

## ***GEA bags major Irish milk powder contract***

GEA Process Engineering, headquartered in Soeborg, Denmark, has won an €11 million order to supply a new plant for Lakeland Dairies, Bailieboro, Ireland, which will produce various dairy-based powders including whole milk powder, skim milk powder and butter milk powder. The new facility, to be built next to the existing factory, is scheduled to come on stream by early spring 2010. Specialist services will be provided by eight GEA companies. These include the evaporator from GEA PE France; the drier from GEA Niro; powder conveying equipment from GEA Colby; and the powder packing line from GEA Avapac. Powder manufactured in the drier will be transported gently (to avoid breakdown of sensitive particles) to new powder silos, and from there to the new 25kg-sack bagging lines, FIBC filling and bulk outloading systems.

The 25kg bagging line, including a degassing system, will have a rated capacity of 12t/h powder packed and is the first order received by GEA Avapac in Europe for its successful low-intervention packing concept. The contract is being managed and coordinated by GEA Process Technology Ireland Ltd. [www.niro.com](http://www.niro.com)