On Wednesday, March 22, the seminar participants visited SIG Combibloc's Linnich, Germany manufacturing plant.

SIG Combibloc is a world-leading system provider of aseptic beverage cartons for long-life food ranging from juices and milk to soups and sauces. The company supplies complete systems including the packaging material as well as the filling machines.

SIG strives to achieve:

- robustness, reliability and service
- constantly improving bottlenecks in the value chains of its customers
- breaking barriers and expanding global market leadership
- long-term customer satisfaction.

Technological progress

SIG Combibloc supports customers throughout the entire process – from market analysis to design and engineering, from the installation of the filling systems, the ongoing production, to after-sales service. SIG Combibloc monitors market trends and consumer preferences on a regular basis. In close collaboration with its customers, market success is continually improved.

The combination of technical expertise and the ability to develop new products in line with market requirements makes SIG Combibloc successful in turning the beverage carton into a highly versatile packaging product with excellent prospects.

Environmental philosophy

SIG Combibloc handles raw materials and resources in a responsible manner and clearly supports the principles of environmental protection. Together with the raw board suppliers, SIG Combibloc makes every effort to consistently promote the continuous ecological optimization of beverage cartons. Sustainable commitment to the environment covers the entire added-value chain today - from the renewable resource wood to sound recycling of the used cartons.

On account of their ecological advantages,beverage cartons - like reusable packaging systems - are classified as "**ecologically advantageous packaging**" in Germany today and exempted from a mandatory deposit.

In order to promote ecological improvements in production processes too, the production plants in Linnich and Lutherstadt Wittenberg (both Germany, 1997) as well as Saalfelden (Austria, 2004) have introduced an environment management system. Within the framework of the environmental management system, the plants have recorded improvements in the production of waste as well as the consumption of water and energy - improvements that also have a positive economic effect.

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