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Arc International North America Unveils Clean Glassmaking Breakthrough

Glassware innovator's parent invests \$40 million to make plant world's cleanest

MILLVILLE, N.J., June 13, 2012 - Arc International, the world leader in tableware, is investing nearly \$40 million on state-of-the-art advancements that dramatically lower emissions from its Durand Glass Manufacturing Co. glass furnaces while increasing production capacity. The major enhancements to its North America production facility here make it the cleanest plant of its kind, reflecting Arc International's longstanding commitment to sustainability and technological innovation.

The investments, which included building an additional natural gas furnace to increase capacity, also created additional new jobs while protecting the more than 1,000 manufacturing jobs that already existed at the facility.

"At a time when many manufacturing businesses are cutting back, Arc International North America is creating new jobs by investing in the future of our community, our state and our country," said U.S. Representative Frank LoBiondo. "I'm proud to be part of celebrating this advancement in cleaner manufacturing."

"We are committed to ongoing innovation that meets the needs of both our customers and the environment," said Fred Dohn, CEO of Arc International North America. "In addition to the high standards of excellence, safety and technological innovation that we've long been known for, we care about the environment and strive to be a leader in sustainable production."

Arc International North America is celebrating the achievement with an event at the Millville, N.J. facility on June 14th. In attendance will be leaders from Arc International France, local and state government, the French Embassy, customers, and key vendors.

This year marks 30 years since Arc International decided to make Millville in Cumberland County, NJ, its North American manufacturing home.

"Given Arc International North America's longstanding reputation as a top employer and leader in innovation, it makes sense they're at the forefront of finding ways to reduce their environmental footprint," said Millville Mayor J. Tim Shannon. "We're proud to have them as part of our community."

Arc International North America is retrofitting all three of its glass furnaces with the new state-of-the-art filtering system to reduce primary emissions by at least 75 percent.

Glassmaking is an extremely high temperature process that includes melting raw ingredients including sand into molten glass, which is then poured into various molds.

"Our ambition is to demonstrate more innovation to meet the expectations of our consumers, while preserving our planet," said Guillaume de Fougères, CEO of Arc International.

"Maintaining our ongoing efforts to achieve the highest level of requirements in terms of quality, competitiveness, safety and creativity, we continue our commitment to a sustainable development approach and want to go even further by becoming a leader in terms of sustainable manufacturing."

Arc International North American facility produces and supplies more than one million pieces of glassware each day for customers throughout the Americas from 22 different production lines fed by the glass furnaces. The group offers to restaurants, hotels, businesses and individuals a wide choice of high quality products from stemware, mugs, plates, kitchen utensils, to decorated glasses or glass containers used by candle makers. Beginning with the highest quality ingredients, Arc International deploys the latest in manufacturing technology and invests extensively in research and development to create durable and elegant glass products.

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Arc International employs 12,600 people worldwide, including approximately 6,800 in France. The Group, whose head office is located in Arques, in the French Pas-de-Calais region, achieved gross sales of €1.1 billion in 2011. Armed with its know how in glassware, it developed globally and currently markets its complete tableware ranges to more than 160 countries.

The Group covers the Consumer Goods and Food Service markets through a portfolio of brands - Luminarc®, Arcoroc®, Cristal d'Arques® Paris, Pyrex® and Chef & Sommelier. For over 40 years, the Group has also been serving professional customers – industrial groups, wholesalers, manufacturers of semi-finished and finished products, service providers – with a wide range of tailor-made solutions to meet their specific needs (industry, advertising, premiums, loyalty).

Arc International is present in five continents with its production sites (France, United States, China, United Arab Emirates, Russia), distribution subsidiaries (France, United States, Spain, Australia, Mexico, Brazil, Japan, South Africa) and sales offices.

The Group has adopted a strategy of sustainable development in order to balance economic requirements, social responsibility and respect for the environment, and joined the U.N.'s Global Compact in 2003.

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