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The perfect addition to the portfolio: BERICAP has acquired aluminum closure expert Mala

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BERICAP, one of the leading global manufacturers of plastic closures, has taken over Mala Verschluss-Systeme GmbH, thereby extending its product portfolio to include aluminum closures. Mala is a family owned company based in Bad Liebenstein, Thuringia. In 2020 it generated annual revenue of 40 million euros from the production and sale of aluminum screw cap closures for spirits, wine, non-alcoholic beverages and edible oil. BERICAP and Mala's business models and product program complement each other perfectly. Whereas BERICAP focuses on the production and sale of plastic closures for the food, beverage and chemical industries, Mala specializes in aluminum roll on pilfer proof (ROPP) and long cap closures for the wine and spirits market. Powerful synergies will be created as a result, delivering benefits to both companies. Mala gains access to new markets and BERICAP's product portfolio is extended to include aluminum closures. The acquisition will allow BERICAP to continue on its growth trajectory and, with Mala on board, it has the opportunity to open up new market segments and to develop innovative closure technologies combining plastic and aluminum.

Completion of the product range

Mala has over 200 employees at its sites in Bad Liebenstein and Schmalkalden-Wernshausen and markets its closures globally. "We're delighted to welcome the Mala team and their expertise to the BERICAP family," said Christian Krautkrämer, Managing Director at BERICAP. "The extension of our product range to include Mala's aluminum roll-on caps enables us to tailor our solutions even more precisely to the needs and requirements of our customers. The acquisition has allowed us to complete our already comprehensive range of closures for PET and glass bottles." Now BERICAP is able to offer alternatives in aluminum, in addition to the established range of plastic closures, for edible oil, vinegar and mineral water. Spirits manufacturers will also appreciate BERICAP's new single-source supplier setup covering all their needs, from simple ROPP aluminum closures to multi-stage highly safety closures. Production of aluminum closures for wine can also be ramped up thanks to the global BERICAP production network.

"Mala's design capabilities and specialized production equipment for aluminum closure finishing and decoration are impressive. The company offers exceptional flexibility in customer projects with its own in-house pad printing, side offset printing and hot foil embossing technology. Together we can leverage our full potential and grow our business footprint in expanding markets," added Christian Krautkrämer.





About BERICAP

BERICAP is one of the leading global manufacturers of plastic closures, with 24 factories serving customers in over 100 countries across the world. With four central R&D centers and its own mold shop, BERICAP is particularly committed to developing innovative plastic closures to support its customers' success.

The company puts a strong emphasis on quality. Best manufacturing practices in the BERICAP Group are centrally coordinated and implemented at each plant to ensure superior quality. They are monitored to continuously improve quality standards. All BERICAP plants are ISO 9000 and BRC-IOP or ISO 22000-certified.

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