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 **Kautex Maschinenbau at the Interpack Trade Fair – High-Performance Production with All-Electric Machines and Industry 4.0 Applications**

This year, representatives from the international packaging industry will once again gather at the Interpack trade fair in the German city of Düsseldorf to find out about the opportunities for improving efficiency in the field of packaging production. As in previous years, Kautex Maschinenbau will be represented at this year's event with its own stand in Hall 13 from May 4th to 10th. Alongside the all-electric packaging machines in its KBB series, the extrusion blow molding specialist will also present a number of potential solutions that manufacturers of bottles, containers and other plastic packaging can use to set new standards in productivity. These solutions not only include material-saving and advanced quick-change production systems, but also services that help to reduce the 'time to market'. The company's new IntelliGate integration system was also developed with the aim of increasing the process efficiency of its machines. These Industry 4.0 applications help to transform Kautex machines into a closed system for high-performance production and enable Kautex to secure its typical high level of process quality.

**The IntelliGate modular system**The main component of the IntelliGate integration system is its modules, which are connected to the newly developed Connext interface. "This helps to make downstream processes, such as quality control processes, an integral part of the machine", explains Christian Kirchbaumer, Team Leader for Communication and Marketing at Kautex Maschinenbau. The individual modules can be coordinated on KBB blow molding machines by the Kautex experts and connected or exchanged using a “plug and play” interface .

**Using all-electric machines and virtual training to increase efficiency**The all-electric KBB series, which has been in high demand since it was introduced three years ago, stands out due to its compact design, easy handling, low energy consumption and advanced quick-change systems, which facilitate the fast and efficient completion of product changes. One of the solutions provided by the series is the use of advanced extrusion blow molding heads, which significantly reduce the time needed for color changes. On top of this, the series was recently expanded with the addition of two variants for the production of blow-molded jerry cans.
Another highlight at the Kautex exhibition booth will be the live presentation of the company's latest generation of virtual machines. This tool enables users to simulate and train production processes for different types of machines and applications in real time.

**A shuttle service to the main plant in Bonn**Given that the Interpack venue is located in close proximity to the company's main plant in the German city of Bonn, Kautex is offering guests the chance to use its individual shuttle service, which will take them directly from the trade fair to the Kautex factory. At the facility, visitors will be able to view a wide variety of different Kautex extrusion blow molding systems in different stages of assembly and enjoy many informative discussions with the Kautex experts.

**About Kautex Maschinenbau**
Eight decades of providing its customers with innovative products and services have turned Kautex Maschinenbau into one of the world's leading companies in extrusion blow molding technology. With customers that include major automobile manufacturers and suppliers, as well as companies working in the packaging industry. All of them have come to rely on the knowledge and experience of a brand that stands for both quality and reliability. With 460 employees in Germany and a further 170 around the world, Kautex Maschinenbau GmbH currently has an annual turnover of €122 million. In addition to its HQ in Bonn, the newly opened Customer Service Center in Berlin and regional offices in the USA, Russia, China, Italy and India, Kautex Maschinenbau operates an extensive global network of service and distribution offices.

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