**Ceremonial opening**

**Bulgarian production site is expanded**

**Wolfertschwenden / Bozhurishte, 28 March 2023 - Following a construction period of around one year, the building extension at the Bozhurishte production site was officially opened yesterday by the MULTIVAC Management Board. The guests at the inauguration ceremony included Nikola Stoyanov, Bulgarian Minister of Economy and Industry, and Dr Antoaneta Bares, Managing Director of National Company Industrial Zones EAD. Additional production and assembly facilities, as well as state-of-the-art offices, covering a total area of around 5,600 square metres, are now available for use. The investment amounted to around six million euros.**

Dr Christian Lau, Group President (Chief Operating Officer) of MULTIVAC, said at the official opening: “With the completion of our new building, we are delighted that we can significantly increase our capacity on-site in sheet metal manufacturing, as well as electrical and mechanical assembly. Thanks to the very latest manufacturing technology, the factory is highly efficient and offers ideal production conditions.”

Miyryam Servet Mustafa, Managing Director of MULTIVAC Bulgaria Production EOOD, added: “As a consequence of the expansion, we will create approx. 100 attractive new jobs in the Production department. This expansion also underlines the outstanding development of our company in Bulgaria.”

Christian Traumann, CEO and Speaker for the MULTIVAC Management Board, summed up: “The site at Bozhurishte, which was put into operation in 2018 and supplies various companies within the MULTIVAC Group, has developed over recent years into a strategically important part of our worldwide production network. The sales company for Bulgaria, with its own showroom and training facility for customers and staff, is also located on the site, and this means that we now employ a total of around 230 staff locally.”

In addition to the Bulgarian factory, MULTIVAC has twelve more production sites in Germany, Austria, Spain, Brazil, China, Japan and the USA, and a further factory is currently being built in India.

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**About MULTIVAC**

Packaged expertise, innovative cutting-edge technology and strong brands under one roof: MULTIVAC offers complete solutions for the packaging and processing of food, medical and pharmaceutical products, as well as industrial items – and as the technology leader, it continues to set new benchmarks in the market. For more than 60 years the name MULTIVAC has stood for stability, strong values, innovation and future security, as well as quality and excellent service. Founded in 1961 in the Allgäu region of Germany, MULTIVAC is today a global solutions supplier, which supports small and medium-sized companies, as well as large corporate businesses, in designing their production processes to be efficient and resource-saving. The MULTIVAC Group's product portfolio comprises a wide range of packaging technology, automation solutions, labelling and marking equipment, inspection systems and packaging materials. The product range is complemented by practical and customised solutions for food processing - from slicers and portioning machines right up to bakery technology. All the packaging and processing solutions are individually matched to customer requirements in the company's own application and development facilities. Around 7,000 MULTIVAC staff in more than 80 subsidiaries worldwide ensure that the company remains close to its customers, as well as providing the maximum customer satisfaction - from the first project concept right through to after-sales service. Further information at: [www.multivac.com](http://www.multivac.com)

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