

PRESS RELEASE

Creating capacities for new growth projects: Progroup and packaging park partner Packners will be ending their cooperation at the end of the term of the agreement in 2024

Schüttorf, 08.02.2022. Progroup is one of Europe's leading manufacturers of containerboard and corrugated board. In Schüttorf since 2005 the family-run company has been operating the corrugated sheetfeeder plant PW05, which was expanded in 2010 together with Packners GmbH to create a packaging park. The cooperation between the two companies will end after a period of 15 years in 2024 when the term of the agreement expires.

Creating capacities for new growth projects and cooperations

“Thanks to the close cooperation with Progroup, we have been able to increase our competitiveness, shorten the delivery times for our packaging and respond much more flexibly to customer enquiries. This has enabled us recently to achieve a sales volume of more than 135 million m² of corrugated board per year,” says Frank Gausepohl, Managing Director of Packners GmbH. As a result, the production capacity for Packners at the Schüttorf site has almost reached its structural and technical limitations.

“An important part of our success has been and still is to grow along with our partners. This also includes recognising the right time to follow new paths in order to facilitate further ambitious growth plans. This may also mean deliberately ending a successful cooperation,” says Progroup founder and Chief Executive Officer Jürgen Heindl.

The two long-standing partners Progroup and Packners have therefore agreed not to extend the cooperation agreement which is set to run until 2024. This will create capacities to deliver new growth projects and cooperations.

Progroup continues success story at its Schüttorf site

Progroup will still champion the packaging park at its Schüttorf site in the future. The company will continue to rely on long-term cooperations with independent, medium-sized packaging manufacturers. In the successful business model of the packaging parks, production and IT systems of two commercially independent companies are highly interconnected, which considerably increases flexibility and efficiency.

About Progroup

Progroup AG, located in Landau in the German state of Rhineland-Palatinate, Germany, is one of the leading manufacturers of containerboard and corrugated board in Europe. Since it was founded in 1991 in Offenbach/Queich, the company has been pursuing a consistent growth strategy which, in addition to technological leadership, is also based on the use of innovative and environmentally friendly production technologies. Progroup operates production sites in six countries in Central Europe. These currently include three paper factories, eleven corrugated sheetfeeder plants, a logistics company and an RDF power station. With 1,455 employees, the company generated sales of around 881 million euros in 2020.

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