

German government supports Gerresheimer target of 150 million vials

Global producer of medicine packaging, drug delivery devices and solutions Gerresheimer is expanding glass vial manufacture at its Wertheim, Germany site and at two further sites in China and the USA. The company aims to reach 150 million vials per year in Wertheim and plans to create 70 new jobs for this purpose.

The German Federal Ministry of Economy and Climate Action is supporting Gerresheimer's investment within the framework of federal funding of production equipment of borosilicate tubular glass and glass vials for use in vaccine production.

Until now, Gerresheimer has primarily served European demand for vials from its plants in Boleslawiec (Poland) and Chalon (France). Expansion at Wertheim will make the plant one of the leading vial production sites in Europe, with the technology to produce in GX-Elite quality for better filling results.

"We already produce almost a third of the world's glass vials," underlined Dietmar Siemssen, CEO of Gerresheimer. "By the end of 2022, we will be the world's leading producer of glass vials and manufacture the highest-quality and most innovative products."

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Gerresheimer intends to produce 150 million vials a year at its Wertheim facility.

AGI adds speciality glass division to Bhongir facility

To reduce dependence on imports and promote sustainability, container glass manufacturer AGI glaspac has opened a new manufacturing facility at its site in Bhongir, India. Aiming to capture 10–15% of the growing market for speciality glass, the new glass plant will produce clear glass products primarily for pharmaceutical products, premium spirits, food and beverages.

Facilities consist of end-fired furnaces with six forehearths, capable of producing 154tpd of premium flint and other different coloured glass. The new plant has state-of-the-art technology for blow&blow and press&blow, with integrated decoration facility for hot foil stamping, coating, lacquering and colouring. AGI will be using a 5ins DG machine, 85mm IS10 TG machine, 64mm IS8 QG machine, 64mm IS 6+6 QG Tandem machine, and 5.5ins IS 10 DG machines to manufacture products such as vials, nail polish, perfume and cosmetics bottles, water/wine/spirits bottles and candle jars. There is also other specialised equipment for packaging and decoration.

The new facility will provide direct employment to 350+ people and will serve foreign markets along with the Indian markets. Its inauguration brings AGI "closer to our vision of building a centre of excellence in the container glass packaging in India, using globally-benchmarked

glasspex India postponed to September 2023

The glasspex India and glasspro India events have been rescheduled from 3–5 March 2022 to 14–16 September 2023.

After consultation internally and with partners including the All India Glass Manufacturers' Federation (AIGMF), Messe Düsseldorf India cited a number of factors for the decision, including: a third Covid-19 pandemic wave in India with a peak expected in February/March 2022; a recommendation from the Indian glass industry to postpone trade fairs due to lack of international participation, especially from China; existing/tightened domestic and international travel restrictions; and the availability of the Bombay Exhibition Centre in Mumbai.

The postponement to a later date will ensure that the event will continue to play its leading role in bringing the global industry stakeholders together once again. Supported by *Glass Worldwide*, the AIGMF traditionally stages its technical seminars during glasspex events and the 13th International Conference is now also slated for September 2023. See page 163 for a full list of 2022 – 2023 event listings.

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AIGMF and its preferred partner *Glass Worldwide* shared a stand at glasspex India 2019.

manufacturing systems and practices," said Rajesh Khosla, President & CEO, AGI glaspac. "With expected revenue of Rs 250 crore at a CAGR of 10% YoY, the facility will boost our

commitment to producing sustainable world-class, innovative products for the ever-evolving demands of our consumers."

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Rajesh Khosla, President & CEO of AGI glaspac.