

VERSAPACK™ Success & New 'On-Edge' System

Following the successful launch of their compact erecting and packing machine – The Versapack™ – last year, Quin Systems and Endoline Machinery are set to unveil a new version of the Versapack™ at this year's PPMA show - which will add a new dimension to this thriving machine.

Testament to the rapid success of The Versapack™ customer United Biscuits ('UB') has reported a return on investment in under just 18 months.

The Versapack™ was installed within the company's Harlesden factory in May 2008 to assist with the increased demand on McVitie's Digestive twin pack line. UB Site Engineering Manager, Mark Springer comments, *"Since its installation the machine hasn't missed a beat. While performance has remained on par with the former manual methods the overall reliability has resulted in a reduction of overheads... This has ensured the swift return on investment."* UB is now in the process of purchasing two further Versapack™ machines.

In addition, The Versapack™ has proved a winning formula down under – with one customer purchasing a Versapack™ machine straight off the stage at the recent Auspack exhibition. A further four machines have also been sold as a result of the machine's Australian debut.

Mike Webb, Managing Director of Quin Systems comments: *"As a result of The Versapack™'s continuing success, we have created a new variant which is ideally suited to packing 'shelf-ready' as well as standard cases. Products can now be packed in almost any orientation including 'On-Edge', which presents the product to its best advantage on the supermarket shelf. This exciting new version will be launched at this year's PPMA show on our stand B10."*

Unlike traditional combined machines, designed by specialists in either case erecting or case packing, The Versapack™ is a class above, as it has been uniquely created by two of the leading companies in their fields – Automation and Control specialist Quin Systems and end of line packaging manufacturer Endoline Machinery. A combination of Quin's high speed automatic RTheta Casepacker and an Endoline 220 series case erecting machine, the Versapack™ has the ability to run at very high pick rates and case throughputs and is designed to a small footprint - offering a compact solution for use in restricted areas.

