



Press release

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Sale of Swiss-based Unipektin engineering business to Bucher

UNIPEKTIN is disposing of its engineering business and concentrating on production and trading in food additives, fruit concentrates and flavours.

Established in 1936, family-owned Unipektin AG based in Eschenz, Switzerland, has been operating successfully in the food industry worldwide for over 50 years, especially in production and trading in food additives, fruit concentrates and flavours and in engineering of fruit juice processing lines.

With the generation transition, Unipektin decided for strategic reasons to seek a strong partner that is prepared and able to utilise and further expand the expertise of Unipektin's long-time employees in its equipment engineering division over the long term, if possible at the current location. This objective has been achieved with Bucher.

The engineering business is engaged in planning, supply and assembly of evaporation, adsorption and filtration systems for fruit and vegetable juice, fruit purées and milk. Unipektin Engineering's and Bucher's application areas and technologies are largely complementary. The engineering division's strengths lie in juice processing and production of fruit purées, while Bucher's lie especially in juice extraction. The disposal covers not only the purchase of assets and liabilities but also the taking over of the Unipektin Engineering employees and the Chinese sales and assembly company, Unipektin Equipment Co. Ltd. in Beijing, China. Bucher will also acquire the entire process expertise and continue the ongoing projects as well as spare parts and service business. After completion of the disposal, the operations will be integrated into Bucher Processtech AG, Niederweningen, which will retain the Eschenz facility.

This deal will allow Unipektin and, in particular, its subsidiary UNIPEKTIN Ingredients AG to focus on production and trading in food additives, fruit concentrates and flavours, operations that offer large growth potential for a highly motivated team of experts with a versatile range of specialised products.

UNIPEKTIN produces high-quality natural food additives and operates its own industrial fruit processing facility in Eschenz, Switzerland.

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