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BW Flexible Systems brand Schib lends equipment to package face masks *Italian packaging machinery brand provides CO-50 flow wrapper to local face mask producer*



Alessandro Stiffan, Schib's General Manager, stands with a Schib flow wrapper.

DUNCAN, S.C. — May 5, 2020 — Schib, one of BW Flexible Systems' flexible packaging brands, is lending a CO-50 flow wrapper machine to an Italian-based contractor, at no cost, to package face masks meant to help combat the spread of COVID-19. Schib is located in northern Italy, an area hit hard by the coronavirus, and because the manufacturer has been designated as an essential supplier to both food and non-food industries, its factory has been running at full production to keep up with demand.

Around the world, manufacturers have been stepping up to produce personal protective equipment, even refitting existing production lines for this new task. When Schib's leadership team learned a local business was manufacturing much-needed face masks for the global market, everyone wanted to help.

"During a call with Fharid Peron, our Italian sales executive, we learned that there was a contractor near Malo, Italy, where we are based, that was converting his production of textile-finishing products to the production of face masks," said Alessandro Stiffan, Schib's General Manager. "He contacted Fharid to understand if it was possible to package the face masks. His intention was not to purchase the machine, but he wondered if there was anything we could do to help.

"Knowing the huge need for masks in Italy at that time, I didn't think twice," Stiffan continued. "We already had the availability of a Schib CO-50 machine—a good fit for packaging face masks."

Peron reached out with a loan for use agreement that provided the flow wrapper free of charge. The equipment currently is installed and running in the Italian production facility.

"I'm so happy that we could lend one of our packaging machines to support a local initiative in the production of face masks," said Peron. "And, I'm proud to be part of a team that is trying to make a difference during these very difficult times."

"This was a chance for us to contribute to our community during this unprecedented time," Stiffan emphasized. "This also was a clear application of Barry-Wehmiller's Guiding Principles of Leadership and our Global Safety Vision, which call upon us to foster caring and safe practices within our families and communities, and measure our success by the way we touch the lives of people. It is a tiny contribution, but every bit helps when there is an emergency."

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Schib, una consociata BW Flexible Systems, presta una macchina per confezionare mascherine protettive

Il costruttore italiano di macchine confezionatrici fornisce una flowpack CO-50 ad un produttore locale di mascherine



Alessandro Stiffan, Direttore Generale Schib, accanto ad una flowpack Schib..

DUNCAN, S.C. — 5 Maggio 2020 — Schib Packaging S.r.l., una delle aziende BW Flexible Systems che operano nell'imballaggio flessibile, ha prestato ad un'azienda italiana, a titolo gratuito, una macchina flowpack CO-50 per il confezionamento di mascherine protettive atte a contrastare la diffusione del COVID-19. Schib, situata in Nord Italia, un'area colpita duramente dal coronavirus, è stata classificata come fornitore essenziale sia all'industria food che non-food, e pertanto lo stabilimento è rimasto pienamente operativo per far fronte alle richieste.

Molte aziende nel mondo si sono attivate per produrre dispositivi di protezione individuale, anche convertendo le linee di produzione esistenti in funzione del nuovo prodotto. Quando la Direzione Schib è venuta a sapere che un'azienda locale stava producendo per il mercato globale le tanto richieste mascherine facciali, ha voluto dare una mano.

“Durante una telefonata con il nostro Responsabile Vendite Italia, Fharid Peron, abbiamo saputo che un'azienda nella nostra zona, vicino a Malo, in Italia, stava convertendo la sua attività di finissaggio tessile alla produzione di mascherine”, ricorda Alessandro Stiffan, Direttore Generale della Schib. “Questa azienda aveva contattato Fharid per capire se fosse possibile confezionare le mascherine protettive. L'intenzione non era quella di acquistare la macchina, ma di capire se potessimo fare qualcosa per aiutare.

“Sapendo del grandissimo fabbisogno di mascherine in quel momento in Italia, non ci ho pensato due volte” continua Stiffan. “Avevamo disponibile una macchina Schib CO-50 —adatta al confezionamento di mascherine protettive.”

Peron ha predisposto un accordo di comodato d'uso gratuito per la fornitura della flow pack. La macchina è attualmente installata ed in funzione nei locali dell'azienda italiana.

“Sono davvero felice di aver potuto prestare una delle nostre macchine confezionatrici per supportare una iniziativa locale nella produzione di mascherine facciali,” commenta Peron. “Inoltre, sono orgoglioso di far parte di un team che sta cercando di fare la differenza in questi momenti così difficili.”

“Per noi è stata la possibilità di dare un contributo alla nostra comunità durante un momento storico senza precedenti,” sottolinea Stiffan. “A mio avviso, è stata anche una chiara applicazione dei Principi Guida di Leadership della Barry-Wehmiller e della nostra Visione di Sicurezza Globale, che ci chiedono di promuovere pratiche di cura, attenzione e sicurezza all'interno delle nostre famiglie e comunità, e di misurare il nostro successo attraverso il modo con cui tocchiamo le vite delle persone. È solo un piccolo contributo, ma ogni singola goccia conta quando c'è una situazione di emergenza.”

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