

## More KEGs, less effort

### SCHÄFER Container Systems: the newly commissioned ECO KEG production line improves production and cuts staff workload

**Neunkirchen, 23 August 2018.** As of now, a new production line for ECO KEGs will enable SCHÄFER Container Systems to deal with demand peaks more efficiently. The manufacturer of KEGs has now doubled its production capacity. At the same time, new staff are being taken on to guarantee the necessary three-shift operation and the resulting capacity expansion.

With increased automation and its more modern, faster laser technology, the new line will raise capacity significantly. A second robot applies the signature, doubling the output volume. A newly commissioned electronic torque-controlled screwdriver unit further improves quality when screwing the fittings into place.

At the same time, the new production line relieves the workload burden on employees. Operation is more ergonomic, as the KEGs are integrated into the fully automated production flow and automatically positioned on the work surface. A new brushing machine, also fully automatic, now takes over the previously semi-automatic process. The electronically controlled screwdriver unit is also very quiet and so considerably reduces the noise level.

“Our new ECO KEG production line is also an investment in this location. For the next stage in 2019, we are planning to modernise the semi-automatic packaging machine. This will enable us to do the packaging directly at the end of the production process and avoid internal transportation across the extensive production areas,” says Guido Klinkhammer, Business Unit Sales Director at SCHÄFER Container Systems.

#### **About SCHÄFER Container Systems ([www.schaefer-container-systems.de](http://www.schaefer-container-systems.de)):**

SCHÄFER Container Systems, an innovative manufacturer of high-quality container systems (KEGs) for beverages and of IBCs and special stainless steel containers for liquids, solids and granulates, is part of the internationally successful SCHÄFER Werke.

This owner-led enterprise is headquartered in Neunkirchen in Germany's Siegerland region and operates globally with diversified business areas: EMW Steel Service Centre, perforated sheets, standard and special containers in stainless steel and installations for data centres, workshops and factories. The work of all divisions is based on high-quality fine steel sheet. The processing of this material is one of the core competencies of this enterprise.

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