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ELOPAK LAUNCHES ASEPTIC FILLING TECHNOLOGY

The markets for aseptically filled food products are constantly increasing as food producers want to deliver better quality products with extended shelf life. The concentration of processors within the European retail trade, and the consequential logistic challenges are also leading to increased demand for quality packages with better hygiene and built-in safety. This is particularly valid for premium products in the dairy and fruit juice segments.



Elopak's new ELOFILL Linear Aseptic 6000 machine has been engineered to comply with these increased demands. The prototype aseptic filler, which could neck handle both PET and HDPE bottles, was first presented to the industry at the Drinktech exhibition in Munich. Since then, it has undergone an extensive field test program to validate the microbiological and mechanical performance and reliability of the machine.

The validation has been carried out at WeserGold in Rinteln/Germany, one of Germany's largest and best-known quality producers of fruit juices. John Kelly, Development Manager of EPS comments: "It has been one of the most challenging projects to complete the validation process and meet the joint requirements of WeserGold and Eckes but we are confident that the ELOFILL Aseptic 6000 would be released for commercial production by the beginning of November 2003. This means that the new system will be commercially available for our customers as from 2004."



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