

## Salcombe brewery selects Vigo to support major investment project

Devon-based Salcombe Brewery Co. has announced that, following a major investment in its brewing and packaging facilities at a new additional site, it is now ideally placed to meet the growing market for its award-winning beers.

As the hospitality sector re-opens, its investment will support the imminent launch of its first canned products, its first lager and its increasing partnerships with leading South West hospitality venues.

Salcombe Brewery Co. Chairman, John Tiner comments: "While the last year has been incredibly challenging for our industry we have taken the opportunity presented by the lull in trade to open a second site. This site complements our existing brewery at Estuary View and will house our own bottling, canning and kegging lines. We have also tripled our brewing capacity and introduced new cardboard packaging across the board to replace plastic."

John explains: "In addition to the packaging and fermenting capabilities at the new site, we are also moving our cask and keg storage together with our distribution activities from our brewhouse at Estuary View. This will enable the brewhouse, tap room and shop to offer a broader range of experiences to our visiting customers. The expansion means we will be able to support the local community through increased employment and to open up new markets, both locally and further afield, for our Heritage and Discovery range of beers."

Sam Beaman, Salcombe Head Brewer comments: "The new facilities will present fantastic opportunities for the brew team to both increase volumes of existing beers and to introduce new products within our Discovery range. The lighter cans, which also lend themselves to product innovation, will enable us to propel our online offerings and seek new distribution channels."

Sam adds: "We selected another Devon based business, Vigo Ltd, to work with us in the selection and commissioning of all of our new packaging and brewing equipment. We intend to make the new facilities available to other regional breweries who may be constrained in

their packaging flexibility. Similarly, for those who have to send their beer to other parts of the country for packaging, using our local facilities will help them reduce the associated costs and logistical disruption, as well as the adverse impact on their carbon footprint."

Vigo Ltd is supplying a complete production line, including an automatic ABE canning line, an automatic CIMEC bottling line, a semi-auto Malek kegging facility, ABE fermentation and carbonation tanks, a Kreyer/Quantor chiller with full ringmain controlled by a bespoke Vigo manufactured PLC control system, and a Bared cross flow filter. The Vigo team worked in close collaboration with Sam and his team to configure a layout which facilitates the best use of the production space available. The installation of the production line, including the ringmain and bracketry for all service pipework, the conveying, and the interlinking of the canning & bottling lines to share a single packing area (minimising the footprint), is being carried out by Vigo's engineering team.

Andy Pegman, Sales Director of Vigo Ltd comments, "We were really pleased to be selected as Salcombe's chosen supplier for all of the equipment across the packaging expansion project. It has been a real pleasure to work with the team at Salcombe Brewery from project conception to installation. We have worked closely with them to ensure all of their future packaging requirements have been met whilst designing a facility that best houses all of the equipment creating a production flow that best suits the building."

Andy continues, "This is no doubt an exciting time for Salcombe Brewery as it is for us. Our team of engineers have been, as usual, integral in providing a bespoke designed solution which will allow for the ease of production as well as expansion going forward. This fantastic facility will no doubt benefit many local breweries who are now lucky enough to have such a flexible and advanced packaging solutions company



on their doorstep, offering them a multitude of small and large packaging options under one roof. We wish Sam and the Salcombe Brewery team all the very best going forward and look forward to seeing their contracts grow both locally and nationally in the near future."

Picture above by Andy Pegman

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The small, modular, interlocking conveyors offer customers greater packing and coding flexibility, allowing users to pack goods and print codes at speed in any location.

The all-in-one conveyor systems are particularly beneficial where space is limited, where coding and packing is currently performed in different locations, or where a conventional industrial conveyor is too large.

They are designed for fast, flexible printing onto all packaging types.

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