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**Cleaner, faster, safer: Berry Global eliminates static issues with Meech’s Hyperion products**

Headquartered in Evansville, Indiana (USA) Berry Global is a world leader in packaging and protection solutions. With 131 facilities and more than 23,000 employees across the globe, the company manufactures and sells plastic consumer packaging, non-woven specialty materials and engineered materials to more than 2,500 clients, including Walmart, Coca-Cola, and Procter & Gamble. With a proven history of excellence in packaging manufacturing and an ever-present, demanding, high-profile customer base, Berry Global is committed to its mission of ‘always advancing to protect what’s important.’ In 2014, to maintain and improve health and safety and efficiency in production, the company invested in Meech’s Hyperion 929IPS and 971IPS pulsed DC ionising bars.

After experiencing static charge build up on bulk packaging equipment and being aware of the negative effects that it can have on safety, cleanliness, and production, Berry Global recognised the need for an effective anti-static solution.

Michael Hunt, Environmental Health and Safety Coordinator at Berry Global explains: “In our injection moulding process, products are processed through various forms of packaging, including plastic containers and corrugated gaylords. We found that, in cooler months, static on some of the products became an ongoing issue”.

The company enlisted Meech Static Eliminators to address the problem – the Hyperion 929IPS and 971IPS bars were installed 12 -14 inches above the containers in these collection areas, where food-grade caps and containers are collected and packaged.

Hunt continues: “We secured the static bars above the containers with P-Chain, so they were not ridged and wouldn’t cause injury to our employees. We take health and safety very seriously so we also made the decision to standardise the Meech Hyperion bars across all bulk equipment, even if a hazard was not reported. The products work especially well for our injection moulding operations.”

Meech’s Hyperion range contains revolutionary, industrialised static control products including anti-static bars and power supplies. The 929IPS Pulsed DC Ionising Bar provides powerful mid-range ionisation, whereas the long-range 971IPS Pulsed DC Ionising Bar has an integrated Power Supply (IPS), making it the most powerful bar in this range. Both bars feature Meech’s Ion Current Monitoring (ICM) technology, which ensures performance is maintained by providing local and remote alerts to operators whenever the bar needs cleaning.

According to Hunt, the positive change since the installation has been substantial. “Meech’s products were very easy to order and install, and we are delighted that our static issue has been completely eliminated. Safety concerns have been resolved, and Meech integrated the bars seamlessly into our production lines so that the machinery operation was not affected in any way.”

Matt Fyffe at Meech Static Eliminators USA comments: “Berry Global’s dedication to the safety of its employees and to the quality of the plastic packaging it produces is what led them to seek out the best static control solution on the market for their specific needs. Meech’s mission is to ‘design and manufacture innovative solutions to optimise our customers’ productivity’ and we are delighted to have been able to provide Berry Global with the solution that was right for them. We are still working with them to ensure they get the very best results and we look forward to continuing our partnership.”

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**About Meech International**

Founded in 1907 and headquartered in Oxfordshire, UK, Meech International is a specialist developer and manufacturer of electrostatic controls and related solutions. The Meech product range is organised into three key groupings: static control, air technology plus contact and non-contact web cleaning systems. These are used extensively within a wide range of industries including printing, packaging, converting, plastics, automotive, pharmaceutical and food production. With an established worldwide network of subsidiaries and distributors, around 80% of the systems produced by Meech are sold in 45 overseas markets.

Meech is a holder of one of the UK’s most prestigious awards for business achievement, The Queen’s Award for Enterprise: International Trade. This was awarded for the second time in 2012 for ‘continuous achievement in international trade’.

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