

Eight flour bagging lines to Australasia

Bagging equipment manufacturer Chronos-BTH, Eersel, the Netherlands, announced in May that it had won a major order to deliver a total of eight CHRONO-BAG™ OML BF Series open-mouth bagging lines to Australasian milling specialist Weston Milling. The contract, valued at over six million euros, includes palletisers and stretch hooders.

Following extensive trials and a two-year technical collaboration, the first two bagging lines are now factory accepted and ready for shipping to Weston's flour mills in Sydney, Australia, and Auckland, New Zealand. These first two installations represent the initial stage of a major upgrade programme for the company involving its five mills in Australia and three in New Zealand. The project incorporates a combination of OML-1030 BF single spout lines, OML-2060 BF dual spout lines and OML-3090 BF triple spout lines.

The OML BF bagging system features highly effective, dustfree 'bottom-up' filling techniques. Chronos BTH has pioneered developments in this type of filling for dusty powdered products such as flour and this proprietary technique ensures high accuracy, whilst also achieving important reductions in bag costs. Another key advantage of this product range is its modular design, offering the capability of one, two or three filling heads per line with corresponding bagging speeds of 300, 600 or 900 bags/hour. Depending on customers' current and future requirements, lines can be built with redundant filling head frames allowing potential for highly cost-effective future upgrades, if required.

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Chronos BTH OML-1030 BF single spout bagging system; dual spout and triple spout versions are also being supplied to Weston Milling