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New Zealand
Australia
Taiwan
Philippines
South Korea
Japan
G’day and Konnichiwa!

The whole world is affected by a totally unexpected crisis that will continue to impact almost every part of our lives, in ways we cannot yet foresee. What is certain is that the coronavirus pandemic is likely to completely change minds and behaviours in pretty much every country across the world.

This year’s Editour Road Show was planned to be our next big international editorial project. That is now impossible. For the safety of others and our own, we are all working from home during the lockdown period. But it’s still time for the Editour Road Show to hit the road – it’s just that we won’t be doing so physically, not at the moment.

The start of the new decade will see us undertaking a trip starting in Australia, moving on to New Zealand and then Japan, via the Philippines, Taiwan and South Korea. With support from Drinktec, the world’s biggest beverages show, we will be ‘virtually’ shooting off to Australasia in April. The first weeks will see us interviewing PET companies along the route via Internet and phone. These encounters will appear not only in PETplanet Insider but also in a completely new way – new to us, anyway: as podcasts on our website, for the first time ever!

We will keep monitoring the situation closely to decide if, how, when and where we can still go personally with our Editourmobil, later in the year, while complying with governmental rules.

From the legendary, biodiverse sceneries of Australia and New Zealand and with numerous interview visits in between, PETplanet will finish the virtual Tour with a (digital) visit to Japan, the Land of the Rising Sun! We will present a comprehensive review of our Tour experiences both at China Brew China Beverage in Shanghai, China, in October and at Drink Technology India in Mumbai, India, in December 2020.

Make sure you’re on board when we set off on our next adventure and get ready for in-depth analyses, special features and reports of trends in these bottle and beverage sectors!

Enjoy our first-ever Virtual Editour!

Stay safe and healthy!

Yours,

Kay Barton
Shortly after PET was developed into a container molding material, Nissei ASB Machine Co., Ltd. was founded in November of 1978 to manufacture and sell the world’s first 1-Step PET injection stretch blow molding machines, along with molds and ancillary equipment. These machines were the original “ASB Series” that remain as the company’s best-selling products today.

Since day one, ASB has placed a huge emphasis on driving the PET molding market through innovative machine, mold and process design that, over the years has led to a swathe of unique patents, specialized machine series and the most versatile range of moldable container designs and molding resins achieved by any player in the industry.

Owing to the diverse nature of products moldable by the ASB product line-up, new projects create very strong customer relationships with close technical cooperation that have further aided the company to maintain a close understanding of the market needs. The company is publicly traded on the first section of the Tokyo stock exchange, but majority ownership still lies with the founding family which further enhances the “family bond” with their customer base.

The head office remains to this day in Komoro City, Japan, but in the mid-1990s it was obvious that manufacturing costs would have made the company’s products uncompetitive, so a major investment was made into an overseas design and manufacturing unit near Mumbai in India. This expanded global capacity and competitiveness while also allowing ASB to fully cater to the rapidly growing domestic Indian market.

The last decade has seen further strong growth so in 2018, the company completed two new factories in Japan and India to double manufacturing floorspace and set the company in a strong position for the next decade of expected growth. As an original players in the fledgling PET container industry, ASB has now completed over 41 years of unbroken leadership making it today’s most experienced company in the industry.

www.nisseiasb.com
BERICAP is one of the leading global manufacturers of plastic closures, with 24 factories serving customers in over 100 countries across the world. With four central R&D centers and an own mold shop in Hungary, BERICAP is particularly committed to developing innovative plastic closures to support its customers’ success.

The company puts a strong emphasis on quality. Best manufacturing practice in the BERICAP Group is centrally coordinated and implemented at each plant to ensure superior quality and will be continuously leveraged to raise the quality level further. All BERICAP plants are ISO 9000 and BRC-IOP or ISO 22000-certified.

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Husky Injection Molding Systems Ltd. is a leading supplier of injection molding equipment and services to the plastics industry. We design, manufacture and integrate the industry’s most comprehensive range of injection molding equipment, including machines, molds, hot runners, auxiliaries and integrated systems. Our value-added services include preform development, factory planning, customer training, systems integration and complete asset management.

With one of the broadest product lines in the industry, our equipment is used to produce a wide range of products for the beverage packaging, closures, thinwall packaging, medical, and consumer electronics markets. Husky employs approximately 4,300 people worldwide, including approximately 600 service representatives across 40 service and sales offices globally. Husky supports customers in over 140 countries, and our main manufacturing facilities are located in Canada, United States, Luxembourg, Switzerland, China, India and Czech Republic.

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MHT Mold & Hotrunner Technology AG belongs to the Krones group and is a well-known manufacturer of precision PET preforms molds and post mold cooling solutions for all major PET systems.

We are specialists for flexibility and know what our customers require to remain competitive in the market: High output, short cycle times, low energy consumption. Since our establishment in 1996 we have exported over 2200 tools with up to 192 cavities to more than 100 countries.

Our customers include world-renowned beverage and packaging manufacturers. In our industry we are regarded as innovation drivers and have repeatedly increased maximum output quantities of preform systems by a significant amount.

Three production and service locations are operated globally by MHT including Germany, Brazil and the USA. A worldwide network of partners covering all continents guarantees the perfect customer service.

www.mht-ag.de
Otto Systems – Industry-leading consultants and engineers for high-performance PET preform production systems

Otto Systems’ uncompromising focus on delivering reliable, efficient production solutions delivers real advantages for clients:

1. Otto Systems’ high-performance turnkey systems reflect the experience of commissioning literally thousands of PET preform production lines all over the world.
2. As an independent consultancy, Otto Systems’ production lines are not limited to the products of any single manufacturer. The only criterion for selecting a component is which one is the best fit for the job.
3. Otto Systems’ solutions ensure that each production system is fully aligned with the manufacturer’s requirements. Total cost of ownership (TCO) and operating costs are reduced to the max.
4. A team of experienced service engineers is always on call, anywhere and anytime. Combined with the high-quality components Otto Systems specifies, this ensures downtimes are kept to an absolute minimum.

Otto Systems provides highly specialized consulting and engineering services to PET preform producers around the world. Using best-in-class components and technology, Otto Systems configures fully integrated turnkey PET preform production lines tailored to meet each client’s specific needs.

The consultants and engineers at Otto Systems are among the best in the business. Their process know-how in PET preforms is unrivaled. They also draw on the vast knowledge pool of Otto Hofstetter AG, which has over 40 years of experience in PET preform engineering and production.

Otto Systems belongs to Otto Hofstetter Holding, a family-owned Swiss company that also owns Otto Hofstetter AG. For over 60 years, Otto Hofstetter AG has set the quality, reliability and productivity benchmarks for PET preform injection moulds. As an engineering consultancy, Otto Systems’ clients benefit from this comprehensive process and production know-how.

www.otto-systems.com
For more than 30 years SIPA has specialized in various technologies for production (as well as filling and packing) of PET containers, from the preform to the final product.

Its extensive product range includes equipment for production of preforms as well as single-stage injection-stretch-blow molding systems and stretch blow molding equipments (both rotary and linear), fillers, process equipments and the full range of robotized and palletizing solutions. SIPA is also a moldmaker for blow and preform injection system and it also has an important bottle design and engineering operation at the service of its customers.

With headquarters in Italy, the company can rely on 18 sales branches, 3 manufacturing facilities and 26 service centers for fast access to service, parts, and expert engineering support. SIPA also offers injection mould refurbishing and conversion services, with refurbishment centers in Italy, China, Japan, United States, Mexico, Brazil and South Africa.

**Leading the Circular Economy principles**

With the introduction of XTREME Renew, SIPA stands as a leading company in compliance with the principles of Circular Economy. XTREME Renew is the world’s first integrated system for the production of food contact preforms containing 100% r PET flakes. XTREME Renew was developed in collaboration with EREMA, the Austrian company specializing in plastics recycling technologies.

The system is the synergistic combination of two already successful innovations – Erema’s Vacurema and XTREME from SIPA. Compared with alternative systems for recycling old PET bottles back into new ones, it simplifies the process, uses less energy, reduces logistic and costs less to run.

Thanks to its innovative products, SIPA is committed to meet the needs of its customers, providing more efficient, modern, and undoubtedly more sustainable production systems.

www.sipa.it
WHY PETPLANET?

For more than 20 years, PETplanet Insider has been the world’s leading magazine for the PET bottling and bottle-making industry, bringing together machine manufacturers and their customers – directly, with up to date on-site reports at customer plants, providing first hand information on the latest developments and trends. Our market reports and surveys, along with interviews with the major players in the industry give our readers an excellent overview of what is happening in the world of PET. PETplanet Insider continues to be the highly specialised source of information for more than 10,000 readers in over 140 countries and the ideal publication for advertisers who wish to target decision makers in this sector.
All our previous and current tours at a glance:

2010: Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia, Finland

2011: “Go to Brau Beviale”– Austria, Slovenia, Croatia, Serbia, Bulgaria, Turkey, Armenia, Georgia, Azerbaijan (cooperation with Brau Beviale exhibition Nuremberg, Germany)

2012: “Go to Brau Beviale” – Russia, Ukraine, Poland (cooperation with Brau Beviale exhibition Nuremberg, Germany)

2013: “Go with the flow” – Peru, Bolivia, Chile, Argentina, Uruguay, Brazil (cooperation with Drinktec exhibition Munich, Germany)

2014: “Go to Brau Beviale” – Italy, Tunisia, Algeria, Morocco, Spain, Portugal (cooperation with Brau Beviale exhibition Nuremberg, Germany)

2015: “The North American Road Show” – Canada, USA (cooperation with NPE exhibition Orlando, USA)

2016: “The China Road Show” - China, Hong Kong (cooperation with China Brew China Beverage exhibition Shanghai, China)

2017: „Go with the flow“ – Indonesia, Vietnam, Cambodia, Malaysia, Singapore, Philippines, Thailand, Laos (cooperation with Drinktec exhibition Munich, Germany)

2018: “The North American Road Show” – Canada, USA (cooperation with NPE exhibition Orlando, USA)

2019: “The India Road Show” - India (cooperation with Drink Technology Delhi/ Mumbai, India)
Join our trip at drinktec.petpla.net and meet us at:

**China Brew China Beverage**  
in Shanghai, China  
October 13-16, 2020

**Drink Technology India**  
in Mumbai, India  
December 9-11, 2020

**Drinktec**  
in Munich, Germany  
September 13-17, 2021