

### ***Combined filling of sacks and bulk bags***

The UK arm of Netherlands-based Chronos BTH has supplied a new combined open-mouth bagging and FIBC filling rig as part of a phased upgrade of the Askew & Barrett (Pulses) Ltd factory in Wisbech, Cambridgeshire. It is being used to pack a variety of pulses into 20-25kg bags or FIBCs. Currently operating on a manual basis, it has been designed to allow simple upgrade to automatic operation in the future. An innovative feature is the use of a diverting weigh hopper design, based on pioneering technology originally introduced by sister company Richard Simon. This allows weighments to be tipped on one side into the FIBC filling system, and on the other side into the open-mouth bagging system.

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