

SCHÜTZ AUSTRALIA ACQUIRES CONTAINERSAVE AND DRUMSAVERS



Global expansion of the circular economy: in line with its global corporate strategy, SCHÜTZ is strengthening its packaging collection and reconditioning activities in Australia. The acquisition of ContainerSave and DrumSavers sees the production and service network being expanded by adding key capacities in the state of Victoria.



SCHÜTZ Australia is the market leader in the production of 1,000-litre IBCs and PE drums. With a clear commitment to local manufacturing, the company started more than 30 years ago under the name Drum Services (DSL) before joining the SCHÜTZ Group 15 years ago. Today, the company's three locations in Melbourne, Brisbane and Perth supply customers across the vast Australian market.

With the integration of ContainerSave and DrumSavers, SCHÜTZ has gained two established experts with a strong market position. **The business has specialised in cleaning and reconditioning IBCs, plastic drums and jerrycans for over 35 years.** For more than 10 years, the business has been run by the Hodgson family. During this time, a close and long-standing cooperation has been established with SCHÜTZ Australia.



Alan Barham, General Manager of SCHÜTZ Australia, explains this latest step: "The acquisition strengthens our sustainability expertise significantly and expands our range of circular packaging solutions. **With our own washing and reconditioning capacities now on both the east and west coast of Australia**, we are in a position to offer our customers an even more comprehensive service. We would like to thank the Hodgson family for their long-standing partnership and look forward to shaping the next growth phase together."



Doug Hodgson reflects on the successful collaboration and the handover of the business: "It's been a fantastic journey over the last 13 years in what we have achieved as a family-owned business. During this time, we have worked and collaborated with some of the most incredibly knowledgeable and passionate people, driving us through the changing sustainability reground and recycling world. **Now it's time for Schütz, another outstanding family business, to take ContainerSave to a larger world scale.** We are passing a legacy that we are very proud of – along with some amazing employees – and cannot wait to see what the future holds for ContainerSave and DrumSavers."

ContainerSave and DrumSavers will continue to operate as independent brands. Simultaneously, synergies with SCHÜTZ Australia will be leveraged wherever this creates advantages for customers. **The aim is to offer even more comprehensive support in the implementation of reduce, reuse and recycle concepts for industrial packaging.**



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