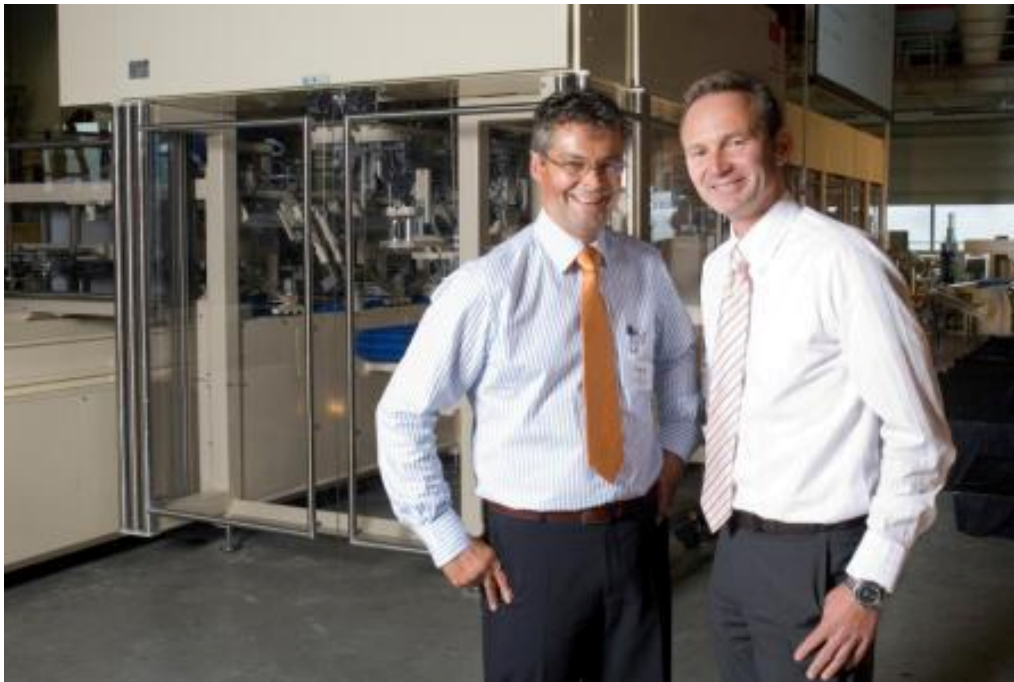


Chronos Richardson joins forces with BTH

In the third week of September, Premier Tech of Canada, parent company of Chronos Richardson, announced that it had acquired Bag Treatment Holland BV (BTH) of Eersel, the Netherlands. With effect from 1 October the two companies will be combined under the name of Chronos BTH. Continuing to operate from sites in Germany, Italy, UK, France, Thailand and the Netherlands, the new company will trade in Asia and throughout Europe. Its product portfolio includes a broad spectrum of bagging systems, weighing and control technology, conventional palletising and advanced robotic solutions, as well as stretch hooding and wrapping systems. Leadership of Chronos BTH Europe will be shared jointly between Frans Maas, previous owner and general manager of BTH, and Ingo Jonas, former general manager of Chronos Richardson Systems GmbH, Hennef, Germany. Cornelis A Van Drent and Ricardo Taino will continue to manage their respective operations in Asia from the Thailand office and in Italy from the Parma office. www.premiertechsystems.com



Frans Maas (left) and Ingo Jonas will jointly head the European arm of Chronos BTH