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## **WINPAK ADDS NEW MULTIBARRIER CAST COEXTRUSION LINE**

Winpak is pleased to announce the start-up of its third MultiBarrier cast coextrusion line for the production of modified atmosphere packaging films. The primary end use for these films is for perishable foods, such as meat and cheese.



The MultiBarrier family of films is manufactured with proprietary equipment to produce an eleven-layer film in one step, using a cast coextrusion process. This process combines polymers with different functionality into a thin, yet strong, packaging material. The polymers are selected based on properties such as gas and moisture barrier, puncture resistance, thermoforming performance, sealing characteristics and optical properties.

MultiBarrier films are used by leading food processors in the meat and cheese industries. The majority of these films, and other Winpak products, are sold to export markets that include all regions of the United States, the Caribbean, Central and South America.

In Winnipeg, Manitoba, Winpak employs approximately 550 people in a 400,000 square foot plant. This facility was opened in 1978 and has been expanded seven times to its present size. The commissioning of the third MultiBarrier line and related activities of finished roll slitting, material

handling, maintenance and other production support functions is expected to add 20 jobs to the Winnipeg plant payroll.

While organic growth has been the driving factor at the Winnipeg facility, since 1978 Winpak has also made several acquisitions in Canada and the United States to add technology and broaden the product offering. Winpak operates nine production facilities in North America, comprising four in Canada and five in the United States. The Company's sales exceed CA \$500 million and employees total 1,750.

Winpak manufactures and distributes high-quality packaging materials and related packaging machines. The Company's products are used primarily for the protection of perishable foods, beverages and in health care applications.