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### **FILTROX PLANS TO EXPAND MANUFACTURING SITE IN UK**

**The Board of Directors of FILTROX has approved a major investment to expand the capacity of its manufacturing site in Barnoldswick (UK). The existing buildings will be enlarged and partly replaced with new ones. The expansion project is scheduled to be completed in 2024 and will increase the capacity of the site by more than 50%. It will create a world-class facility for depth filter media in full compliance with all quality standards of the food and pharmaceutical industries. This project supports the FILTROX Vision of being a global leader in depth filtration systems for valuable liquids.**

The Board of Directors of FILTROX has approved a major expansion of its manufacturing site in Barnoldswick (UK). Over the next three years significant investments in buildings and production infrastructure will take place.

The investments include:

- Replacement of several older buildings with new, multi-storey buildings
- Addition of usable floor space by approximately 50%
- Increase of production capacity for flat depth filter media and lenticular modules by more than 50%
- Increase of converting, packaging and warehousing facilities
- New offices and laboratories

The investment will lead to a significantly improved utilization of the existing site at Butts Mill in Barnoldswick, which has been occupied by FILTROX Carlson Ltd. for many years. It will create approximately 40 new jobs.

The goal is to receive planning permission from the local authorities by the end of this year. Civil construction is scheduled for 2023 and the installation of the new production equipment and machinery in the following year. The aim is for the expansion to be fully operational by the end of 2024. The new factory will be in full compliance with all relevant quality standards of the food and pharmaceutical industries.

The manufacturing site in Barnoldswick is already the largest manufacturing site of FILTROX worldwide. It benefits from a strategic location in an area with a strong industrial background, good logistic connections with immediate proximity to seaports, and, most importantly, a highly skilled, motivated, and experienced workforce. The planned investment will further strengthen the position of the Barnoldswick site as a world-class factory for depth filtration media. At the same time, the recently expanded manufacturing site in Tlalnepantla (Mexico) and our partner factory in Broumov (Czech Republic) will continue to be developed with significant investments to sustain the market growth of FILTROX. The FILTROX headquarter site in St. Gallen (Switzerland) will be gradually moving out of high volume industrial production and focus on research & development, engineering of filter equipment, marketing, application support, product management, and sales for the Central Europe region. This process will take several years and create a significant amount of free space at the current site in St. Gallen. FILTROX plans to develop this site together with a specialized partner. The existing buildings and the large land reserves will be transferred into a multi-use industrial park offering space for several hundred new jobs.



Paul Hirst, Operations Director of FILTROX says: "We are very excited about this large investment in our Barnoldswick factory. It will create a manufacturing site for depth filtration media that is top of class in product quality, efficiency, sustainability and health and safety." Dr. Cristian Rusch, CEO of FILTROX adds: "This investment is fully in line with the FILTROX Vision of being the world leader in depth filtration for valuable liquids. All our markets are growing fast and the demand for our products is currently very strong. It is important to invest in our production infrastructure to secure the future growth of our company." Andrew Stephenson, Member of Parliament for the Pendle District states: "I very much welcome this planned investment of FILTROX. It will create an important number of jobs at the factory and at local sub-suppliers. Furthermore, it is a strong commitment to the pendle district as a workplace and an impulse for the development of the industrial sector in our region."

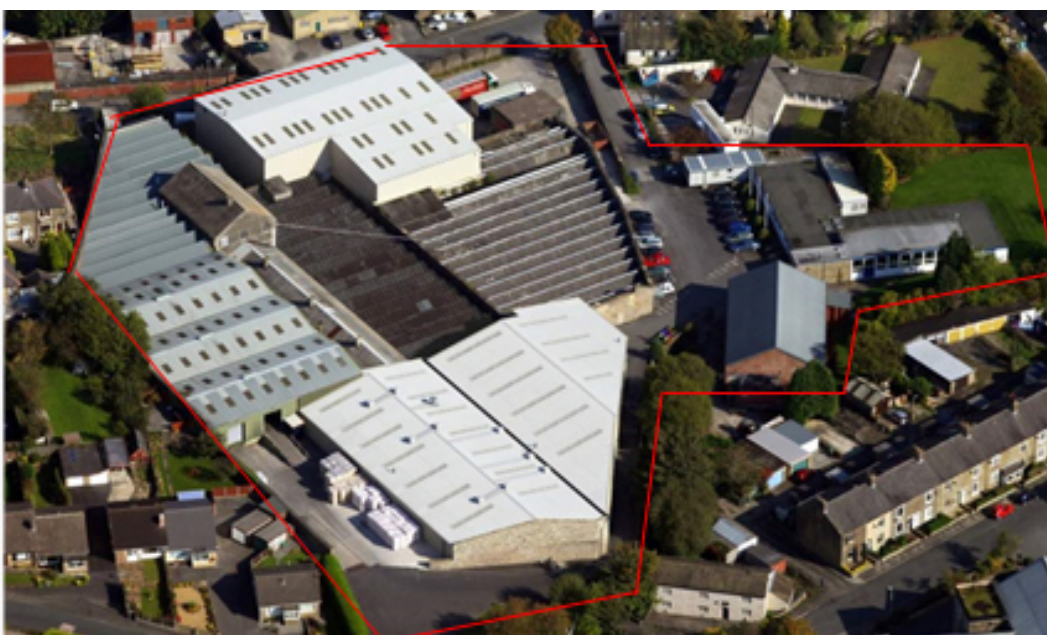
The FILTROX manufacturing sites are continued to be supported by the FILTROX sales offices in Switzerland, UK, France, Spain, USA, Mexico, Singapore, and China. Their teams of sales engineers and logistics specialists provide filtration consulting, application support, warehousing and delivery services. The aim of all these activities is to offer the best possible solution for depth filtration of valuable liquids to FILTROX customers around the world.

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FILTROX ([www.filtrox.com](http://www.filtrox.com)) is a world-leading company in depth filtration of valuable liquids headquartered in St. Gallen, Switzerland. It was founded in 1938 and is still family-owned. FILTROX has grown to a total of 280 employees worldwide with subsidiaries in Switzerland, Germany, France, England, Spain, Czech Republic, United States, Mexico, China and Singapore. FILTROX develops, manufactures and sells high-quality depth filtration systems for valuable liquids to customers in the pharmaceutical, biotech, beverage, food, and restaurant industries around the world.



Picture: Aerial view of the FILTROX Manufacturing site in Barnoldswick (UK)