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**THE SPHERE GROUP, EUROPEAN LEADER IN HOUSEHOLD PACKAGING,  
ACQUIRES SARPAK LTD BASED IN PORT-TALBOT (WALES) AND STRENGTHENS  
ITS POSITION IN THE UNITED KINGDOM.**

07<sup>th</sup> April 2021, Paris - The SPHERE group is strengthening its position in the United Kingdom, thanks to the acquisition by its subsidiary ALFAPLAS, on Friday 26 March, of 100% of the shares of SARPAK Ltd, based in Port-Talbot, South Wales.

SARPAK Ltd employs 53 people at its Port Talbot site, where it extrudes, converts and recycles PE and compostable films. It has a 2019 turnover of €12 million, and currently has a production capacity of around 7,000 tons.

ALFAPLAS Ltd employs 95 people at its Hereford site, where it extrudes, prints and slits PE and compostable films as well as paper, and in 2019 achieved a turnover of €21 million.

*"This acquisition will provide both companies with new manufacturing capabilities, enable them to offer their customers a new range of environmentally responsible products and capture new markets for continued growth,"* said John Persenda, President of SPHERE Group.

Indeed, over the last ten years, the market for compostable packaging and bags has developed strongly in the UK and will continue to do so in connection with the separate collection of bio-waste. The acquisition of SARPAK Ltd, in close collaboration with ALFAPLAS and SPHERE CONSUMER PRODUCTS UK, allows the SPHERE group to position itself better on the British market in order to fully meet the expectations of consumers and local authorities, and to achieve in the future more than 70 million euros of turnover in the United Kingdom.

## **About SPHERE**

Founded in 1976, SPHERE is a French family-owned group, European leader in household packaging and one of the world's leading producers of compostable bio-based materials for films and bags.

SPHERE manufactures and distributes product ranges for consumer, professional and local authority markets:

- waste bags, collection bags, fruit and vegetable bags, freezer bags, cooking bags, reusable bags and tote bags, food contact film and paper, aluminium trays and rolls, disposable tableware and takeaway, etc.

SPHERE's development strategy is to innovate for future generations with the following main objectives:

- **To use the right material for each product according to its end of life.**
- **Increasing the proportion of recycled materials in its products**
- **Favouring the production of compostable bio-sourced raw materials**
- **Eco-designing new materials with less environmental impact**

With 15 production sites in Europe, 7 of which are located in France, and an annual production of 180,000 tonnes of films and bags, SPHERE has achieved a turnover of €640 million in 2020 and employs 1,480 people.

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