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Rottneros SilviPak signs agreement with leading packaging wholesaler

The Rottneros Group has signed an agreement-in-principle with the packaging wholesaler Aristo AB for the supply of SilviPak, packaging made of cellulose fibre for the ready meals industry. SilviPak is part of the recently launched division Rottneros Packaging.

Aristo, which is Scandinavia's leading manufacturer and wholesaler of cartons and paper items for the restaurant and patisserie sector, has until now supplied packaging made of aluminium and plastic. The agreement-in-principle means that in the longer term these will largely be replaced by Rottneros SilviPak, which is considerably more environmentally friendly because the products are based on cellulose fibres that originate from a renewable raw material and are also compostable.

"The collaboration with Aristo will take us into the catering sector, a market that we would have had difficulty reaching otherwise," says Joakim Stockhaus, Vice President Rottneros Packaging.

"SilviPak is an interesting alternative to traditional packaging made of aluminium and plastic," says Mats Ohlsson, President of Aristo AB. "The packaging has a number of valuable properties. In addition to its high environmental values, it also has very good insulating properties for both hot and cold food."

Rottneros Packaging was established in spring 2006 and until now has focused on supplying packaging products to producers of ready meals. Some time ago a collaboration was announced with Corner Sweden, a manufacturer of food vending machines, in respect of the supply of packaging.

"We are approaching companies such as Aristo and Corner as a complement to our other business, so that we can get out into the market faster than if we were only to address major food producers," says Joakim Stockhaus.

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Rottneros is one of the world's leading independent producers of market pulp. The Group comprises the parent company Rottneros AB, listed on the Stockholm Stock Exchange, and its subsidiaries Rottneros Rockhammar AB, Utansjö Bruk AB and Vallviks Bruk AB in Sweden as well as Rottneros Miranda, S.A. in Spain, all with operations involving the production and sale of market pulp. The Group also includes the wood procurement companies Rottneros Baltic SIA of Latvia and Rottneros Madeiras of Portugal. The Group now has a new division, Rottneros Packaging, which produces food packaging made from paper pulp. The Group has around 800 employees and net sales of approximately SEK 2.4 billion.