

## **National Container Group announces joint venture with Noreko in Scandinavia**

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**National Container Group (NCG), the reconditioning division of MAUSER, and Noreko AS have established a joint venture partnership in Scandinavia.**

Effective February 1<sup>st</sup> National Container Group (NCG), the reconditioning subsidiary of MAUSER, has acquired a 51% stake in Noreko AS. The newly established joint venture will grow NCG's geographical presence to Scandinavia. Named as NCG-Noreko AS in Norway and NCG-Noreko AB in Sweden, the two Noreko companies continue their business and will become fully integrated members of the NCG network in the EMEA region. At a size of now in total 14 reconditioning sites operated across Europe, MAUSER/NCG continues to expand its unique capabilities in serving its customer base with the highest quality products and services along the full lifecycle management of industrial packaging.

Building on more than 20 years of experience in the reconditioning business each, both joint venture partners will join forces to offer IBC washing, re-bottling and laundry services as well as HDPE recycling services to the Scandinavian market. NCG-Noreko will also be responsible for all recollection services for empty IBCs in the region. Both partners will profit from the combined sales strength of Noreko and MAUSER in Scandinavia, which includes the promotion of sales of new packaging manufactured by MAUSER.

Operations will continue under the leadership of Managing Director Torstein Østensjø, a former licensee and trusted longtime friend and partner of the MAUSER family. The sales team will consist of Paal Olaussen, who will work together closely with the NCG EMEA sales team under the leadership of Andreas Schubert.

Ernest van den Boogerd, Head of NCG EMEA says: "Together with Torstein Østensjø we are both convinced, that the combination of our strengths will be to the benefit of our customers. We are committed to continue further expansion of our presence in the Scandinavian market and for providing best in class customer service and the markets most comprehensive product/service offering."

### **About MAUSER Group**

MAUSER Group, founded in 1896, is a worldwide leading producer of industrial packaging with more than 5,000 employees. A subsidiary of Stone Canyon Industries, MAUSER serves a portfolio of customers in the chemical, agrochemical, petrochemical and pharmaceutical sectors, as well as the food and beverage industries. MAUSER products include plastic packaging, fiber drums, steel drums, Intermediate Bulk Containers (IBCs) and reconditioning services through the National Container Group (NCG), a MAUSER holding. MAUSER provides sustainability-oriented, full-cycle services – from production to recycling (ECO-CYCLE®). With more than 100 MAUSER/NCG sites and multiple joint ventures in Europe, the Americas and Asia – plus two partner networks for plastic and steel packaging – the company has a presence around the globe. For more information, visit [www.mausergroup.com](http://www.mausergroup.com).

### **About Noreko**

Noreko AS was founded in 1996, and is a family-owned business that has been active in the reconditioning of industrial packaging since then. It operates two sites, one located in Moss, south of Oslo in Norway, the other in Älvängen, close to Göteborg, Sweden. In addition to the collection and reconditioning of IBCs, plastic drums and steel drums, Noreko is a supplier of new and reconditioned packaging. The company is one of the industry leaders in its home market.

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