## **BrauBeviale**

#### SMI Hall 7A booth 503

"Smart" bottling and packaging systems incorporating Internet of Things and Industry 4.0 technology

# **Compact rotary combi**

SMI will be presenting its latest range of 'smart' machines, including the new EBS K Ergon rotary stretch-blow moulders and the EcoBloc K Ergon integrated systems. SMI says that these machines are compact, ergonomic, eco-friendly machines can be installed even on small bottling plants. An example of the new EBS K Ergon range will be also showcased at the Brau Beviale exhibition.



The EBS K Ergon stretch-blow moulder is available in 2, 3 and 4-cavity versions. It is claimed to offer the advantages of rotary technology in a speed range (from 1,000 to 9,000 bph) that is traditionally served by linear stretch-blow moulders.

The machine's compact dimensions have been achieved by integrating the preform heating and

stretch-blow moulding sections within a single, modular structure. It incorporates Internet of Things connective technology, making it suitable for Industry 4.0 "smart" operation and features a completely electronic production process, with a transmission system that uses brushless motors equipped with integrated digital servodrivers. SMI says that users will benefit from low operating costs and low



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energy consumption, as well as an eco-friendly process.

The stretch-blow moulding carousel is equipped with motorised stretch rods, controlled by electronic drives which do not require mechanical cams. This arrangement is designed to deliver precise control of the path of the stretch rod, significant energy savings and require less maintenance. The stretch-blow moulding system uses high-performance, low-dead volume valves, which help to reduce pre-blowing and blowing times, improve

SMI describes its
Ecobloc Ergon K series as
an ultra-compact system
for stretch-blow moulding,
filling and capping PET containers up to 31. It uses the
same rotary technology and
is suitable for production
requirements from 1,000 to
9,000 bph. The EV models
are designed to be suitable
for milk and still water bottling lines; the EV versions
are intended for edible oils.

machine efficiency and boost product quality.

The Ecobloc version does not require rinser and the conveyor belts between the stretch-blow moulder and the filler. Electronic control and flow metercontrolled high-efficiency valves are designed to provide a precise and fast filling and capping process. False bottles integrated in the valve itself contributes to reduced preparation and cleaning time. The newly designed, unwelded modular frame incorporates safety doors made of tempered, highly resistant, long-lasting glass. SMI says that the "combi" solution of the Ecobloc Ergon K Series offers attractive value for money and is an innovative solution for even small bottling lines.

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