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AFS generators - the product of choice for bpi.films

bpi.films, the UK's leading producer of polythene films for food packaging, medical packaging, liquid packaging, and surface protection applications has just completed the installation of a series of AFS corona generators at its manufacturing facility in Sevenoaks, Kent. The company took the decision to replace all of its existing treater generators with AFS generators based on its previous experience of AFS products, when they proved very reliable over an extended period of high volume activity.

Speaking of the recent investment bpi.films' Operations Director, Gary Buchalter, commented: "The technology available with the AFS generators allows us to continuously monitor and record the power output of the generators. This means we can be sure that the treatment is continuous. It also allows us to review the treatment of any previously produced order. As such, there is a very real quality enhancement. He went on: "Technology available with the latest AFS generators makes them more flexible enabling us to run from very low line speeds, which requires very low power, to high line speeds. It is challenging to create a consistent corona at low power output but the AFS products allow us to do so."

The company has found the AFS operation menu structure easy to use and the self diagnostics system informative and helpful. Importantly, the early-warning system reduces the probability of a production loss by providing the operator with advance information whilst the system is running.

Mr Buchalter continued: The high efficiency levels of the system should allow us to benefit from lower operating costs during the system's lifetime. However, a key factor in our decision to invest in AFS generators was their reliability as this minimises the risk of machine down-time, one of the biggest potential cost factors in

the manufacturing process. Additionally we were impressed by the excellent Customer Service and Support levels.”

Notes to Editors:

- bpi.films is a division of British Polythene Industries (BPI) plc, one of Europe's leading manufacturers of polythene film.
- bpi.films' product portfolio includes produce films, bread films, lamination and heat lamination films, liquid packaging films, surface protection films, printed shrink films and pallet stretchwrap.
- Products manufactured by bpi.films, which include such highly respected brand names such as Novatek, Advanced and Supreme, provide secure, cost-effective transit and primary packaging for the most demanding applications.
- The continuing success of British Polythene Industries has been formally acknowledged in a high profile survey. The business achieved 40th place out of 236 companies in a league table of 'Britain's Most Admired Companies 2009' published by Management Today in association with Accenture. Importantly, BPI also attained second place in the Paper & Packaging sector.