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Power Automation Systems Introduces New Mixed-Palletizing Technology in Europe

New Technology is the Focus of the CEL 2009 Award Earned by Leche Pascual Group

Lathrop, California, Monday, June 8 2009 – The PowerBuild from Power Automation Systems is a key focus for the CEL 2009 Award earned by Leche Pascual Group, based in Spain. The award highlights the year's greatest innovations in logistics and material handling projects. The completion of the project marks the PowerBuild as the first and only system of its kind in the European region.

Leche Pascual Group, one of Spain's leading producers of milk and dairy products, turned to Power Automation Systems to provide a unique solution for their palletized product mixing operations. They required a palletizing system that would be able to reliably create mixed, Euro-sized pallets, and one that would also seamlessly integrate with their existing automated supply system and WMS. Power Automation Systems designed and implemented a versatile palletizing system, the PowerBuild, which is able to quickly and reliably create mixed pallets from over 130 SKU's.

The unique design of the PowerBuild consists of a palletizing robot fixed atop a rail-guided Layer Building Cart. The Layer Building Cart travels a set of rails interacting with supply pallet conveyors where it draws full layers of product from. The robot removes layers of products from the supply conveyors and creates mixed pallets.

The PowerBuild solution for Pascual is able to stage and pick from over 130 different products, all varying in weight, shape, packaging surface, and product consistency. The finished dairy-based products range from cases of high quality yogurts and juices, to cases of milk and water.

According to Jesus Sanz, Director of Innovation and Technology at Leche Pascual Group, *"the solution presented by PAS has been the most adequate in the market, having very little possibilities of other alternatives similar to PAS."*

Since implementation of the PowerBuild, Leche Pascual Group has decreased the picking operations labor cost by over 70% and increased picking efficiency by over 60%. This reduction of labor as well as the elimination of forklift operations for the picking operation has allowed Leche Pascual Group to save a substantial amount, opening a new revenue stream for future innovations and technology.

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About Power Automation Systems



Power Automation Systems is a solutions-based company specializing in the design, production and maintenance of customer-specific automated storage, staging, and mixed palletizing systems. PAS offers adaptable, flexible systems and solutions to companies that produce and/or distribute large amounts of products in a variety of different markets.

Power Automation Systems uses a proven process to help identify and prioritize a company's logistics needs, and then deliver winning solutions. PAS has the ability to grasp vision and produce quantifiable results.

PAS offers innovative designs across the spectrum of its products. From automated storage and staging systems to high speed mixed palletizing systems, Power Automation Systems is committed to providing the latest in warehouse automation technology.

PAS is based in the United States and has operations in Europe. Its headquarters in the U.S. is located in Lathrop, California. To learn more about Power Automation Solutions, please visit www.pas-us.com.

About Leche Pascual group



Grupo Leche Pascual, a hundred percent family-owned business and a leader in quality and innovation, was set up in 1969 and today has 22 plants with more than 4,500 employees.

Grupo Leche Pascual (also known as Leche Pascual Group) is one of Spain's leading producers of milk and dairy products, and is also a leading producer of bottled mineral water and fruit juices. The company is also extremely active on the export market, with sales in more than 60 countries worldwide--including the United States, where Leche Pascual became the first dairy products importer to receive the all-important "Grade A" certification.

Leche Pascual's products includes a range of fresh and UHT "long-life" milk products, butter, cream, yogurt, and other dairy items; bottled mineral water through its Bezoya, Cardó, and Zambra brands; fruit juices under its Zumosal brand; adult and children's cereals; egg products, including pasteurized liquid eggs; and pet foods, including feed products. The company also produces a variety of products for the restaurant, catering, and institutional food markets. A private company, Leche Pascual remains wholly controlled by the founding Pascual family, and is led by CEO Tomás Pascual Gómez-Cuétara, son of the company's founder.

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