**PRESS RELEASE**

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**Boost folding-gluing efficiency with the new SPEEDPACK automatic packer from BOBST**

Bringing new levels of automation and productivity to folding-gluing lines, BOBST has unveiled its latest breakthrough innovation for the packaging industry – the SPEEDPACK.

The automatic packer, suitable for the EXPERTFOLD 145/165, EXPERTFOLD 170-350 and MASTERFOLD 170-350, can handle all types of boxes, whether corrugated or litho-laminated, from straight-line, 4&6 corners, to crash-lock bottom.

Folded and glued boxes are automatically counted, stacked and banded perfectly, delivered and ready for palletization.

Pierre Binggeli, Product Line Director Folder-gluers at BOBST said: “With SPEEDPACK, converters can realise the full potential of their BOBST folding-gluing lines in terms of both quality and productivity.

“This novel innovation combines a range of BOBST patented features designed to take the strain out of the packing process and reduce waste, while at the same time optimising operational accuracy and efficiency. At BOBST, we believe automated technologies and processes are key to enabling progress and future-proofing the packaging industry; SPEEDPACK is representative of this vision.”

SPEEDPACK brings a multitude of benefits to operators and enhances the return on investment for manufacturers and converters. Providing the highest possible number of batches per hour and with very short set-up times, it can increase folding-gluing line productivity by up to 25%, without compromising box quality.

The automated process eliminates the need for machine operators to bundle batches together and carry heavy loads to offline bundle-strapping machines. Workload is reduced by up to 60% as the complete line can be managed by one operator and the risk of injury, including Repetitive Strain Injury, is removed. Highly ergonomic, SPEEDPACK is easy and safe to use on the production floor. Large clear safety doors provide complete access and visibility to the whole machine for setting and production. Meanwhile, the BOBST Human Machine Interface (HMI) integrated into SPEEDPACK allows settings to be fully automated, making handling of repeat orders simple and fast - job changeovers can take place within 10 minutes.

M. Binggeli added: “SPEEDPACK is a versatile peripheral that provides converters and manufacturers with greater control across the workflow, helping them to become more flexible and agile – critical in today’s fast-paced industry.”

**About BOBST**

We are one of the world’s leading suppliers of substrate processing, printing and converting equipment and services for the label, flexible packaging, folding carton and corrugated board industries.

Founded in 1890 by Joseph Bobst in Lausanne, Switzerland, BOBST has a presence in more than 50 countries, runs 19 production facilities in 11 countries and employs more than 5 600 people around the world. The firm recorded a consolidated turnover of CHF 1.372 billion for the year ended December 31, 2020.

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