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### **Important**

# Transcontinental Packaging will remain open for Essential Services

Transcontinental Packaging continues to operate and manufacture for essential services during this lockdown period. Our Christchurch factory is in full stretch to maintain supply of flexible packaging for food industries and we are pleased to advise that the supply of products from Asia for our import business has returned to normal.

TC Transcontinental have been ensuring health and safety is our number one priority since the outbreak of Covid-19. We have taken precautionary steps to ensure we are following the latest government and industry recommendations.

We sincerely hope that the impact of this virus to New Zealand, our staff, families and communities is minimal.

# A message from Ron Hooper, Managing Director

Recently we have introduced the global Transcontinental Values into our business here at TC New Zealand. These mark a significant departure and improvement from our old Values.

Where we used to talk about intensity and accountability, we now talk about respect, challenging the status quo, and creating and living a constructive learning environment as we continue to grow and improve.

The Transcontinental Global Values that we aspire to are:

# TEAMWORK Challenging the status quo, venturing into new areas of opportunity, courage and judgment. Being straightforward and authentic, open communication, caring for communities in which we live. PERFORMANCE INNOVATION Working collaboratively, creating a stimulating work environments, being our best, customers and suppliers knowing they can depend on us.

These Values really speak to where we are in our Transcontinental New Zealand journey. I'm tremendously proud of them and bringing them to life everyday in our workspace and with our Customers and Suppliers. As you visit with us or meet with us, we'd be pleased to share how these Values shape who we are and what we do.



Ron Hooper Managing Director

# Upcoming busy season for everyone

## **PUT YOUR ORDER THROUGH NOW**

The Busy season and holidays are fast approaching, and we would like to invite you to start plan ahead to make orders for Summer and 2022!

As the current situation with Covid-19, there are still many delays to be expected for raw materials and products.

Please feel free to contact us today

SalesNZ@tc.tc 0800 355 339



Our MA additive is a master batch blend that can be used in Controlled Modified Atmosphere Packaging with polyethylene films.

It is specifically blended and engineered to selectively absorb small molecules that cause bad taste and odour in plastic packaging materials to absorb gases coming off ripening fruit.

Xtra Life MAP liner bags have proved to be successful to keep many varieties of cherries harvest fresh for a long period of time post harvest.

Xtra Life has proven to extend the life of harvested fresh fruit for local marketing and export sea freight shipping.

How Does MA Packaging Work

The manufacture of the film is engineered with specific additives which readily absorb the build up of ethylene gas which is the main cause of premature ripening of fruit. In addition there is an additional benefit that the blended addatives absorb odors that can cause bad taste.

#### **KEY BENEFITS**

- Reduces Rot and mould
- Slows the aging process (senescence) to maintain firm glossy skins, colour and flavour
- Retains moisture levels
- Slows rots and moulds

# **Alternative** offering in Sustainability

RENEW is Transcontinental New Zealand's proprietary product development derived from our commitment to manufacture products using New Zealand derived plastic waste. As manufacturers of flexible packaging in New Zealand, developing products made using recycled content is part of our commitment and contribution toward a circular economy of plastics.

For more information, please contact us SalesNZ@tc.tc



Transcontinental Packaging is proud to announce that we were awarded 3 **HIGHLY COMMENDED at the 2021** Pride in Print Awards! We would like to extend a huge thank you to our amazing team in our Christchurch factory and our printing partner Opti-Flex for manufacturing our award winning packaging.





- Heartland Chips sticky ribs thick cut

  - French Bakery Garlic Bread 2 pc pack 400g

We are delighted to be recognised for our high quality packaging that we supply to our customers.





# **OUR PASSIONATE PEOPLE**



Shaun Mcnatty 2IC Printing

### **About Shaun**

Shaun started working part-time with us in blow-film extrusion at the age of 16. By 17 he was working full time as an extrusion operator. With his passion and go-getter attitude Shaun earned himself a spot in printing apprenticeship and then quickly established himself as one of our senior printers. 23 years down the line he still comes to work with the same enthusiasm, dedication and passion that he started with. He is an inspirational team leader and a great mentor. Thank you Shaun for your great leadership.

#### Q&A

- 1. What makes you enjoy working at TC?
  I have enjoyed learning and running one of the best quality flexo printing presses on the market.
  With the technology always moving forward you are always facing new problems to solve so you are always learning, which keeps the job interesting. I also work with a great team who over the last 23 years have become like a family to me.
- 2. Family, hobbies, what else do you love doing? I am married with two beautiful daughters. We live in the country on our small hobby farm. I enjoy spending time with the family out on our land. My hobbies are music, snowboarding, dirtbikes and working with tools building and creating.



Loan Trieu Machine Operator

#### **About Loan**

Loan is our conversion vetran. She has been working with us for the past 20 years. She is an expert in operating all of our conversion production lines. She is highly enthusiastic, efficient and a well coordinated person who always faces challenges with a smile. Loan is one of our go to expert operators to successfully meet our challenging deadline. Thank you Loan for your continued effort and contributions.

#### Q&A

- 1. What makes you enjoy working at TC?
  I like the people I work with. When I started here I could barely speak any english. Here I was able to make good friends and they helped me to improve my language skills.
- 2. Family, hobbies, what else do you love doing? I am a mother of two kids 12 and 18, so I am a very busy woman. When and if I find free time I like to relax. I love going away for holiday, so what I do is work, work, work and then a nice relaxing holiday.



Kiran Sreekantan Plastics Technician

#### **About Kiran**

"I have been with TC since the beginning of 2017. When I first started here as a labourer all I had was a big dream and beginner level skills. Fortunately for me I fell into the most nurturing and growing work environment that anyone can dream of. I was surrounded by highly skilled operators and passionate mentors who have clearly influenced me a lot. Soon I was learning how to set up, adjust, troubleshoot and operate multiple manufacturing processes. Now TC has also invited me to join our first ever one year GDC program. All the success I have enjoyed here is the direct result of teamwork and cooperation of everyone I have had the pleasure of learning from, working for and working with. Thanks everyone for your continued support and I will continue to do my best to support you in achieving our team goals."

#### Q&A

- 1. What makes you enjoy working at TC?
  TC is an engaging workplace, time flies here. Our biggest asset is our people and our ability to rally together as one team. Most days are fun to work here and other days you are just busy...
- 2. TC as an essential business and provider of packaging under COVID19 pandemic, are you happy with how TC protected their staff and as a business supporting NZ food producers?

  I am very pleased about how our TC family took up the pandemic challenge. There was a clear line of communication across the business and the whole team followed caution and executed our plan perfectly.





# Our Pouch Manufacturing Machine has landed in Christchurch!



Giving You A Local Pouch Manufacturing Alternative We are pleased to share the news of arrival of Pouch manufacturing machine.

As a proud New Zealand local packaging manufacturer for over 40 years, TC New Zealand has continue to evolve itself as a reliable partner of choice in flexible packaging.

Pouches are a great, lightweight alternative that can reduce packaging by overall net weight when compared with rigid packaging solutions. Moreover, TC transcontinental Packaging can design pouches to work with the Soft Plastics Recycling and REDcycle packaging recycling schemes in New Zealand and Australia respectively.

# TE WHAKANUITA MATARIKI HANGI

AS A TEAM - FOR THE TEAM

Last month our whole TC family got together to celebrate the Matariki festival and share some kai. Our Hangi master Norme cooked up a special Hangi menu featuring chicken, lamp, pork, potatoes, kumara and vegetables.

Special thanks to Karla and Norme for organising a beautiful celebration and cooking up a grand feast for our family.

