

Minigrip® Offers Expanded Range Of Specialty Medical Bags

IBS Transfers Spec-Gard® and Spec-Zip® Medical Bag Products to Minigrip® Commercial

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Livingston, NJ, March 6, 2013--Major plastics manufacturer Inteplast Group has transferred the sales, marketing and shipping of specialty medical bags from its IBS (Integrated Bagging Systems) division to its newly acquired Minigrip Commercial. The products include Spec-Gard® adhesive-closure and Spec-Zip® zipper-closure bags and a line of customizable patient belonging bags. Inteplast acquired the Minigrip Group of companies in July of 2012.

Minigrip is a leader in the laboratory and medical zipper bag market with products that include Lab Guard® specialty medical bags with patented TearZone® EZ-Open Feature. The company's trademark Color Line™ colored zipper is well recognized by laboratory and medical professionals as representing the utmost in quality.

"Medical specialty bags are essential to the medical supplies market," says Dr. John D. Young, President of Inteplast Group. "With the addition of Minigrip Commercial to the Inteplast family of companies, we are able to provide an extended product offering to our Medical Laboratory and Med-Surg customers. By bundling IBS and Minigrip medical products we improve efficiency and maximize cost savings that supports our competitiveness in the marketplace."

Bennett Hellming, General Manager of Minigrip Commercial, says, "Historically, Minigrip has held a leadership position in zipper closure medical bags for the reference lab market. IBS's strength is adhesive bags for the reference lab market and patient care bags for the ambulatory and acute care markets. Now Minigrip conveniently offers all of these product categories."

"The advantage to our customers is the use of one vendor, one order, one invoice, and one shipment for a wider range of products," says Joe Chen, in his capacity as President of both IBS Division and Minigrip Commercial. "It streamlines their procurement, inventory

and billing costs by reducing the number of transactions necessary, and consolidates their freight expenses as well.”

Kevin Grobe and Erin Wyckoff, formerly with Healthcare Packaging at IBS, are now part of the Minigrip Commercial team. Kevin Grobe will continue as National Accounts/Midwest Sales Manager, Minigrip Commercial, and Erin Wyckoff has been named Eastern Regional Sales Manager, Minigrip Commercial.

“Both Kevin and Erin bring a vast product knowledge and commitment to supporting our customers,” says Hellming. “They are huge assets to our organization as we continue to grow our medical specialty bag business nationwide.”

Minigrip’s specialty medical bag product family now includes:

- **Lab Guard®** Reclosable Specimen Bags with patented **TearZone®** EZ-Open Feature and Destroyable Bio-hazard Symbol
- **Lab Guard®** Reclosable UV Protection Bags
- **Lab Guard®** Reclosable Chemotherapy Bags
- **Speci-Gard®** Adhesive Closure Specimen Bags - the only bag featuring the easy-to-use liquid tight, Press-and-Close® adhesive closure system
- **Speci-Zip®** Reclosable Specimen Bags
- Patient Belongings Bags
- A Broad Range of Customizable Bags and Convenience Packaging

Founded in 1991, Inteplast Group is the largest manufacturer of integrated plastics in North America and offers a wide variety of quality products. Headquartered in Livingston, New Jersey, Inteplast Group maintains three divisions—AmTopp, Integrated Bagging Systems (IBS) and World-Pak—covering products that include biaxially oriented polypropylene (BOPP) and stretch films, bags, institutional products, fluted and corrugated-plastic sheets; XF cross-laminated films; and the TUF board® line of synthetic wood products. Visit <http://www.inteplast.com> for more information.

Minigrip, LLC, a member of Inteplast Group, is a worldwide leader in the manufacture and sale of reclosable (zipper) bags. Minigrip introduced the first integral zipper bag in the US industrial packaging market in 1959 and marketed it with a distinct red line on the lip of each bag. Minigrip’s trademarked “Color Line” is synonymous with zipper bags of the highest quality.

The company is comprised of two distinct business units. **Minigrip Commercial Products** manufactures a wide variety of bags for the medical, industrial packaging and institutional foodservice markets. Its well recognized brands include **Minigrip® Red Line™** (commercial packaging), **Lab Guard®** (medical) and **TearZone®** (medical). Visit www.minigrip.com for more information. **Minigrip Consumer Products** manufactures and sells private label food storage bags for the retail sector. Visit www.minigripbrands.com for more information.

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Photo Caption:

Minigrip® Commercial now offers an expanded range of specialty medical bags. In photo from bottom left: Minigrip® Premium Red Line™ Zipper Bags, Minigrip Lab Guard® medical laboratory specimen bags with patented TearZone® EZ-Open Feature (top), and Speci-Gard® adhesive-closure medical laboratory specimen bags (far right).