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Solidus to close production site in Bad Nieuweschans, The Netherlands

By Andrea Venturini - Tuesday 10 June

The Dutch solid board and solid board packaging specialist Solidus will permanently shut its production site in Bad Nieuweschans, The Netherlands and align its overhead functions, the firm announced on Friday June 6.

Production volumes will be transferred to other production site within the group in to improve production efficiency and capacity utilization.

The decision followed a [strategic review](#) of the company's operating footprint initiated earlier this year and aims at rationalizing its cost base, restoring its performance and position itself to drive further growth.

"The entire industry is experiencing a challenging period, and Solidus is no exception," the firm said. "Slow demand and rising input costs, such as gas, energy and [carbon dioxide] emissions are putting pressure on the company's financial results."

To offset rising input costs, at the end of March the company announced a €60 (\$69) per tonne [price increase](#) for deliveries from April 14.

Solidus produces standard and customizable packaging, solid board, tubes, cores, edge protectors and partitions.

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Germany's Faller Packaging to start production of folding cartons at new Danish site in 'late summer'

By Sharon Levrez - Thursday 12 June

Germany's Faller Packaging will start the production of folding cartons at a new site in Horsens, Denmark, in "late summer," the company said on Thursday June 12.

Construction of the Horsens site was originally announced in April 2023. Faller already operates one site in Denmark, in Hvidovre. Faller hopes to eventually produce 900 million cartons per year in Denmark, including up to 600 million at Horsens alone.

"The new factory is lean, combining efficiency and quality. This not only allows us to significantly expand capacity but also strengthens our local customer service," Faller Denmark managing director Christian Holmskov said in a statement. "The modern full-format printing presses enable a much higher output per sheet than the half-format technology previously used."

Faller said that the expansion in the Nordic region was to meet growing demand for pharmaceutical packaging in Northern Europe. Having a presence in Denmark would also allow the company to shorten delivery times for customers in the region.

Earlier this year, the company also opened a new facility in Gebesee, in the German state of Thuringia, which it expects to produce up to 650 million additional folding cartons and 160 million packaging outserts, mainly for the pharmaceutical and healthcare sectors.

The company has its headquarters in Waldkirch, in the German state of Baden-Württemberg, as well as sites in Binzen, Schopfheim and Worms in Germany; Hvidovre in Denmark; Łódź in Poland; and Debrecen in Hungary.

Swedish Dockworkers Union announces new strikes for June 18-25; employer-side says notice arrived too late

By Eva Nyman - Tuesday 10 June

The Swedish Dockworkers Union, which represents part of the workers in Swedish ports, has announced a new set of industrial actions targeting specific companies for limited periods of time from Wednesday June 18 until Wednesday June 25.

The union has published a list of companies affected and the proposed schedule for the actions, which include strikes as well as bans on hiring and overtime.

The employer party, Ports of Sweden, said it received notice of the planned industrial actions, dated Monday June 9, on Tuesday June 10. The organization argued that the notice was delivered too late, given that a seven working day notice is required.

The Swedish Dockworkers Union organized strikes between May 21 and June 9 and Ports of Sweden has answered with mirrored lockouts.

The conflict concerns a new collective agreement.

Ports of Sweden and the Swedish Transport Workers' Union (Transport) – the other union representing Swedish port workers – settled on a collective agreement [on May 20](#).

The Swedish Dockworkers Union has [refused to sign the same agreement](#) since it is seeking enhanced protection for union work or employee representatives and improvements for temporary agency staff.

Mediation through the Swedish National Mediation Office is scheduled to continue on Thursday June 12, according to Ports of Sweden.

Elopak and Kompak Nederland co-partner to open D-PAK showroom in Etten-Leur, the Netherlands

- Thursday 12 June

In a joint initiative, Elopak, one of the world’s leading suppliers of carton packaging and filling machines, and Kompak Nederland BV, a leading European co-filler in the home and personal care sector, are bringing sustainable carton packaging for home and personal care products to life.

The partnership has resulted in the creation of a D-PAK showroom at the Kompak site in Etten-Leur, the Netherlands. On site, both existing and potential customers will have the opportunity to experience the revolutionary D-PAK carton packaging solution for home and personal care products such as detergents, household cleaning and liquid soaps – from design and handling to actual filling.

The new showroom is directly adjacent to the production area and features interactive stations that vividly convey the versatility, sustainability and marketing potential of D-PAK – including a multimedia ‘wall of cartons’, design samples and information on the life cycle of the packaging.

For a seamless production on site, two Elopak filling lines were installed at Kompak, with a third to follow later in the year. This setup enables high flexibility and fast market launches – a key advantage for brands that want to switch to sustainable packaging.

Elopak’s D-PAK gable top carton is part of the company’s “Repackaging tomorrow” strategy designed to reduce the proportion of plastic packaging in the market for home and personal care products and gradually replace it with sustainable carton packaging.

“In a world dominated by digital touchpoints, the desire for tangible experiences is stronger than ever – even in B2B,” says Dirk Endlich, Vice President P2C (Plastic to Carton) at Elopak. “With the showroom for D-PAK cartons, we want to create trust and offer an exciting new experience.”

D-PAK cartons reduce the amount of plastic by up to 80 percent compared to conventional packaging such as pouches or plastic bottles – with no compromise on safety or functionality. The packaging can be used both as primary packaging and as a refill solution.

“We see huge potential for the D-PAK carton,” adds Geert Buijsman, CEO of Kompak. “It is highly functional, sustainable and cost-effective. With D-PAK cartons, you can streamline processes, cut costs and explore new markets.”

With the showroom and the integrated Elopak filling technology, both companies now offer a comprehensive ‘one-stop shop’ to support brands on their sustainability journey.

Boxboard/Cartonboard Europe Key Attributes

Symbol	Description	Date	Price	+/-	Month	Monthly Average
FP-CBB-0098	Coated duplex (GC2), 270-280 g, France	01 May 2025	1020 - 1310	0 (0.00%)	May 2025	1020 - 1310
FP-CBB-0100	Coated duplex (GC2), 270-280 g, Germany	01 Jun 2025	1020 - 1300	0 (0.00%)	Jun 2025	1020 - 1300
FP-CBB-0099	White-lined chipboard (GD2), 300 g, France	01 May 2025	710 - 795	12.5 (1.69%)	May 2025	710 - 795
FP-CBB-0101	White-lined chipboard (GD2), 300 g, Germany	01 Jun 2025	700 - 790	0 (0.00%)	Jun 2025	700 - 790

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Boxboard/Cartonboard Spain Markets

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FP-CBB-0104	Coated duplex (GC2), 270-280 g, Spain	01 May 2025	1010 - 1300	0 (0.00%)	May 2025	1010 - 1300
FP-CBB-0105	White-lined chipboard (GD2), 300 g, Spain	01 May 2025	710 - 770	10 (1.37%)	May 2025	710 - 770

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FP-CBB-0099	White-lined chipboard (GD2), 300 g, France	01 May 2025	710 - 795	12.5 (1.69%)	May 2025	710 - 795

Boxboard/Cartonboard Italy Markets

Symbol	Description	Date	Price	+/-	Month	Monthly Average
FP-CBB-0102	Coated duplex (GC2), 270-280 g, Italy	01 May 2025	1020 - 1290	0 (0.00%)	May 2025	1020 - 1290
FP-CBB-0103	White-lined chipboard (GD2), 300 g, Italy	01 May 2025	690 - 765	10 (1.39%)	May 2025	690 - 765

Boxboard/Cartonboard UK Markets

Symbol	Description	Date	Price	+/-	Month	Monthly Average
FP-CBB-0094	Coated duplex (GC2), 270-280 g, UK	01 Jun 2025	1005 - 1210	0 (0.00%)	Jun 2025	1005 - 1210
FP-CBB-0095	Coated duplex (GC2), 270-280 g, UK, EUR	01 Jun 2025	1193 - 1437	12.5 (0.96%)	Jun 2025	1193 - 1437
FP-CBB-0096	White-lined chipboard (GD2), 300 g, UK	01 Jun 2025	705 - 785	0 (0.00%)	Jun 2025	705 - 785
FP-CBB-0097	White-lined chipboard (GD2), 300 g, UK, EUR	01 Jun 2025	837 - 932	8.5 (0.97%)	Jun 2025	837 - 932