

## NEWSMAKERS

### Verdi joins Virginia Dare



Bob Verdi

Virginia Dare Extract Company has announced the appointment of **Robert (Bob) J. Verdi** as business director – health & wellness. He will be responsible for managing and developing the company's health and wellness strategy and business.

Verdi has more than 20 years of food ingredient business and scientific experience, most recently managing Farbest Brands food ingredient business. He has also held food positions with Novartis, BASF, Pfizer-Cultor Food Science, Hoechst-Celanese and CPC International.

### Upakovka/Upak Italia 2013 online exhibitor applications

Exhibitor applications for Upakovka/Upak Italia 2013 International Trade Fair Packaging Machinery, Packaging Processing, Packaging Production and Packaging Material are now available online at [www.upakovka-upakitalia.de](http://www.upakovka-upakitalia.de). The exhibitor registration deadline is October 1, 2012. The event will be held from January 29 through February 1, 2013, at the Expocentre in Moscow. The trade fair will be organized by Messe Düsseldorf and its Russian subsidiary OOO Messe Düsseldorf Moscow in cooperation with the Italian event coordinator Centrexpo.

Upakovka/Upak Italia 2013 will focus on process technology, with an emphasis on integrated concepts. Of special interest will be processing machinery for the food, beverage and pharmacy industries.

With the per capita consumption of food in Russia continuing to increase by an average of 11 percent annually, Upakovka/Upak Italia 2013 will focus on food with the theme Future Forum 2013 — Trends for the Russian Market, consisting of a product show, discussion roundtables and a special exhibition by the Save Food initiative.

For further information, contact Messe Düsseldorf North America, <http://www.mdna.com>.

### India – Bosch Packaging Technology

Bosch Packaging Technology India has announced the inauguration of its new manufacturing facility at Verna, Goa. Built on 33,000 square meters of land, the plant will fulfill capacity expansion and meet the increasing demand of India's fast-growing packaging market as well as international markets.

Built with an investment of Rs34 crores (approximately €5 million or US\$6.1 million), the new plant will aim at increased localization of new packaging machine production.

Bosch Packaging Technology in India designs, develops, manufactures and markets form, fill and seal machines for flexible bag packaging, flow wrapping machines for confectionery and food applications as well as filling and closing machines for liquid pharmaceuticals.

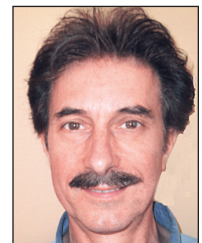
Bosch Packaging Technology India employs 130 associates. With this new facility, it is expected to increase that number to about 160 within the next three years. The current production capacity of the plant is 200 machines per year which is expected to double in three years.

### Synergy Flavors expands in Brazil

Synergy Flavors has announced the expansion of Synergy Aromas, its São Paulo-based business, through the acquisition of a local flavor operation. The acquisition includes a new facility with laboratories and flavor manufacturing.

### Marinos Takasago manager, flavor applications

Takasago International Corp. (USA) Flavor division has appointed **George Marinos** as the division's manager, flavor applications. He reports to Amby Mankoo, vice president flavor laboratories.



George Marinos

Before joining Takasago, Marinos was employed by Kraft Foods from 1990 until the present. Most recently, he was a program leader of Kraft's *Back to Nature* line of natural and organic products.

### Process Expo

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