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Arnon commissions new Welex® V-PET sheet line, doubles capacity

An affiliate of Al Fozan Group of Companies, one of the leading trading, investment and industrial groups in Saudi Arabia, Arnon Plastic Industries Co. Ltd. ('Arnon') was established in 1999 to produce PE rolls and sheets for the construction industry as well as PS and PET food trays and containers. Arnon commenced production in 2000 and, today, manufactures its products in 3 modern facilities in Dammam.

'We commissioned our first Welex line in 2002, which was lost in a fire that consumed our plant in 2004,' said Arnon managing director Majed Alsulaim. 'We replaced that line in 2005,' he added. In subsequent years, Arnon's business grew, requiring additional capacity. In 2013, the company ordered an additional Welex line with effectively twice the capacity of the original. This latest line, commissioned in January 2014, features tandem 130mm extruders to process PET, PP, and HIPS sheet with several advanced features:

- V-PET vented single-screw extruders which include high vacuum moisture evacuation pumps enabling high quality PET sheet production without the need of recrystallizing or pre-drying
- Polyside® enabled for two-color striped sheet production for clamshell packaging with colored bases and clear lids
- Tandem, fully automatic transfer turret winders featuring automatic roll removal
- State-of-the art control system with remote access

'This new Welex line exceeded not only our technical requirements, but also our expectations. The team that commissioned the line was professional and proficient,' said Alsulaim.

'From the time Arnon ordered the line to its installation, Welex was acquired by Graham Engineering Corporation ('GEC'), a global leader in rotary extrusion blow molding technology. GEC's acquisition of Welex has been seamless and positive for our region,' said Abdullah Al Sanea, GEC's Welex brand representative for the Middle East. 'It was the newly combined team of GEC and Welex service technicians who commissioned the line,' he added.

'The first Welex line in Saudi Arabia began production in 1971. We are privileged to have been involved over the decades as this market has grown. To my knowledge, this is the most sophisticated line yet in the country,' stated Jim Nissel, GEC Director of Welex Sales – EMEA and APAC. 'We are excited to support the growth and innovation.'



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Abdullah Al Sanea, GEC's Welex brand representative in the Middle East



Welex® dual-extruder V-PET sheet line for Arnon

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