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Packaging Solutions for Regulated Markets, High-Purity Applications and Industrial High-Performance Segments

Berlin (Germany), March 2, 2026: At interpack, Chinaplas and Saudi Plastics & Petrochem, Bekum Group positions itself as a packaging specialist for technically demanding markets. The focus is on applications where product protection, process stability and material performance are mission critical – ranging from pharmaceutical cleanroom applications to PET handle bottle and large industrial packaging for sensitive media.

Pharma & Healthcare: Cleanroom-Compatible Packaging Solutions

In the pharmaceutical sector, the highest standards apply in terms of particle control and repeatability full documentation of production processes

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- Validatable process parameters

Bekum machine concepts are designed for operation in controlled production environments up to cleanroom conditions. Electromechanical axes ensure precise, reproducible motion sequences and stable cycle times.

Both monolayer and multilayer technologies enable defined barrier properties — for example in packaging for liquid pharmaceuticals, diagnostic solutions or disinfectants.

The combination of homogeneous melt preparation, precision extrusion head technology and process-stable machine control ensures consistently high packaging quality — a fundamental requirement in regulated markets.

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PET Handle Bottles: Performance for Consumer and Household Markets

As a technology leader for demanding PET extrusion blow moulding applications, Bekum presents crystal-clear handle bottles manufactured from 100% recyclable PET. In this segment, transparency, ergonomics and design flexibility are key performance factors. Typical applications include:

- Food-related applications
- Household cleaners
- Laundry and home care products

The flexible extrusion configuration of Bekum machines enables processing of both PET and HDPE without mechanical conversion — ideal for manufacturing handle containers in either PET or HDPE.

Industrial Packaging: High-Purity and Hazardous Goods Applications

In the field of industrial packaging, Bekum covers a broad portfolio — from jerrycans and drums to IBC components. Specific requirements arise in applications involving chemicals and hazardous goods, specialty additives and media, as well as high-purity applications, for example in the semiconductor industry.

In semiconductor environments, ultra-pure process chemicals are used that do not tolerate contamination from packaging materials. Critical factors include high-purity raw materials, precisely defined multilayer structures, excellent surface quality and dimensional stability in large-volume containers. Multilayer technologies with integrated barrier layers provide permeation resistance, reduce emissions and enhance safety during storage and transportation. Bekum machines are engineered for the production of large-volume packaging with high weight consistency, precise clamping force control and uniform wall thickness distribution — essential criteria for UN-certified packaging systems.

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Technology as the Basis for Market Success

Performance in these markets is based on spiral mandrel extrusion heads for optimal melt homogeneity, precise electromechanical drive systems, short clamping force build-up times, modular machine concepts and energy-efficient high-performance extruders.

Bekum stands for precise engineering solutions, high production reliability and premium-quality machines that manufacture first-class packaging — tailored to the specific requirements of sensitive and industrial markets.

With its participation at interpack, Chinaplas and Saudi Plastics & Petrochem, Bekum underlines its ambition not only to be a machine manufacturer, but a long-term technology partner for demanding packaging segments worldwide.

Bekum will exhibit at:

Saudi Plastics & Petrochem 2026, Hall 4-129 (April 12–15, 2026)

Chinaplas 2026, Hall 2.1, Booth G45 (April 21–24, 2026)

Interpack 2026, Hall 17, Booth B78 (May 7–13, 2026)

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Caption 1: Production Possibilities Pharmaceutical Packaging

Caption 2: Production Possibilities PET Handle Bottle

Caption 3: Production Possibilities Drums & IBC

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About Bekum ++++++

Pioneer and Trendsetter in Blow Moulding Technology

Founded in Berlin in 1959, Bekum Maschinenfabriken GmbH is one of the world’s leading manufacturers of extrusion blow moulding machines. Founder Gottfried Mehnert conceived the name Bekum as the acronym (Berliner Kunststoff Maschinen). In 2016 the son Michael Mehnert took over. He is responsible for the management of the company as managing director.

The company began to flourish in its founding year with the development of the world’s first neck-rim calibration. Numerous innovations and patents followed, confirming that Bekum, with its innovative and customer-oriented machinery solutions, has always been ahead of its time – and remains so to this day. When innovative and economical machinery solutions with high productivity for individual packaging requirements of hollow packaging are in demand, then Bekum, with 65 years of experience in blow moulding technology, is the first choice worldwide.

Product Range and Applications in Food and Non-food

With future-oriented and reliable production processes and fully electric, as well as hydraulic machinery for the commercial production of blow moulded containers ranging from 5 ml to 3000 l, Bekum offers everything for plastic packaging from one source.

Philosophy of the Company

Building and maintaining long-term relationships with market partners through future-oriented, predictable company policy determine the actions of the first and second generation of the family, represented by Michael Mehnert. This strategy ensures the jobs of dedicated and experienced staff. The preservation of traditional structures, an established network of partners and far-sighted adaptation to change form the basis for continuous development and inspiration for the company in the interest of partners, customers and employees.

Innovation and Technology

Process reliability, availability, efficiency and sophisticated design characterise the high standard of Bekum production lines for blow moulding. Bekum contributes the expertise that has grown based on these references, associated with various patents in blow moulding, to the fulfilment of every customer requirement.



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The level of process design is key for process reliability, reproducibility, parts quality and cost-efficiency. A high-quality production line for extrusion blow moulding, consisting of machine, die and automation which is impressive in terms of speed, wear resistance, availability, process reliability and stability alike, is critical for return on investment (ROI) and the level of added value.

Locations & Employees

Bekum employs around 300 people at four locations:

- Berlin, Germany (holding company)
- Siegburg, Germany (sales and service)
- Traismauer, Austria (European production site)
- Williamston, MI, USA (American production site for North America)

Facts and figures

With 18,000 machines delivered and installed worldwide - about half of them still in use - the Bekum Group has achieved by far the largest production of blow moulding machines of any brand. The Bekum Group serves approximately 100 countries around the world directly or through representatives.

Benchmark for Blow Moulding Machines

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