

**PRESS RELEASE**

**Bennett Packaging and Display – Success, Innovation and Customer Commitment from a Packaging Company in the Heartland of the U.S.**

Located in Lee's Summit, MO, Bennett Packaging is one of the largest independently owned sheet plants in the United States. Located underground in a 450,000-sqft facility the company is also one of the best-equipped packaging plants in the country. Bennett Packaging and Display also happens to be a significant partner for businesses looking for contract packaging solutions. With 30 shipping docks the fulfillment center is directly connected to the manufacturing facility. "Recognizing today's pressures, Bennett is intent on assisting their clients collapse their supply chains and dramatically reduce time-to-market while offering fresh and innovative packaging, pack-out and distribution services," says Kathy Bennett, CEO of Bennett Packaging.

The commitment to its customers is also reflected in the company's on-going effort to heavily invest in new equipment and systems. The newest addition in equipment to further that commitment is the Bahmueller Turbox/Topmatcher specialty folder gluer. This machine is capable of producing single-piece, two-piece and three-piece packaging of corrugated, folding carton or a combination of both. "Bennett feels the future is bright," continuous Kathy, "for the type of products this machine can produce and we wanted to be the first in the Midwest to upgrade to these capabilities." This particularly holds true for multi-piece designs, which increasingly gain popularity in the packaging market. Innovation, design flexibility, speed-to-market, product quality – all these attributes have made Bennett successful; all these attributes are reflected in the Bahmueller Turbox specialty folder gluer.

"After a successful machine start-up the company easily out-produced an existing specialty folder gluer by several multiples," states Doug Hay, Plant Manager at Bennett. The Turbox also is equipped with the latest quality control mechanism capable of ejecting boxes at full machine speed which do not meet pre-set quality standards, thus ensuring that the customer only gets product that has been 100% quality checked. This is of critical importance as Bennett Packaging produces a significant amount of its products for the food and high-end consumer products industry. Speaking of which – one will not find many plants that are as clean and well maintained as Bennett Packaging.

Obviously, investment does not only find its way in new equipment. Bennett is committed to also have the best-trained people in the business. To that extend key personnel gets trained at Clemson University in South Carolina and OEM's are invited to conduct regular operator training on the equipment. Bahmueller also has done its share in providing extensive machine operator training in particular as it relates to advanced setup and production run optimization. "We have been very pleased with Bahmueller's support of the equipment and in the way they have trained our operators," comments Doug Hay. "The Turbox /Topmatcher is a sophisticated piece of machinery. Good support is essential for Bennett as it reflects our commitment to our customers. The Turbox has been a reliable piece of machinery and we are happy to have made our decision in favor of Bahmueller," concludes Kathy Bennett.



**Turbox BJD 2300 TM**



**Doug Hay, Plant Manager**