik GmbH (A+F) in Kirchlengern and Standard-Knapp, Inc. (S-K) in Portland, Connecticut, has thus gained an important partner in German-speaking countries. This step will further strengthen the group's positioning in Europe and boost its growth sustainably.

EOL Packaging Experts, an international group that provides end-of-line packaging machines and systems, has invested in BMS. This investment fits perfectly into the EOL group's strategic planning and aim to be a market leader in end-of-line packaging solutions for the food and beverages industry. Together with A+F as a leading provider of integrated and innovative systems solutions for secondary and tertiary packaging, as well as S-K as a leading manufacturer of end-of-line packaging machines in the US market, BMS will in future complement the group as a provider of systems for innovative sorting installations, state of the art end-of-line solutions, and flexible repacking solutions. Within EOL's global sales and service structure, A+F, S-K, and BMS will equally benefit and complement each other in the market area and the product portfolio as well as in production and machine technology, digitization, service, and project management.

"Part of my responsibility towards my family, my employees, our customers, suppliers, and partners is to think early on about the company's succession. I take this responsibility very seriously. For this reason, we launched a search for partners as part of a structured process. With EOL, we now have a strong partner by our side who will afford us stability, independence, growth, and further development, internationally as well," says Thomas Lehmann, co-owner of EOL and Managing Director of BMS.

Sebastian Jost, Managing Director of BMS, adds, "Here, EOL's motto *Follow Your Customers* dovetails perfectly with our vision to develop customized solutions that offer real added value, stay on top of today's developments, and win out with our project management philosophy. I see new and attractive work and prospects for our employees arising as part of a globally active group."

CEO of EOL and A+F Kai Büntemeyer says, "Our customers of the group will benefit from the complementary product offerings. The integration of BMS into EOL will generate major advantages and synergies. It ties in perfectly with our group strategy."



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About BMS Maschinenfabrik GmbH

BMS was founded in Pfatter, Regensburg District, in 1992. The company develops and produces packing and palletizing systems as well as transport technology for the beverage, dairy, and food industry. As a systems provider, BMS designs and delivers individual installations for the dry area, sorting, and repacking business. Assembly, commissioning, and maintenance of the machines alongside a comprehensive service package are also part of the company's portfolio.

About EOL Packaging Experts GmbH

EOL Packaging Experts (EOL) was founded in 2017 with headquarters in Germany and is an internationally group that provides end-of-line packaging machines and systems. Under the roof of the parent company EOL, a strong international industry group was created with A+F, S-K, and BMS. EOL focuses on sustainable, long-term growth that leads the group towards a successful future.

About CGS Management AG

CGS is an independent, experienced industry partner based in Pfäffikon, Switzerland. CGS is specialized in building medium-sized companies into international groups and expanding their business. Since 1999, CGS funds have been investing in platform companies in Europe's German-speaking countries and making add-on acquisitions worldwide.