

APP Group presents two newest additions to portfolio of sustainable food packaging solutions at EXPO PACK Mexico 2024 in Mexico City, Mexico, from June 4-7

MEXICO CITY, Mexico, May 31, 2024 (Press Release) - APP Group (APP) and Charta Global Inc., its Exclusive Sales Channel in the US and LATAM, have announced the addition of two new sustainable food packaging products in the Latin American market. Foopak Anchor Bio, a hard-sized paper packaging board, and Foopak Natural Grease Resistant, a flexible paper solution, will be featured at EXPO PACK México which will take place from June 4-7, 2024 in Mexico City at Expo Santa Fe. Both products, along with the company's Bio Natura suite of plastic-free, compostable food service packaging, will be featured at booth #1642 during the event.

Specifically designed for direct food contact, Foopak Anchor Bio eliminates Polyethylene terephthalate (PET) plastics in the ready-meal and frozen food packaging markets by utilizes an aqueous dispersion coating technology to replace the traditional plastic lining commonly used in food service packaging. Foopak Anchor Bio is OBA free and features a strong edge wick and high bulk for excellent barrier performance. The packaging board has thermoforming properties which make it a safe and suitable choice for creating food trays that can conveniently go from a cold case or freezer directly to a microwave or conventional oven up to 400 degrees Fahrenheit.

APP's Foopak Natural Grease Resistant flexible paper comes in both bleached and unbleached grades. It is also available in a range of weights suitable for bakery bags, food wrappers, fry and burger bags, and they can even be used for industrial baking. Foopak Natural Grease Resistant paper also has high tensile strength and smoothness for optimum durability and handle printing which can be excellently converted.

Both Foopak Anchor Bio and Foopak Natural Grease Resistant grades are durable, recyclable and meet compostable standards. They are also FDA-compliant and REACH certified for direct food contact. Additionally, these products are PFAS-free, which can ease growing consumer concerns about perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), also known as forever chemicals, which are typically present in traditional plastic food packaging.

APP continues to invest in research and development for new products as consumer demands for the frozen and ready meal market, take-away and delivery continue to increase in these sectors. According to research, the frozen food segment alone is projected to grow at a compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of 8.31% by 2031.

Aside from the two new products, APP will also showcase its extensive line-up of foodservice packaging board, lightweight paper and consumer goods packaging board grades at EXPO PACK México. The full range of APP's award-winning sustainable packaging, Foopak Bio Natura, will also be on display to showcase plastic-free food service cups, bowls, food containers, and retail direct food contact board applications. The entire Foopak Bio Natura line is multi-certified as microwavable, ovenable, recyclable, and compostable, exceeding the capabilities for safe use and circularity.

"Mexico continues to be one of the largest economies in Latin America, with restaurants and grocery being the fastest growing sectors for food packaging. New economies combined with sustainable legislation are guiding the food service industry to collectively rethink packaging. Sustainability is no longer an additional perk, but it is now a requirement when it comes to packaging. Amid the growing need for sustainable packaging solutions across the region, APP's suite of plastic-free packaging boards is designed to address the demand," said Anthony Atamimi, Director of Latin America Sales, APP.

About APP

APP serves as the holding company for multiple Indonesian pulp and paper manufacturing as well as forestry entities, catering to the increasing global need for high-quality tissue, packaging, and paper. Our products reach over 150 countries spanning six continents. APP Group serves as group name of pulp, paper and forestry entities under APP and its affiliates including the pulp and paper and forestry operation in China.

Driven by a dedication to sustainability and ethical practices, we prioritize the well-being of our employees, society, and environment. Our approach involves harnessing technological advancements and fostering innovation, collaborating closely with communities, and upholding internationally recognized business and operational standards throughout our production and supply chain.

Aligned with the Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) principles, our Sustainability Roadmap Vision 2030 steers our actions toward safeguarding environment, bolstering local communities, preserving biodiversity, and striving for carbon neutrality in all our endeavors.

About Charta Global

Charta Global Inc., headquartered in Orange, CA, provides one of the paper industry's most comprehensive product portfolios throughout the US and Latin America. Charta offers an extensive line of plastic-free, compostable paperboard for foodservice and consumer goods food packaging, as well as a full breadth of printing and copy papers, kraft, colored, brief card, wood-free, carbonless, thermal,

art, specialty papers and jumbo roll tissue products.

Retailers, brands, wholesalers, traders, distributors and merchants rely on Charta's robust and diverse product offering. As the exclusive sales channel of APP Group, Charta Global leverages a state-of-the-art R&D network and leading sustainability practices of one of the world's largest fully integrated pulp and paper manufacturers with more than 20 million metric tons of paper and board manufacturing capacity. www.chartaglobal.com

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