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Plastics Manufacturer Expanding and Hiring in Pittston

Greiner Packaging's roots go back to 1868 when the company was formed in Austria as a cork manufacturer. Today, Greiner Packaging has grown into a multi-national company with 30 sites in 19 countries worldwide and is known for its great skill in manufacturing a variety of plastic cups and lids for various food and non-food industries.

In 2014 the company opened its first U. S. location in Pittston, PA, where it produces plastic packaging for the dairy industry. The company chose the Pittston location due to its geographic proximity to many of the major U.S. and Canadian markets, its location relative to the dairy industry and the availability of skilled employees. It currently employs over 100 people and has 15 open positions available at the Pittston location.

Greiner Packaging has followed an ongoing trend in the food packaging industry and is investing heavily in developing new "barrier technologies" for plastic food packaging. This technique involves layers of various

materials that protect the filling. By placing a great deal of value on having a wide range of offerings of plastic food packaging for different target groups, Greiner Packaging has succeeded in driving a variety of different technologies forward. With a



Greiner Packaging operates out of this state-of-the-art facility in Pittston, PA.

growing portfolio of products, the company is expanding at a rapid rate and is continually looking to hire new employees.

"We are excited about our expansion and we have a variety of positions open in our office, production and research and development departments," said David Cranston, Operations Director.

The company also offers a unique state certified Greiner Gold Apprenticeship program for students interested in a degree in mechatronics. Participants earn a degree from Luzerne County Community College and are paid both for attending class and for the hands on training they receive at Greiner

Packaging.

"We have been lucky to be able to partner with the various colleges and technical schools in the area and our Greiner Gold Program has been a great success," said Cranston. "We are always looking to expand our footprint



Sample of cups manufactured and printed at Greiner Packaging

with new full-time employees and new applicants for our apprenticeship program."

For a list of current positions available at Greiner Packaging go to:
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David Cranston, Operations Director, left, poses with his team.