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30 years of Schütz Polska: investments strengthen supply security and sustainability

For more than three decades, Schütz has been supplying sustainable packaging from its facility in Poland – a milestone that was celebrated in the form of a major jubilee event in Żory on 10 October. Around 150 guests representing business, politics and the international partner network accepted the invitation to celebrate the success story that is Schütz Polska and take a look at the latest investments at the facility.

Schütz entered the Polish market as early as the mid-1990s and was soon handling its swiftly growing customer base from Warsaw. A further decisive step was marked by the opening of the plant in Żory in 2017. Since then, Schütz Polska has continuously invested in expanding the production facility – most recently in a new production area and a new warehouse with an area of approximately 5,000 square metres. This expansion has created additional space for the production and storage of Foodcert and Cleancert packaging supplied by Schütz in accordance with FSSC 22000 system certification, thereby ensuring maximum conformity with all foodstuff requirements in terms of material, process and product. Furthermore, the roof of the building has been prepared for installation of a photovoltaic system with commissioning planned for late December 2025. The solar power generated on site will cover a significant proportion of the location's energy requirements.

In the future, Schütz will also be producing Green Layer IBCs in Żory. In this product line, the middle of the three inner container layers consists of high-quality regranulate, which Schütz manufactures itself. If a customer also opts for a pallet and corner protectors made of recycled plastic, the IBCs can feature a total recycled content of up to 70 per cent. This sustainable material composition, which is fully in line with the circular economy, enables significant CO₂ savings without compromising on safety or quality. As part of the expansion of the Green Layer production area, two additional raw material silos will be installed for storing Schütz regranulate and guaranteeing continuous supply.

Veit Enders, member of the Schütz Group's management board, and Michal Szygula, general manager of Schütz Polska, emphasised in their speeches the strategic importance of the location for supplying Eastern Europe. The great importance of the circular economy was also reflected in the presentation of the company's globally unique complete solutions.

Representatives of local authorities, including Waldemar Socha, President of the City Office in Żory, and Andrzej Zabieglński, member of the management board of KSSE – Special Economic Zone, praised the commitment by Schütz in the region and the positive effects on economic development.

With its latest investments, Schütz is not only strengthening supply security and flexibility for its Eastern European customers, but also relying on state-of-the-art standards in production and sustainability. This sees the company setting the course for the introduction of new, sustainable product solutions in line with its comprehensive packaging concept. Future measures are already firmly planned as part of ongoing development. Schütz is thus underlining its long-term commitment to the Polish market and the Eastern European region.

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Caption: Schütz Polska is continuously investing in the expansion of its production facility in Żory.

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Schütz GmbH & Co. KGaA is a leading international producer of high-quality industrial packaging (Intermediate Bulk Containers, PE and steel drums, and jerrycans). The Group's headquarters are in Selters, Germany. Founded in 1958, SCHÜTZ employs over 7000 people at more than 70 production and service sites around the world. The four SCHÜTZ business units, PACKAGING SYSTEMS, ENERGY SYSTEMS, INDUSTRIAL SERVICES and COMPOSITES, each hold leading positions in their respective markets. The Group's turnover in 2024 was 2.5 billion euros. The company provides its customers with a fully circular product and service offering. In line with its sustainability philosophy, the SCHÜTZ TICKET SERVICE operates within a closed-loop system, ensuring the seamless collection and reconditioning of emptied industrial packaging in all of the world's industrial nations.

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