ALPLA Group

Press release

**ALPLA builds new plant in Lanseria**Production site near Johannesburg bundles activities from five existing plants

*Hard/Johannesburg, 10 March 2020 – ALPLA Group, an international specialist for plastic packaging and recycling, is building a factory in the province of Gauteng for manufacturing according to the latest production standards. The groundbreaking work began in February 2020 and completion of the building is scheduled for summer 2021.*

In the past five years, ALPLA has significantly expanded its market presence in Africa with acquisitions and cooperation agreements. This included in particular the acquisition of the African market leader for PET preforms, PET bottles and closures Boxmore Packaging in 2017. With the construction of a new production site in South Africa, the international specialist for plastic packaging and recycling is now creating the basis for long-term growth and competitiveness in the Sub-Saharan African region. As part of a consolidation, the production of five existing plants in Harrismith, Denver, Isando, Kempton Park and Samrand will be transferred to the new plant in Lanseria.

**Start of construction in February 2020**

Construction for the new plant in Lanseria started in February 2020. The location in an emerging area northwest of Johannesburg has an excellent infrastructure. Concentrating on one plant not only simplifies and optimises manufacturing processes, but also contributes significantly to improving logistics and transport. Standard bottle solutions and tailor-made packaging for the food, personal care, home care, chemical, detergent and pharmaceutical industries will be predominantly manufactured as before. Customers include international groups as well as smaller, local players.

**Production according to the latest standards**

‘Our new plant in Lanseria gives us the opportunity to produce according to modern, globally applicable corporate standards. In this way, we not only improve the quality of our products, but also meet the high demands of our global customers’, says Christoph Riedlsperger, ALPLA Regional Director for Africa, the Middle East and Turkey.

As part of the consolidation the management contemplates that more than 50 employees would be impacted. Accordingly, a notice in terms of section 189(3) of the LRA will be issued. Trade unions have been informed of these intentions.

More information about the company: [www.alpla.com](http://www.alpla.com)

**About ALPLA Group:**

ALPLA is one of the leading companies involved in plastic packaging. Around 20,900 employees worldwide produce custom-made packaging systems, bottles, closures and moulded parts at 181 sites across 46 countries. The high-quality packaging is used in a wide range of areas, including for food and drinks, cosmetics and care products, household detergents, washing and cleaning agents, pharmaceutical products, engine oils and lubricants.   
ALPLA operates its own recycling plants in Austria, Poland and Spain, and in the form of joint ventures in Mexico and Germany. By signing the New Plastics Economy’s Global Commitment in October 2018, ALPLA has committed to achieving targets by 2025: all packaging solutions are to be fully recyclable. The volume of recycled materials is to rise to 25 per cent of total material usage. 50 million euros is being made available for the expansion of recycling activities.

**Captions:**

**ALPLA\_Lanseria\_Construction\_Site.jpg:** The new ALPLA plant is being built in the immediate vicinity of Lanseria airport.

**ALPLA\_Lanseria\_Rendering\_Plant.jpg:** The modern building includes production, logistics and office space on an area of 30,000 square metres.

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