

PRESS RELEASE

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Former Smurfit Kappa Solid Board activities rebrand as SOLIDUS SOLUTIONS

*Same business, same experience, same knowledge, **new name***

In April 2015, the Solid Board activities of Smurfit Kappa in the UK, France, Belgium and Norway were acquired by pan-European, mid-market investor Aurelius. Following this change in ownership, these Solid Board assets will operate under a new brand and corporate identity: SOLIDUS SOLUTIONS (“the Company”). The Company’s operations, customer services and partnerships will be unaffected by the rebrand, as the business continues to operate as normal.

SOLIDUS SOLUTIONS employs more than 850 people and has an annual turnover of €250 million. The Company’s production sites are located in Bad Nieuweschans, Oude Pekela, Hoogkerk and Coevorden in the Netherlands. Its converting sites are based in Oude Pekela and Bergen op Zoom in the Netherlands, Hoogstraten in Belgium and Corby in the UK; its sales offices are based in France and Norway. SOLIDUS SOLUTIONS will continue to focus on creating innovative solutions for customers in the packaging and graphic board markets, and will strive to deliver sustainable growth whilst doing so.

Commenting on the rebranding, SOLIDUS SOLUTIONS Managing Director Paul Watts said: *“This is an exciting step forward for the Company, which continues to be a leading player in the European packaging and graphic board markets. With our recent backing from Aurelius positioning the business for further organic growth, SOLIDUS and its experienced employees will continue to deliver excellent quality products for customers and a reliable and stable partnership to all of our stakeholders.”*

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About SOLIDUS SOLUTIONS

SOLIDUS SOLUTIONS is a Pan-European integrated solid board operation with production sites in Bad Nieuweschans, Oude Pekela, Hoogkerk and Coevorden in the Netherlands and converting sites in Oude Pekela and Bergen op Zoom in the Netherlands, Hoogstraten in Belgium and Corby in the UK. It also has dedicated sales offices in France and Norway. SOLIDUS SOLUTIONS employs around 850 employees.

The Company offers a wide range of recyclable packaging solutions and specialises in the production of solid board and graphic board in various compositions, supplying a range of sectors including the food packaging industry and industrial markets.

SOLIDUS SOLUTIONS formerly operated as the UK, French, Belgian and Norwegian Solid Board activities of Smurfit Kappa. In April 2015, these operations were acquired by pan-European, mid-market investor Aurelius Group.