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## SPIROFLOW ACQUIRES FOOD CONTROL SOLUTIONS

Spiroflow, a leading manufacturer of conveying, bulk handling and weighing systems for process companies across the world, has expanded its range of services to the food industry with the company's acquisition of automation specialists Food Control Solutions.

The coming together of the two companies combines the strength of Spiroflow's bulk material handling solutions with the expertise of a leading designer of industrial control systems.

Spiroflow's UK Marketing Manager, Ben Ayrton said: "We are very excited about joining forces with Food Control Solutions. In addition to our conveying equipment, we will also be able to draw on the quality, ingenuity and excellent reputation of their automated systems, allowing us to provide complete end to end process solutions for our customers."

Food Control Solutions was founded in 2000, with the principal goal of providing automation solutions to the food and dairy industries. They became a recognised systems integrator for Allen-Bradley and Rockwell Automation and within two years became an approved integrator for one of the largest food processors in the world. It has also invested in the paint and finishing industries with the purchase of Reflex Systems and Impel Automation.

These businesses now link up with Spiroflow Automation Solutions Inc, which was launched in 2014. The new set up provides the most comprehensive, top of line custom automation and systems integration solutions in the food, dairy, paint and finishing industries.

Ben Ayrton added: "We have great opportunities ahead with the combined strength of the Food Control Solutions and Spiroflow teams, allowing us to expand our markets by giving us access to a complete range of products and services that other suppliers will find hard to match. The cornerstone of our success is the ability to design and develop customised equipment to meet the needs of customers. Now we have the capacity to do the same for their control systems."

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Spiroflow Ltd based in Clitheroe, Lancashire, UK and Spiroflow Systems, based in the Charlotte, NC Metro area of USA are wholly owned subsidiaries of Spiroflow Holdings, Inc. For over 45 years, Spiroflow has designed, engineered and manufactured its leading line of powder handling solutions. The company offers a wide range of standard and custom options for both small and large volume users. Products include bulk bag dischargers and Spirofil™ bulk bag fillers, flexible screw conveyors, Aeroflow™ aero mechanical conveyors, Cableflow® tubular cable drag conveyors, Dynaflow® tubular chain drag conveyors, auxiliary powder handling equipment as well as case packing, carton loading, palletizing and robotic palletizing solutions.

Spiroflow Automations Solutions, Inc. was launched in 2014 to supply control system design, industrial automation integration, control system migration, and HMI design along with procurement, start up services and long term client support.

Primary markets include the food, dairy, snack food, confectionery, beverage, pet food, pharmaceutical, packaging, industrial, chemical, plastics, minerals, cement, environmental, waste, and recycling.

For more information on Spiroflow's products and services visit or call +44 (0)1200 422525.

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## Background

From early beginnings supplying flexible screw conveyors primarily to the plastics industry, Spiroflow is today one of the world's leading manufacturers of a full range of equipment for handling dry bulk solids and ingredients in powder, granule, pellet and flake form across the whole spectrum of process industries, boasting household name manufacturers and distributors among its clients.

Spiroflow conveying and weighing systems are in operation worldwide and are acclaimed for their outstanding versatility and prolonged working life in the most demanding environments. In food and pharmaceuticals, cosmetics and chemicals, minerals and plastics, Spiroflow's experience and proven capability is providing the answer to every conceivable handling need.

Behind all Spiroflow products is a dedicated design, manufacturing, testing and installation facility, backed up by a rapid spares and service network. High standards are sustained through an on-going development programme utilising CAD design facilities and material testing procedures. Conveying and weighing systems are designed with a minimum of working parts for maximum reliability in operation.

A cornerstone of the company's success is its eagerness to design and develop bespoke equipment to meet the needs of individual customers.

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