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## German plastic packaging market continues to grow

Bad Homburg, 12 November 2018 – According to current trend assessments, the German Plastics Packaging Industry Association (IK) is expecting a 5.1 percent increase in sales for German plastic packaging production in the current year and a 3.9% increase in volume.

“The plastic packaging industry is continuing to benefit from generally very good economic conditions in Germany,” commented IK industry expert Inga Kelkenberg as she reported on the current situation. “Negative reports and discussions in the media are currently having no effect on the market. The increase in sales of 5.1 percent is above the previous year’s growth figure of 3.9 percent.”

Some noticeable increases are apparent in all segments. In individual product groups such as bottles, price increases in raw material have become noticeable which are reflected in higher revenue growth. If the trend continues as expected this year, sector turnover will reach 15.5 billion euros. At the same time however, companies in the sector are complaining about rising energy costs and are finding it increasingly difficult to fill new job vacancies. The market assessment is based on currently available statistics and an industry survey carried out by GVM Gesellschaft für Verpackungsmarktforschung mbH for the IK.

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Forecast Production of Plastics Packaging in Germany 2018						
Packaging Groups	Production in 1.000 tons			Sales in Mio. Euro		
	2017	2018	Change %	2017	2018	Change %
Packaging films	1.676	1.741	3,9%	5.222	5.499	5,3%
Pouches, carrier bags, big bags	504	537	6,6%	1.512	1.574	4,1%
Bottles	659	685	4,1%	1.894	2.045	7,9%
- PET Bottles	480	502	4,4%	no breakdown by PET and other Plastics		
- Bottles, other Plastics	178	184	3,1%			
Cups, cans	713	733	2,8%	2.540	2.615	2,9%
Closures	343	353	2,9%	1.430	1.500	4,9%
Barrels, canisters, buckets	243	251	3,3%	1.015	1.043	2,7%
Others	235	244	3,7%	1.093	1.172	7,2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>4.372</b>	<b>4.544</b>	<b>3,9%</b>	<b>14.706</b>	<b>15.448</b>	<b>5,1%</b>

Source: GVM, IK

The IK Industrievereinigung Kunststoffverpackungen e.V. is the trade association which represents the interests of manufacturers of plastic packaging and industrial films in Germany and Europe. The predominantly medium-sized companies in the sector employ over 90,000 people and generate annual sales of 15 billion euros. Plastic packaging currently accounts for 44 per cent of the German packaging market. The IK is the largest supporting member of the German Association of Plastics Converters (GKV) and therefore also involved in matters concerning the entire plastics processing industry.

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