

CONVEYING NEWS

Food Processing Awards 2019

WMH are pleased to announce they have been nominated and shortlisted for an award at the 2019 Food Processing Industry awards organised by Food Processing magazine. This is the third year running that WMH has been shortlisted.

Nominated by an anonymous source, WMH are up against three other companies in the Process and Packaging category. The nomination is for a robust and compact swan-neck elevating conveyor designed to withstand the impact of handling 400kg/hour of frozen sausages and meatballs.

"We are very pleased to be nominated for this award as it shows industry appreciation of the

work we do for our clients that so often goes unnoticed" Said a spokesman for WMH
To vote for WMH in this category please email Western Mechanical Handling UK Ltd, to Suzanne.gill@imlgroup.co.uk with AWARDS in the subject line, stating our company name and category Processing and Packaging.

To read about the project in more detail please see the April issue of Conveying News



Increased Throughput with Robotic Cutter

WMH has recently completed the installation of an inline robotic cutting system for a west country desserts manufacturer. The new system will enable the customer to increase throughput as well as increase the range of products that can be cut.

WMH were approached by Bakkavor Desserts who were looking to replace an existing cutting system that was nearing the end of its useful life with a more modern approach which would enable them to cut both round products and rectangular tray bakes.

At the start of the project the customer visited WMH's site to see a demonstration unit cutting their product. These trials along with

discussions with the customer enabled WMH to specify which unit from their range would be the most suitable for the job. For Bakkavor's product mix, cutting a mixture of round cheese cakes at 10 pieces per minute and rectangular tray bakes, it was decided WMH's single robot inline unit would be the best solution.

"We decided to go with WMH for our new Cheesecake line after visiting WMH's premises and seeing one of their demo units in action. The decision was based on the easy user interface and the speed of operation. We also felt the company's professionalism and technical knowhow also were a major contributor in our decision." Said Darron Sirmon Project Manager for Bakkavor Desserts.



Whilst Bakkavor were waiting for their inline unit to be manufactured they were able to hire one of WMH's stand alone cutting cells enabling them to get into production straight away and to fully familiarise all the operators with the user interface.

"We are really pleased with the way this project has gone, particularly as this is the first single-robot inline system we have supplied so far." Said a spokesman for WMH

Open Day Success



WMH's third annual open day held in July was a great success with over twenty business representatives making the journey to Cornwall from as far afield as Scotland, Belgium and the Netherlands.

On display in the purpose-built demonstration area were examples of WMH's core areas of expertise, including inline grilling, hygienic multi-head depositing, pick and place robot cell, servo driven collation conveyors and waterjet cutting unit. Also on display were some of WMH's demonstration robots and various conveyors.

Also in attendance on the day were Edenweigh with their volumetric depositors and Mitsubishi Electric who were demonstrating their latest automation and control products.

"It was great to see Western Mechanical Handling utilise Mitsubishi automation hardware to provide innovative solutions. It was a wonderful privilege to attend the open day and I look forward to continue supporting their innovation and growth in the

automation industry." George Jewel, MEUK.

We were very pleased with attendance at our open day and appreciate the distance some of our visitors had travelled to be with us. Everyone who attended enjoyed the visit and were very complimentary over the build quality of the equipment on display and the knowledge of our team.

WMH would like to thank everyone who attended for making the day such a success.

Sales Team Additions

WMH is pleased to announce the internal appointment of two members of staff into their sales team.

Ian Ewing has taken on the role of Systems Sales Engineer and will be responsible for development of WMH's core business areas which include loading and unloading traveling ovens, Spiral cooler loading and unloading, Grilling, depositing and Ultrasonic cutting. Ian has been with WMH since 2014, most recently in a Project Management roll where he has built good working relationships with a number of key accounts.

Ross Coombe has taken on the role of Key Account Manager for one of WMH's major

clients. Ross is a graduate design engineer who completed his studies with WMH in 2016. In addition, Ross will also be tasked with building solid relationships with other key accounts.

"This is the first time we have recruited internally for these

rolls and hope the client knowledge already built up in their previous rolls will be a big advantage to both Ian and Ross in securing new business in the future" Said Tom Tomlinson, Director.



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