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### **Nabtesco acquires Engilico Group, seal inspection systems producer for food & pet food packaging**

*Rotselaar, October 5, 2021* – Engilico announces that it has entered into a definitive agreement with Nabtesco Corporation (headquarters Tokyo, Japan), through its subsidiary PACRAFT, to sell 100% of the shares of Engilico Engineering Solutions NV, a leading provider of innovative packaging seal inspection technology in Belgium. The transaction also includes the acquisition of Engilico’s daughter companies in Belgium and the United States.

PACRAFT, a leading manufacturer of packaging machinery in Japan, provides food manufacturers with super high-speed automatic fill/seal machines, which are used for retort food as well for a broad range of food products, such as soups and drinks. PACRAFT enjoys the top market share in automatic fillers/sealers for retort pouch foods in Japan.

Engilico’s key strength is its unique software engineering capability. Its core products are SealScope, applying vibration sensing technology, and its newest offering HyperScope, which utilizes advanced camera image processing technology. In 2016 PACRAFT first introduced SealScope to selected customers in Japan with great success, laying the foundation for a successful collaboration.

Olivier Georis, Managing Director of Engilico, said “This agreement brings our company to a new level, accelerating our strategy to establish a global presence of our innovative inspection technologies in the food and pet food industries.”

Peter Nijs, CTO of Engilico added, “In the past 10 years, we have developed and marketed our innovative seal inspection solutions. We are now looking forward cooperating with PACRAFT to further refine our seal inspection technology benefiting our current and future customers. “

Akiyoshi Kitamura, President of PACRAFT, commented “We welcome Engilico into the PACRAFT group. Together we are excited about offering an enhanced automated solution to our clients through the combination of packaging and in-line inspection technologies.”

#### **About Engilico**

Engilico, founded in 2011 by Olivier Georis and Peter Nijs, delivers innovative technologies to inspect and monitor the sealing process of flexible and rigid packaging. These technologies enable customers to realize better packaging quality, higher packaging productivity and end-of-line automation within the global food, pet care and other industries.

#### **About Nabtesco Corporation**

Nabtesco’s product line-up includes automatic doors and platform doors, precision reduction gears used in industrial robots and packaging machines for retort pouch foods. Nabtesco also delivers high-quality products and services to customers engaging in a range of businesses related to land, sea and air transportation.

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