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Linpac invests £1.2 million to boost EPS tray production

Investment will help the firm to produce an extra 200M trays

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UK-based fresh food packaging manufacturer Linpac (West Yorkshire) is investing £1.2 million in machinery at its manufacturing facility in St. Helens. The investment, which is the largest to be made by Linpac in the UK this year, will allow Linpac to produce an extra 200 million expanded polystyrene (EPS) trays each year.



Existing extruders and thermoformers will be upgraded to improve the quality, environmental benefits and cost effectiveness of packs. Upon completion, St. Helens will have four extrusion lines and 10 thermoformers in operation, supported by three reclaim units.

Linpac is the largest manufacturer of EPS packaging solutions in the UK. St. Helens is the company's principle manufacturing site of EPS-based products for the national and European foodservice markets, producing a range of innovative fast food boxes, trays and pizza discs.

“This major investment demonstrates our commitment to the foodservice market here and overseas. We are working towards a major upgrade to our manufacturing capabilities,” said Mick Wood, Linpac UK Operations Manager. “This will ensure that we can offer our customers both market leading quality and increased capacity to service their needs. This will give us an increased competitive edge in an important market for Linpac.”

Conventional heating systems will be upgraded to infrared systems via the addition of new Ceramicx ovens on the site's thermoformers. This is expected to reduce the overall carbon footprint of the Linpac EPS product range due to the company achieving a 40% reduction in average energy consumption.

The investment will also boost the local economy by creating an additional 20 jobs at the site.

Earlier this month, Linpac invested more than €8 million in new extrusion and thermoforming capacity at one of its Spanish plants to address the growing demand for PET and rPET.