



INTERTAPE POLYMER GROUP INC, IN COLLABORATION WITH IMA, INTRODUCE "THE PACK STATION OF THE FUTURE"



SARASOTA, FLORIDA (October 20, 2022) – Intertape Polymer Group Inc. ("IPG"), a global leader of packaging and protective solutions, in collaboration with IMA, world leader in the design and manufacture of automatic machines, introduce the **"Pack Station of the Future"** at Pack Expo International 2022 in Chicago, IL on the 23rd of October, South Hall Booth S-2814.

"Over the next decade, in all geographic regions, e-commerce sales continue to grow as a percentage of overall retail sales. Advanced packaging automation will be necessary to help e-tailers improve both throughput and their cost position as labor markets remain tight," states Zach Kissel, VP Global E-Fulfillment with IPG. "The introduction of the E-CO Flex1 would allow for multiple pack stations to be combined into one without losing throughput and utilizing much less real estate than the multiple pack station model being used today."

The **E-CO Flex1 is designed to streamline the packaging process in e-fulfillment** and it is capable of selecting the closest box size match to the product being packaged connecting to the customer's WMS system. The machine erects and tapes the bottom of the shipping container with IPG's recyclable water-activated tape. At the same time, the E-CO Flex1 applies any identification sticker to the carton. From there, the E-CO Flex1 presents the associate with a pre-assembled box, the associate then inserts the shippable items and secures them with a prescribed amount of dunnage. The associate reinserts the open faced box back into the machine where the remaining void is measured. If the algorithm determines that the space can be optimized, a series of knives adjust the size of the box to deliver the optimal dimensions of the shipment. The box is then closed, sealed and ushered to the customer's conveyance.

"IMA has had a long history in the design, development and production of some of the most sophisticated packaging solutions to industry. Working with IPG, IMA has combined IPG's proprietary water-activated tape sealing mechanism to deliver one of the most ergonomic and sustainable packaging solutions to the e-fulfillment industry," commented Dario Rea, Director of Research & Innovation with IMA. "The E-Co Flex1 will allow some of the larger e-commerce customers to consolidate several pack stations into a single 'Pack Station of the Future', increasing packer efficiency and operational capacity."





For more information regarding the E-CO Flex1, please contact Zach Kissel at zkissel@itape.com or Simone Capponcelli, Sales Manager with IMA at simone.capponcelli@ima.it.

ABOUT INTERTAPE POLYMER GROUP INC.

Intertape Polymer Group Inc. is a recognized leader in the development, manufacture and sale of a variety of paper and film based pressure-sensitive and water-activated tapes, stretch and shrink films, protective packaging, woven and non-woven products and packaging machinery for industrial and retail use. Headquartered in Sarasota, Florida, IPG employs approximately 4,200 employees with operations in 34 locations, including 22 manufacturing facilities in North America, five in Asia and two in Europe. For information about the Company, visit www.itape.com.

ABOUT IMA

Established in 1961, IMA is world leader in the development and production of automatic machines for the processing and packaging of pharmaceutical, cosmetic, food, tea and coffee products, as well as in the automation of industrial processes. The IMA Group closed the year 2021 with consolidated revenues of around 1.7 billion euros and counts more than 6,200 employees, of which about 2,300 abroad. The Group is present in about 80 countries and relies on 53 production facilities and holds more than 2,700 active patents and patent applications worldwide. For information about the Company, visit www.ima.it.

