

## **NCG and Buchtenkirchen: Joint Venture for IBC Reconditioning**

National Container Group (NCG) as a subsidiary of MAUSER Group, strengthens its European presence by acquiring a majority share with H.M. Buchtenkirchen GmbH. The new Joint Venture located in Bremerhaven operates under the name of NCG Buchtenkirchen GmbH and will cover Northern Germany and the Danish market.

The range of services of the new Joint Venture NCG Buchtenkirchen GmbH includes the sales and supply of new and reconditioned UN approved IBCs, and an IBC cleaning service. The facility operates automatic washing lines with subsequent reconditioning and quality testing for the approval for the transport of dangerous substances.

The Joint Venture will supply the chemical and petrochemical industries in Northern Germany and Denmark. In Germany it compliments the existing NCG site at Erkelenz. Further European NCG locations are already operating at strategic sites in the United Kingdom, Italy, The Netherlands, and Turkey. Another NCG site will start up its IBC reconditioning service in France starting October 2008.

NCG offers a comprehensive worldwide recollect service for IBCs and drums. This collection program allows international fillers and end users to take advantage of considerable cost saving potentials while at the same time complying with environmental and transportation requirements.

Peter Schaefer, Head of the Reconditioning Division at MAUSER Group, comments: "This recent acquisition expands the service range of NCG and provides the opportunity to better meet the requirements of European customers with regard to cost-effective recollection and re-use of IBCs and to expand our worldwide Recollect Service range."

Peter-Hinrik Böbs, sole shareholder of the former H.M. Buchtenkirchen GmbH, emphasizes that the Bremerhaven site will be expanding within a global network. Mr. Böbs will continue to manage the enterprise as Managing Director and bring his long professional experience into the NCG business.

### **About H.M. Buchtenkirchen Fässer-Container GmbH**

H.M. Buchtenkirchen Fässer-Container GmbH is an enterprise with more than 100 years experience in the manufacture and cleaning of drums. Today's business activities focus on the reconditioning of IBCs and on the just-in-time transportation of such containers using its own dedicated fleet. The enterprise located at the fishing harbour of Bremerhaven, is a specialised waste management company and a certified member of the Surveillance Organisation for the Treatment of used Transport Containers ("Überwachungsgemeinschaft für die Bearbeitung gebrauchter Transportbehälter e.V.).

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### **About MAUSER**

MAUSER AG is a leading producer of industrial packaging with approx. 4,000 employees and revenues of roughly EUR 1 billion. Its largest business is plastic packaging, followed by metal and IBC packaging, reconditioning services and machinery for packaging production. MAUSER AG operates more than 50 locations

in Europe, North America, South America, Latin America and Asia. Two marketing networks – one for plastic and one for the production of steel drums – include approx. 30 members in more than 20 countries and make MAUSER quality products and services available worldwide.

### **About National Container Group**

This MAUSER Group subsidiary was founded in 1988 in North America where it established the first nationwide recollect service for IBCs. The company's Recollect Service has been continuously expanding since then and has meanwhile implemented a comprehensive network of strategic locations for a worldwide recollect service.

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