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AUSTRALIAN & NEW ZEALAND WINEMAKERS COMPLETES \$6.5m BEVERAGE PACKAGING PROJECT

Australian & New Zealand Winemakers is pleased to announce the completion of a highly advanced, multi-million dollar automated turnkey project for CoPack Beverages. Built on a green-field site in Melbourne, the versatile multi-pack lines cater to the new generation of wine-in-a-can products, in addition to a range of beverages including RTD's, beers, fruit juices, ice teas, energy drinks and soft drinks.

CoPack Beverages is a 'one-stop' contract filling beverage service provider, enabling small to medium businesses to launch products with the elimination of the initial capital outlay on plant and equipment. As a result, businesses are free to focus on marketing and distributing their range of products.

The \$6.5m state-of-the-art project features large volume output of 30,000 cans/hr and 15,000 bottles/hr, on a floor space of 3,600sq/mtr. With the challenges of working in a difficult environment whilst the green-field site was still under construction; the installation met strategic timelines and commissioned under full production conditions.

"The unique project was remarkably delivered and operational within a 12 month period. Our Melbourne site features the latest innovations and operational excellence, which are the keys that gives us a competitive edge", commented Luke Cusack, Operations Manager for CoPack Beverages.

Australian & New Zealand Winemakers' breadth of involvement included consultancy, project management, conception, design, manufacture, delivery, installation, commissioning and after sales service. "It was my privilege to work with such a dedicated team of personnel from many companies in Australia and worldwide that made this particular project a success. Working so closely with the customer on a tightly delivered contract was not only a challenge, but a rewarding experience right up to the final day of commissioning," said Ron van Buuren, Packaging Business Manager for Australian & New Zealand Winemakers.

Utilising Australian & New Zealand Winemakers process engineering knowledge and strategic partnerships with world leading manufacturers, the packaging lines feature PE labellers, SMI warp around packers, FBL pasteurisers, Bieffe conveyors and automation, UniMac depalletisers and palletisers, with additional expertise provided by European engineering partner, Framax. The ability to source tailored equipment from various global manufacturers and suppliers allows Australian & New Zealand Winemakers to deliver 'best technology at best price' solutions without compromise on quality.

"Our suppliers and management team have many years of experience from single unit equipment to integrated turnkey solutions, having successfully delivered numerous packaging and bottling solutions to wineries and vineyards in Australia and New Zealand," said Paul Baggio, Managing Director of Australian & New Zealand Winemakers.

For further information on Australian & New Zealand Winemakers' beverage packaging solutions, please contact Ron van Buuren on +61 (0)412 865 785.



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