



100 Years
Sigpack Systems

100 years of innovation in the service of packaging

From machine manufacturer to system provider – this year, the Swiss machinery manufacturer Sigpack Systems AG looks back on more than one hundred years of company history.

It all began in 1906

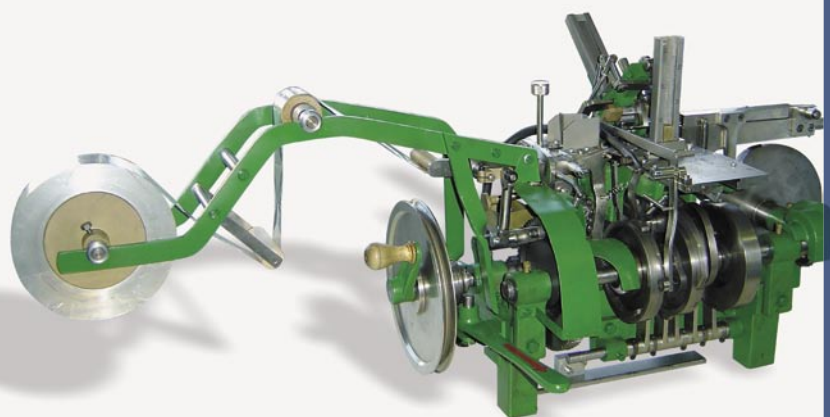
when the company, called Schweizerische Industrie Gesellschaft (SIG – Swiss Industrial Company) at that time, built the first packaging machines as subcontractor for an external patent-holder, one of the founders of Sapal S.A in Ecublens.

These modest table-top machines were hand-operated but already replaced the many complicated hand movements needed to fold wrapping materials. The result was the simplification of packaging chocolate and soup cubes.

The move to automated packaging at break-neck speed

In 1921 SIG commenced the development and manufacture of its own packaging machines, which could now also be used for different foodstuffs such as biscuits and butter. By 1938 the com-

This is what the first hand-operated die fold machine looked like. It packaged up to 25 Napolitaines per minute and weighed app. 150 kg. The price at the time was 760.– CHF that would make it a blockbuster nowadays!





Everything in one stop - creative and innovative packaging solutions have turned Sigpack Systems into one of the leading system providers.

pany was producing 26 different types of machines, and when the year 1981 arrived the range had been extended to include over 60 types of machines. With the onset of an all-out boom in automated packaging in the 1950s, SIG stood head and shoulders above its competitors when, in 1956, it launched its first continuously operating horizontal form fill and seal machine.

A string of successful innovations of this type continued right up to the present day. In 2005, the range included the compact HCM system platform for horizontal form fill and seal machines, the TTLi integrated top loader, the new WTI tray loader and the RA/KG4 stick pack machine.

Global market presence

Although the earliest packaging machines produced by SIG were mainly delivered to Swiss chocolate manufacturers, exports now account for 97% of SIG production each year. As part of the increase in production capacity, the company left its original location in Switzerland's Neuhausen in 1964 and moved into a purpose-built factory in neighboring Beringen. In 1999 Sigpack Systems became an independent strategic business unit within the SIG Pack Division.

Full-range provider of packaging technology

With the take-over by Bosch Packaging Technology on July 1, 2004, the Sigpack Group became part of the world's foremost supplier of packaging technology. Bosch's leading position is ideally supplemented and supported by the innovative packaging machines and systems of Sigpack Systems AG and its almost 600 employees.

As part of the centennial celebrations of Sigpack Systems AG, an Open Day, a Customer Day and a Staff Day will be held in June 2006 in Beringen.

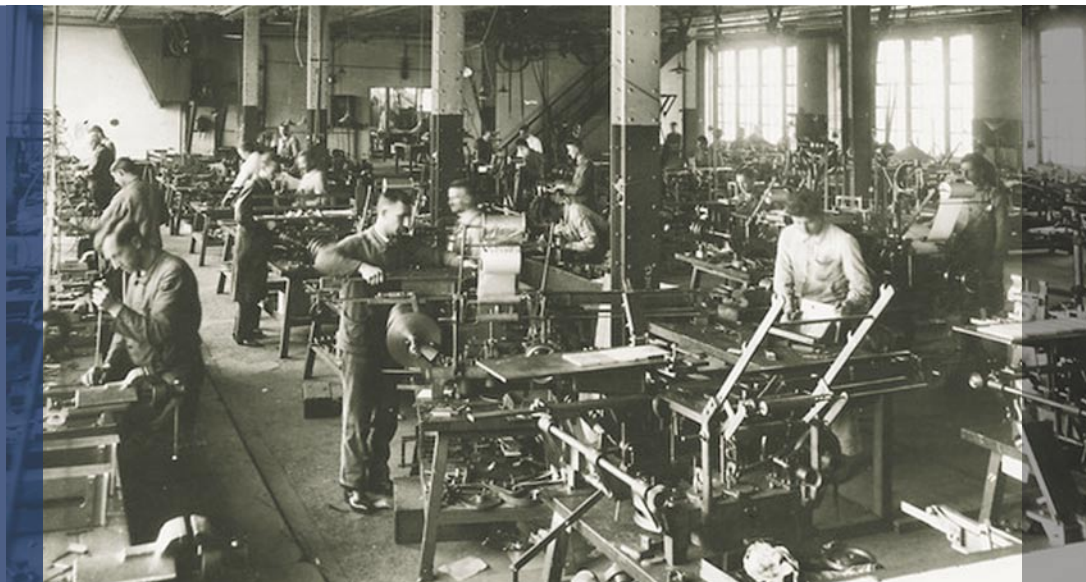
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A glance into the SIG packaging machine assembly shop in its early years.