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IBC production in Saudi Arabia: SCHÜTZ and National Plastic Factory Company have signed a licence agreement for a long-term partnership

SCHÜTZ, one of the world's leading manufacturers of industrial packaging, has signed a licence agreement with the National Plastic Factory Company (NPF). NPF will produce ECOBULK Intermediate Bulk Containers (IBCs) with a filling volume of 1,000 litres for the Saudi Arabian market and the entire Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) region. A state-of-the-art factory will be built in the east of the country near the strategic port city of Dammam.

Established in Riyadh in 1976, NPF is one of the leading manufacturers of plastic packaging in Saudi Arabia, including drums and jerrycans. From its two modern production plants in the capital, the ISO 9001-certified company supplies a wide range of industries at home and abroad. One of the major export ports on the Arabian Gulf, Dammam is a central hub for the Saudi Arabian oil industry. The construction of a new, state-of-the-art production facility nearby ensures the future regional supply of SCHÜTZ ECOBULK IBCs. These containers provide a complete solution for filling companies in the chemical, oil and lubricants industries, as well as other sectors such as the food industry. Future customers will benefit from the shortest delivery times and the highest product quality.

The IBCs are produced on original SCHÜTZ machines and equipment. SCHÜTZ will supply NPF with the steel and plastic components required for further processing, such as tubes for the IBC cage, screw caps and outlet valves.

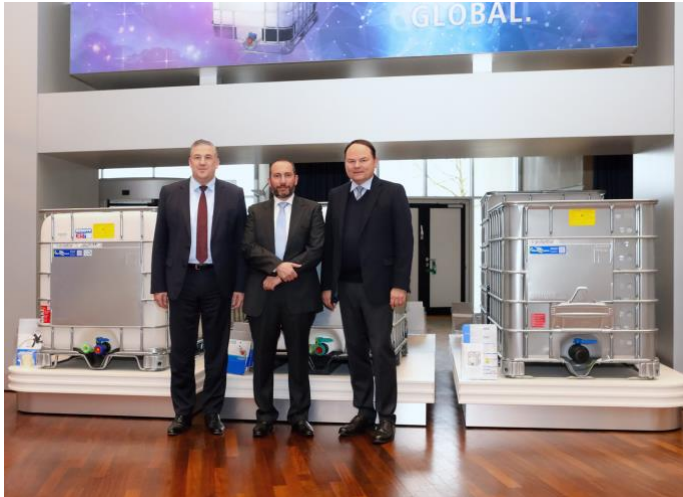
Start of production in 2026

With this partnership, SCHÜTZ is expanding its global IBC production network into the Middle East and the Arabian Peninsula, tapping into a very dynamic market. National Plastic Factory Company is the ideal partner to produce our high-quality ECOBULK IBCs in Saudi Arabia," says Roland Strassburger, CEO of Schütz GmbH & Co. KGaA. Together we are establishing a strong local presence to provide the best possible service to our customers in the region. Shaker Tawfiq Al-Taher, Chairman of NPF, who travelled to Selters, Germany, for the signing of the contract, adds: 'The cooperation with SCHÜTZ enables us to add one of the world's leading sustainable transport packaging systems to the product portfolio we offer our customers. With the latest technology and comprehensive support from

SCHÜTZ, we are setting new standards for industrial packaging in the GCC region.

The first IBCs are scheduled for delivery from Saudi Arabia to the domestic market and neighbouring countries in the Gulf region in 2026. Interested customers are welcome to contact NPF to learn more about the advantages and specifications of the ECOBULK IBC.

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Caption: The beginning of a partnership: SCHÜTZ and NPF will shape the future of the packaging industry in the Gulf region.

Pictured: Veit Enders (left), Member of the Board at SCHÜTZ, Shaker al-Taher (centre), Chairman of NPF, and Roland Strassburger (right), CEO of SCHÜTZ.

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Caption: The 1,000-litre ECOBULK IBC will also be produced in Saudi Arabia from 2026.

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About SCHÜTZ

Schütz GmbH & Co. KGaA is a leading international producer of high-quality transport packaging (Intermediate Bulk Containers, PE and steel drums, and jerrycans). The Group's headquarters are in Selters, Germany. Founded in 1958, SCHÜTZ employs over 7000 people at more than 60 production and service sites around the world. The four SCHÜTZ business units, ENERGY SYSTEMS, PACKAGING SYSTEMS, INDUSTRIAL SERVICES and COMPOSITES, each hold leading positions in their respective markets. The Group's turnover in 2023 was 2.3 billion euros. The company offers its customers full system solutions that are tailored to their individual supply chain. With the SCHÜTZ TICKET SERVICE, a closed-loop cycle of speedy collection and reconditioning for used SCHÜTZ IBCs, Schütz provides all of the world's major industrial nations with a service that fully complies with the Group's sustainability philosophy.

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