

Tankpool 2009: Upgraded Recycling Technology, Change of Management, New Company Name & Logo

As the year draws to an end, we would like to take stock and highlight some of our activities designed to help our customers in Brazil to address the challenges of 2009.

High-tech, cost-efficient IBCs

In the past year, the focus of our Tankpool strategy has been to become one of the most cost-efficient and green suppliers of IBCs in the Brazilian market. To achieve this, Tankpool was integrated into the advanced technology of the MAUSER recycling business NCG. This upgrade has enabled to double Tankpool's production capacity while being cost competitive. In addition, new testing machines and quality assurance certificates mean that our customers can rely on getting value for their money. Tankpool's unique tracking system has also been upgraded to meet highest technological standards.

Change of Management

Last week, Mr. Peter H. Schäfer, Global Head of NCG and Senior Executive Vice President Global Sales and Marketing of MAUSER Group, visited Brazil and announced a change of management: **Daniel von Simson** has been appointed as Tankpool's new Managing Director as of January 1, 2009. He succeeds **Martin von Simson**, who remains as a partner in the joint venture of Tankpool and Mauser do Brazil, and steered the company through the transition.

Martin von Simson about his successor: "Daniel has been with the company since its foundation and I am very happy that MAUSER followed my suggestion to appoint an in-house successor who will start his new job well prepared for the challenges of the market." Meanwhile, Martin is looking forward to continue serving the company in an advisory role.

New Name

NCG-TANKPOOL will be the new name and logo of the company, branding it as part of MAUSER's international recycling business. NCG has many years of experience in packaging recycling and operates both in the Americas and in Europe. In Brazil, NCG is also responsible for Tamlimp, the recycling joint venture for steel drums.

These joint ventures are part of the MAUSER strategy to give industrial packaging a longer and greener lifespan, helping our customers to increase their cost-efficiency and to comply with environmental legislation.

With all these changes, Tankpool is well prepared to support our customers to compete in the Brazilian market in 2009.