

PRESS RELEASE

UNITED CAPS Extends ‘Close to You’ Strategy with New Factory in the United Kingdom

Dinnington, Rotherham, location to manufacture beverage, dairy closures.

Wiltz, Luxembourg, 19 July 2018 – UNITED CAPS, an international manufacturer of caps and closures, today announced it will be constructing a new manufacturing plant in Dinnington, Rotherham, as part of the company’s ‘Close to You’ strategy.

The initial facility will be 5,000 square meters, with an option to expand to 20,000 square meters as business growth demands.

Production is expected to begin at the end of 2019 and will initially focus on beverage and dairy closures, with options to add additional segments as needed. This project represents an estimated €20 million investment including the first phase of machinery and is expected to increase group turnover by 15% in phase one and will initially employ 20 staff.

“This expansion to the United Kingdom is in response to increasing demand there for our products,” said Benoit Henckes, CEO of UNITED CAPS. “We chose Rotherham because of its central location along the M1, available technical skilled people and the reasonable cost of land in that area. This will be our first plant in the United Kingdom, and we are looking forward to working closely with the Rotherham Council as the project proceeds.”

“We are excited to have a company of the quality of UNITED CAPS joining our community,” said Chris Read, Leader of Rotherham Council. “We look forward to working with them to ensure a timely completion of the new factory, as well as future expansions as their business needs dictate. The beginning of operations means 20 new jobs almost immediately, and the welcome news that we can be hopeful there will be many more jobs to come for dedicated local people in the future.”

Manufacturing Strategy

UNITED CAPS conducted a number of market studies leading up to the selection of the Dinnington site. Henckes added, “Our studies reflected that demand was highest for beverage and dairy closures. More specifically, we will focus on the production of plastic closures for flat and medium carbonated drinks as well as fruit juices and dairy products in PET bottles. Of course, our customers in the United Kingdom will have access to our full portfolio of caps and closures, as well as to the expert resources in our Messia R&D facility.”

Following the success of UNITED CAPS Irish plant in Greystones, plant director Paul Gorry will oversee the Rotherham plant as well. He has been Greystones’ plant director for eight years and was involved in the construction of the plant at Greystones and the transfer of the production lines to the new plant in Dinnington.

Cllr Read added: "This development is further confirmation of the attractive location that Rotherham has become for investors, with United Caps sitting alongside McLaren Automotive, Rolls-Royce, Boeing, Siemens, Forgemasters and others.

The Council and Local Together Partnership are working to give businesses the confidence to invest in jobs, homes and developments within Rotherham and it's resulting in Rotherham becoming one of the fastest growing local economies in the country.

As the economy continues to grow we can look forward to seeing more local people in highly skilled and entrepreneurial jobs, and Rotherham becoming a quality place to live and work, with a strong transport, digital and environmental infrastructure."

For more information about products and services from UNITED CAPS, please visit www.unitedcaps.com.

Captions:

Rotherham Council Officials and UC team: Rotherham Council Officials meet members of the UNITED CAPS team.

From left to right: Cllr Denise Lelliott Cabinet Member for Jobs and the Local Economy, Benoit Henckes CEO of UNITED CAPS, Damien Wilson Strategic Director of Regeneration, Cllr Gordon Watson Deputy Leader of Rotherham Council, Rony Van Regenmortel Chief Project Officer of UNITED CAPS, Paul Gorry Plant Director of UNITED CAPS.



Wiltz Plant: The « Close to You » strategy of UNITED CAPS group headquartered in Wiltz in Luxembourg is the driving force of its growth inside and outside Europe.



Greystone Plant: UNITED CAPS Irish plant in Greystones knows a successful development since 2011. Its plant director, Paul Gorry, will oversee the Rotherham plant as well.



Benoit Henckes: For Dinnington plant, Benoit Henckes, CEO of UNITED CAPS group, plans an estimated €20 million investment including the first phase of machinery.



Comp_Beverages: Initially, 20 staff will be employed to produce beverages and dairy closures.



ABOUT ROTHERHAM

Rotherham is home to more than 270,000 people and the borough's Growth Plan - which is jointly owned between Rotherham Council and the Local Rotherham Together Partnership - commits to growing the borough's economy and infrastructure by generating 10,000 new private sector jobs and creating 750 new businesses, as well as focusing on a number of key projects including delivery of the Advanced Manufacturing Innovation District (AMID), the creation of the Higher Education Campus, and the development of a major leisure hub in the town centre including cinema and hotel.

ABOUT UNITED CAPS

UNITED CAPS is a global industry reference for the design and production of highly-performant plastic caps and closures. Extensive innovative capabilities and a broad portfolio



of advanced standard and bespoke solutions make UNITED CAPS a preferred partner to the world's leading companies. We support our customers' value chain by safeguarding product integrity, assuring safety and consumer health, and ultimately protecting brand reputation. A highly dynamic and flexible, family-based group, UNITED CAPS offers end-to-end solutions to serve a wide range of applications and markets around the world. The company is headquartered in Luxembourg and has manufacturing facilities in Belgium, France, Germany, Hungary, Ireland, Luxembourg and Spain. Employing more than 500 people, UNITED CAPS's turnover amounts to 137 million Euros (as at end 2017).

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