

## **Bizerba acquires French inspection specialist Luceo and expands its portfolio in the area of food safety**

**Balingen, March 11th 2015 – Bizerba, a provider of solutions for weighing, slicing, and labelling technologies, has acquired the food sector of the French company Luceo SAS. The company, which is headquartered in Rennes, belongs to the Tiama Group and is one of the leading specialists in the area of visual inspection technology. Luceo's clients include many food producers. The new Bizerba Luceo SAS will operate from France and starts its business on April 1st 2015.**

Metal detectors and devices for x-ray and visual inspection are already an important part of Bizerba's portfolio. "Against the backdrop of recent scandals, the issue of quality control in the food sector is becoming increasingly important. With the Luceo products, we are expanding our existing range of solutions for detecting debris or foreign particles, particularly in the premium segment," says Christian Korte, Vice President of Industry at Bizerba and CEO of Bizerba Luceo. "Luceo is the technological leader in detecting damage to seals, as well as in real-time production monitoring. Our clients benefit from the highest degree of safety and quality control provided by the acquisition." In addition, Luceo offers patented sensors that can be directly integrated in packaging machines, and that make it possible to detect errors even earlier in the production process.

The Luceo inspection portfolio also includes the so-called SliceCheck system. Food producers can use the system, with the support of a camera, to monitor the slicing of sausage before the packaging process and to optimise this using feedback loops. The thickness, appearance, and fat content of the product are key criteria. "The acquisition emphasises our role as a reliable partner of the food industry," comments Christian Korte. "The Luceo portfolio lets our clients increase their productivity and achieve even greater process stability."

### **About Bizerba:**

*Bizerba offers its customers in industry, trade, and logistics a globally unique solutions portfolio of hardware and software around the central value "weight". This portfolio includes products and solutions related to slicing, processing, weighing, cashing, checking, commissioning and labeling. A wide range of services from consulting and service, labels and consumables to leasing complete the portfolio.*

*Since 1866 Bizerba has made a significant contribution to the developments in the area of weighing technology and today is represented in 120 countries. The customer base includes globally operating companies in trade and industry as well as retailers, bakeries and butcheries. With 3,300 employees worldwide and with its headquarters in Balingen, Baden Wuerttemberg, Bizerba has been in the same family for five generations. Additional production facilities are located in Germany, Austria, Switzerland, Italy, Spain, China and USA. Bizerba also has a global network of sales and service locations.*

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