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BW Flexible Systems establishes sales and support office in South Africa *Craig Bergset and Andre Systemans join the local team to serve customers in the region*



Craig Bergset joins the BW Flexible Systems South African team as a Regional Sales Manager.

DUNCAN, S.C. — April 30, 2020 — BW Flexible Systems, a global packaging systems manufacturer, is proud to announce the formation of a new South African sales and support team to serve customers in the region.

BW Flexible Systems creates flexible packaging solutions by bringing together some of the industry's most trusted and innovative brands, including Hayssen, Rose Forgrove, Sandiacre, Schib, Simionato, SYMACH and more.

Craig Bergset joins the South African team as a Regional Sales Manager, bringing more than 16 years of packaging industry experience in the South African region to his role. During his career, Bergset's client list has included multinational producers such as Kellogg, McCain Foods, Tiger Brands Limited, Mondelēz International Inc. and Premier FMCG, to name a few.

Prior to joining BW Flexible Systems, Bergset worked for six years as a Sales Manager with Yamato Scale. He also spent 10 years with Ishida Co. Ltd., where he began his packaging systems career in 2004.

"The key to maximizing success is offering truly local support, which BW Flexible Systems will provide now going forward," said Bergset. "I intend to give our customers the best service available."

On his decision to join BW Flexible Systems South Africa, Bergset stated: "The professionalism of the company and the strong name it has in the industry attracted me to the position—not to mention, the business structure and the wide variety of products that BW Flexible Systems has to offer."

Andre Systemans also joins the team as a Field Service Technician, bringing decades of packaging industry sales and support experience to the role.

"I have 20 years of experience in the packaging industry and plan to help customers find the right solutions for their packaging needs," said Systemans. "I can utilize my depth of knowledge to assist customers in optimizing their production lines."

Systemans began working in the packaging industry in 2000 with Ishida Europe in the Netherlands. In 2005, he relocated to South Africa to assist Ishida in setting up a new office, where he oversaw after-sales support. He joined Bosch in South Africa in 2011 as a Sales Engineer and assisted with setting up its South African office, before returning to Ishida as a Service Manager. In 2014, Systemans joined Yamato South Africa, helping to establish its offices in the region, while also focusing on sales and after-sales initiatives.



Andre Systemans joins the BW Flexible Systems South African team as a Field Service Technician.

"BW Flexible Systems has a history of well-known brands with great products and an excellent reputation in the packaging industry," said Systemans. "I am very excited to now be part of the BW team. I am looking

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forward to sharing my experience in the packaging industry and positively contributing to supplying the right solutions for customers' applications."

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