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PRESS INFORMATION *from Orion Packaging*

Thorntons sweet on Orion's RD202

Minimizing the risks of back injury and creating 'total wrapping portability' were major factors behind the decision of High Street confectioners, Thorntons plc, to order a Girotec RD 202 portable pallet-wrapper from Orion Packaging.

As a leading manufacturer of wrapping machine systems with a 'one-stop-shop' capability in pallet-wrapping, Hereford-based Orion were able to supply Thorntons' Distribution Centre at Somercotes in Derbyshire with a machine which satisfied all their needs.

Ixxxx Pxxxx, Distribution Manager at Somercotes, specified the RD202 to handle own-label orders for Thorntons' supermarket customers who include Asda, Safeway, Morrisons, Woolworths and Tesco.

"We'd been looking for a machine like the RD 202 for some time," said Ixxxx. "The risk of back injury among our workforce is particularly high when you're hand-wrapping up to 50 pallets a day. The rotary arm feature of the RD 202 automated the wrapping process at a stroke, and the machine's portability meant we could wrap pallets at any point we chose in the warehouse."

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The RD 202 is battery-operated to allow for maximum portability, as well as providing a 100-wrap capacity from a single charge. Its rotary arm design can wrap loads of all shapes and sizes; whilst the machine's Eco-Wrap pre-stretched film system can reduce film consumption by up to 50 per cent.

NOTES FOR EDITORS

- Thorntons plc, the High Street confectioner, has a £160 million turnover, 400 shops and over 180 franchises throughout the UK. (See www.thorntons.co.uk)
- Orion Packaging is a Hereford-based company established 20 years ago. Today, the company is the UK's market leader, manufacturing a range which includes automatic, semi-automatic and portable pallet-wrapping equipment, as well as innovative new orbital and robotic stretch-wrapping machines from leading international manufacturers.
- Orion can design and build one-off machines for a wide variety of wrapping and handling applications to create total end-of-line systems incorporating palletisers, pallet conveyors and dock-levelling equipment.

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