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Successful completion of the BRCGS certification: Christiansen Print secures award for high safety and quality standards

Norheim, 21.02.2022 – Christiansen Print, based in Lower Saxony, has been awarded the BRC Global Standard for Packaging and Packaging Materials Certificate. By achieving classification A, the European market leader in flexo and- digital preprint is expanding its expertise in the further processing of packaging materials for food products.

In January this year at the Norheim site, Christiansen Print successfully completed the first-certification in accordance with the Global Standards for Packaging and Packaging Materials (Brand Reputation through Compliance Global Standard BRCGS). The result: Class A – the second best of five possible classifications. Michael Weber, Head of Corporate Strategy + Marketing explains: “This award proves we are setting an important course for the future. The demand for paper-based solutions for direct food contact has increased noticeably, not least due to the changes in the Packaging Act.”

The BRC Global Standard specifies quality and safety requirements for packaging materials and packaging. Acquiring the globally valid certificate helps companies provide proof of quality assurance, therefore demonstrating the safety of the processed products. Auditing and certification is carried out by an independent audit and recertification and a re-audit can be carried out after one year.

“The standards include specific requirements for operational management in terms of product safety, quality and hygiene. Quality management is a key issue for us,” adds Weber explaining the importance of the certificate. “Because we are a supplier in the food, pharmaceutical and cosmetics sectors, amongst others, product quality and product safety are our top priorities. We view the guarantee of safety for the entire supply chain as extremely important. This certificate means we can present this transparently and clearly to customers.”

To prepare for the certification, a high five-digit sum was invested in the site. This investment included implementing extended plant security measures and some renovation work. Certification in accordance with BRC Global Standards is also planned for the company’s headquarter in Ilsenburg (Saxony-Anhalt) next year. Initial preparations are currently underway with investments in the site also being planned.

About Thimm

The Thimm Group is a leading solutions provider for the packaging and distribution of goods. Its solutions portfolio includes corrugated cardboard transportation and sales packaging, high-quality promotional displays, packaging systems combining a range of materials, and print products for further

industrial processing. Through its innovative and sustainable solutions Thimm helps its customers to differentiate and individualise themselves in the market. To this end in its sustainability vision for 2030, the family business anticipates economic, environmental and social challenges in advance and solves them. Thimm Group's aspiration is to always offer customers the best solution. This strong customer focus drives the innovation and the pioneering spirit of the company. Therefore, there is consistent investment in expanding the company's market presence and in future-oriented technologies. Founded in 1949, the family business currently has more than 3,300 employees at 21 sites in Germany, France, Poland, Romania and Czech Republic and generated annual revenues of around EUR 605 million in 2020. For more information visit www.thimm.com

Christiansen Print as part of the THIMM Group is the European market leader in flexo and digital preprint. The business division prints on paper rolls using state-of-the-art digital printing and flexo printing processes for corrugated cardboard producers and the branded products sector. From its three sites centrally located in Europe, Christiansen Print supplies prestigious companies with preprint for packaging, displays and other industrial applications.

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