

## **tna SELECTED BY SHEARER'S FOODS TO INSTALL PACKAGING, SEASONING AND DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM**

**tna**, a leading supplier of integrated packaging and processing solutions for food production companies worldwide, announced today that Shearer's Foods, a leading producer and distributor of high quality branded, contract pack and private label seasoned snack foods, has chosen **tna** to create a comprehensive packaging, seasoning and distribution solution for its potato chip production.

An expansion of Shearer's existing machinery, the new system will be used to process the company's regular and Kettle potato chip brands. Leveraging its recently expanded distribution services team, **tna** will create a custom solution that meets Shearer's specific packaging and distribution needs, and features fully integrated mechanical, software and hardware technology to provide improved performance, accuracy and system upkeep.

The system will feature the **tna** robag<sup>®</sup> 3 integrated system, the most advanced vertical form, fill and seal (VFFS) packaging technology in the world. It will also include a **tna** roflo<sup>® VM</sup> and **tna** intelli-flav<sup>®</sup> 2 on-machine seasoning (OMS) with weight control, continuous automatic bulk density recalibration, independent scarf feeder and independent tumble drum on the **tna** intelli-flav<sup>®</sup>. This marks the first installation of the **tna** roflo<sup>® VM</sup>, **tna**'s new vibratory technology that can be used to decontaminate produce before it is packaged, keep food product agitated to avoid settling and adhesion or increase freshness.

"**tna** has offered great solutions for our conveying and packaging needs," stated Terry Mustard, vice president of engineering for Shearer's Foods. "We have looked at many options and the solutions **tna** offers using continuous product flow with their state of the art bagging system exceeded our requirements. Our long-standing partnership with **tna** in packaging grew into an ideal opportunity to apply the **tna** conveying solutions. From process discharge conveying and distribution, through seasoning and packaging, **tna** offers

a highly efficient, very flexible, low energy consumption solution.

“We are very honoured that Shearer’s has chosen our talented team and innovative technology for the installation of its new packaging and distribution system,” said Michael Green, vice president - Americas, **tna**. “With the recent expansion of our distribution services capabilities, we are now able to offer our customers even more comprehensive turnkey packaging and distribution solutions. We are excited to work with Shearer’s to build a system that meets their unique needs.”

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**Editor’s note:**

**Shearer’s Foods, Inc.**

Founded in 1974, Shearer’s employs approximately 900 associates in nine locations including four manufacturing plants and five distribution facilities. The company has a comprehensive offering of branded and private label snack foods including a complete line of potato chips, tortilla chips, pretzels, cheese curls/puffs, peanuts, popcorn, corn chips and other snacks, which are distributed throughout the Midwest, New England and parts of Canada. Shearer’s has received numerous honors and awards from industry associations and customers.

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**tna** is a leading global supplier of integrated food packaging and processing solutions with over 5,000 systems installed across more than 120 countries. The company provides a comprehensive range of products from the industry benchmark **tna** robag<sup>®</sup> vertical form, fill and seal (VFFS) baggers and **tna** roflo<sup>®</sup> product transfer and distribution equipment to seasoning systems, multi-head scales, checkweighers, date coders, metal detectors, case packers, palletisers, fully automated multi-packing and complete processing equipment. **tna**’s unique combination of innovative technologies, extensive project management experience and 24/7 global support ensures customers achieve faster, more reliable and flexible packaged food products at the lowest cost of ownership.

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