

PRESS RELEASE

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NPB AND CANLINE EXPAND THEIR LOCAL OPERATIONS IN THE UNITED STATES TO STRENGTHEN AND SUPPORT INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENTS

- **Setup underpins the importance off the US market**
- **Decision supports the expansion needs in the US**
- **Companies will strengthen localised Service levels & execution capabilities**

NPB and Canline have announced their decision to expand their presence in the US, making their knowledge and expertise more accessible for their key customers in the near future. This strategic decision emphasizes the significant role that the US has in the global metal packaging industry. Companies in the metal packaging industry can expect to strengthen their production needs through NPB/Canline's localized system expertise, execution capabilities and service levels.

Our US based operations will enable us to operate more closely to our key customers and their demanding market needs. The market growth for the manufacturing of cans and ends soars high. This will continue for the next years to come to meet consumer demands and support the move towards a more sustainable trend in packaging in reference to plastic or glass packaging materials.

The move supports our aspirations to act as global leading companies in our industry sector and offer dedicated, localised, support to meet the demands to increase capacity, improve the efficiency levels and implement further process automation in the US. We expect this development to support our vision to be the market leader in our industry. With a high level of advanced technical expertise and through close cooperation with our customers and suppliers, we deliver innovative, sustainable and value added solutions.

As highlighted by Johan Orrenius, Managing Director of NPB: "We continuously strive to further strengthen our long-lasting relationships with our key customers. Therefore, the level of delivery capabilities and localized services must be very high. We believe further localization in the US will accelerate achieving these goals."

This statement is supported by Wouter de Roos, Managing Director of Canline. "To act as true partners for our key customers, we do not only have to deliver market leading technology, but also market leading services."

Decisive to the success of our key customers, we acknowledge that they need to operate their factories at the highest efficiency level. Therefore, the US based operations will include our key competences for can- and end manufacturing, plus end-of-line automation. All other vital factors of service we provide will be locally present, including project management, site supervision, field service support, performance monitoring, process optimization and spare parts.

NPB and Canline are partners and sister companies within the Business Unit Industrial Solutions of XANO AB. The companies have more than 50 years experience and have proven their abilities at all leading metal packaging companies over the globe. With XANO AB as a strong strategic owner, it will enable us to take the next step in executing our strategy of sustainable growth. Within this strategy, entrepreneurship, long-term thinking and technical know-how are essential core values and a drive for our continuous success.

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