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**KHS Group expands its bottle handling expertise**

**through share in Tyrolon**

* KHS now majority shareholder of the Austrian company
* Tyrolon specialist for active bottle grippers
* New options for powerful PET and glass lines

**Dortmund/Hochfilzen (Austria), November 25, 2024 – The KHS Group is expanding its expertise in the handling of PET and glass bottles by acquiring the majority share in Tyrolon-Schulnig GmbH. Tyrolon’s know-how is already being put to successful use on KHS lines, with established equipment such as conveying stars and neck clamp systems now to be jointly further developed.**

Whether for a new line or as a retrofit package for existing machinery, bottle conveying technology by Tyrolon is among the world’s best for efficiency, flexibility and occupational safety. With immediate effect, this expertise is now to be amalgamated into the portfolio marketed by holistic systems provider KHS.

“This holding binds two companies closer together who already worked extremely successfully together in the past,” says Martin Resch, managing director of the KHS Group. “It’s therefore not only good strategy to further develop this knowledge with the focus on the high-performance range; first and foremost, it also gives our customers significant added value, with systems and solutions now available from a single source.”

**Conveying stars and neck clamp systems**
Family business Tyrolon-Schulnig GmbH, founded in 1981, is known for the development and production of two systems. One is the tyrolon Star® that enables gentle, efficient and versatile conveying of bottles and other containers of various shape and size; the other is the universal tyrolon® neck clamp system that is especially low maintenance, of high quality and convincing with its long service life in direct market comparison.

“KHS’ reliable machine and system solutions harmonize perfectly with our products. I’m convinced that we’ll further optimize container handling through our intensified partnership and that our clients will profit from even more effective and sustainable production,” says Ludwig Schulnig, CEO and founder of Tyrolon-Schulnig GmbH.

The future Tyrolon GmbH will not only supply KHS with its portfolio; it will service the entire market. The universal system will thus continue to be available to all.

Both companies emphasize their loyalty to their respective locations and particular responsibility towards the Tyrolon workforce at the Hochfilzen headquarters in Austria. KHS’ worldwide organization will also give Tyrolon considerable opportunities for growth.

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**tyrolon Star**®

Universal conveying star: the tyrolon Star® transports bottles and other containers of various size without the need for conversion or accessory parts. It easily manages differences in diameter of up to 40 millimeters.

**tyrolon Neck**®

The universal tyrolon® neck clamp system is especially low maintenance, of high quality and convincing with its long service life in direct market comparison.

**Signing of the contract**

Even stronger together: the KHS Group and Tyrolon-Schulnig are exploiting their synergies to optimize and further develop PET and glass bottle handling systems.

**About the KHS Group**

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| The KHS Group is one of the world’s leading manufacturers of filling and packaging systems for the beverage and liquid food industries. Besides the parent company (KHS GmbH) the group includes various subsidiaries outside Germany, with production sites in Ahmedabad (India), Waukesha (USA), Zinacantepec (Mexico), São Paulo (Brazil) and Kunshan (China). It also operates numerous sales and service centers worldwide. KHS manufactures modern filling and packaging systems for the high-capacity range at its headquarters in Dortmund, Germany, and at its factories in Bad Kreuznach, Kleve, Worms and Hamburg. The KHS Group is a wholly owned subsidiary of the SDAX-listed Salzgitter AG corporation. In 2023 the KHS Group and its 5,400 employees achieved a turnover of around €1.517 billion. |

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