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## Simonazzi acquisition completed

Tetra Laval and the SIG Group have now completed the transaction for Tetra Laval to acquire SIG Simonazzi. As of today Tetra Laval has formally taken ownership of Simonazzi and will now start the integration of their activities with Sidel.

Present in 20 countries, Simonazzi designs, produces and sells filling and labelling equipment in addition to complete bottling lines for packaging liquid foods in plastic and glass bottles as well as beverage cans. Simonazzi posted sales in 2004 of € 320 million and has 1,500 employees.

- Through this acquisition, Sidel will be better positioned to respond to customers' needs in the beverage industry, in particular in the filling segment. By adding Simonazzi's and Alfa's equipment to Sidel's product offering we will be able to provide our customers with a complete product portfolio", says Larry Pillard, Chairman of the Tetra Laval Group Board of Directors.

Roberto Schianchi, presently head of Sidel Filling Aseptic has been appointed Managing Director of Simonazzi, reporting to Gérard Stricher, CEO of Sidel.

- Our new company, the merged Sidel and Simonazzi, will have a unique position to become the preferred supplier of full lines to the beverage industry. Our product offering is state-of-the-art but ultimately it is the people in our organisation who will make the difference, says Gérard Stricher, CEO of Sidel.

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## Editor's note:

**Simonazzi** founded in 1850 designs, manufactures, and sells machines, complete lines, and turnkey systems for filling, and packaging beverages like beer, soft drinks, mineral water, isotonics, nutraceuticals, juices, milk and milk-based beverages, wines and spirits, in plastic and glass bottles and cans. Based in Parma with facilities in Italy, Brazil, Mexico, and China, the company has sales offices worldwide.

**Alfa** has since 1976 been one of the leading manufacturers of automatic labelling machines. Today it is a leading supplier in the worldwide market place. Their products traditionally cover all labelling sectors, but over the years the company has increasingly focused on high-speed rotary labelling machines for soft drinks and the beverage market in general.

**Sidel** is a world leader in plastic packaging equipment. The company's commitment extends from the design of bottles to the engineering of complete bottling lines, bringing together all types of equipment, from package manufacturing to palletising the finished product. The equipment covers all liquid food products, such as carbonated beverages, waters, edible oil, milk, teas, fruit juices and beer. In 2004 the net sales amounted to 825 MIO Euro, and the number of employees to 4 060.

**Tetra Laval** is a privately owned industrial group of Swedish origin, headquartered in Switzerland. Operating activities are organised in three autonomous Industry Groups: Tetra Pak, DeLaval and Sidel. The three industry groups are focused on systems for production and distribution of food. The Tetra Laval Group had 29 540 employees and a net sales of 9 060 MIO Euro in 2004.