

# Information for the Press

## **The contract manufacturer SternMaid America gets started in Chicago**

**With its new production plant, the contract manufacturer SternMaid is expanding in America. The sister company of the German SternMaid, a member of the Stern-Wywiol Gruppe in Hamburg, opens a microblending facility for the production of food supplements in powder form in Illinois. The central location within the U.S. offers logistic advantages in meeting customers' individual requirements.**

**Aurora (Illinois) / Wittenburg (Germany), August 2014. SternMaid America is the first foreign sister company of the contract manufacturer SternMaid from Wittenburg, Germany, and is opening the first production plant of its own in Aurora, near Chicago. The facility in Illinois offers comprehensive, customized contract manufacturing services for compounding powdered substances, in particular food supplements. On completion of the first phase of construction, a semi-automated blending line and two separate packaging lines for industrial packs and retail packaging are available on an area of 32,000 square feet. The plant permits a blending capacity of about 4,000 tons p.a.**

SternMaid America in Aurora offers the whole service chain of contract manufacturing – from expertise in compounding, quality control of the raw materials and co-packing to warehousing and logistics. “Growing demand from manufacturers of dietary food supplements and special products for athletes led us to set up a microblending facility of our own in Aurora and invest in the USA”, said Jan Thoele, Head of Sales North America at

**Editor:**  
SternMaid GmbH & Co. KG  
Giselle Lamberti (Marketing)  
Am Mühlenberg 4  
19243 Wittenburg/Germany  
E-Mail: glamberti@sternmaid.de

**Press:**  
Public Relations v. Hoyningen-Huene  
Heimhuder Straße 79  
20148 Hamburg  
Marc v. Bandemer  
Tel: ++49 40 41 62 08-17  
E-Mail: mvb@prvhh.de

SternMaid America, when the plant was commissioned. “Production here gives us important logistic advantages. Short delivery routes compared to shipments from Germany and procurement of raw materials in the region mean considerable value-added for our customers”, Thoele continued.

The multifunctional production plant “Made in Germany” will put SternMaid America in an excellent position to meet American customers’ individual requirements too. The state-of-the-art, semi-automated blending line can be used flexibly for order sizes from 500 lbs to over 22,000 lbs. Further features in addition to its high blending precision of up to 1:100,000 include fast setup times and flexible filling into small or large containers – for example bags, fiberboard boxes, drums or FIBCs (super sacks).

On this plant, liquid components are sprayed onto the powder homogeneously through special nozzles. These atomizing spray nozzles permit extremely fine dispersion of microcomponents like flavorings, oils or emulsifiers. But high percentages of fats and highly viscous liquids can be added too.

**Made in Germany:** SternMaid Germany is located in Wittenburg (Mecklenburg-West Pomerania). As a contract manufacturer it specializes in customized solutions for the blending, processing and filling of foods and food supplements in powder form. With a second production facility the group is continuing the success story that started in North Germany, near Hamburg. Since its establishment in 1996, and with a current staff of over 200, SternMaid has made a name for itself at this location as a leading contract manufacturer for small and large enterprises from the European food industry.

**About SternMaid America:**

SternMaid America with its headquarters in Aurora, Illinois and SternMaid in Germany are members of the Stern-Wywiol Gruppe, one of the world’s most successful companies in the field of food and feed ingredients. With its US location the group is continuing the success story of SternMaid.



Since its establishment in 1996, SternMaid Germany has taken its place among Europe's leading contract manufacturers. The Aurora plant is one of the most modern of its kind and offers comprehensive, customized contract manufacturing services in the compounding of powdered substances. A semi-automated blending and industrial packaging line and a small-unit packaging line are available for innovative solutions. The 30,000 sq ft facility has a blending capacity of about 4,000 tons annually.

**More information from:**

SternMaid America LLC  
3565 Butterfield Rd., Unit 111, Aurora, IL 60502  
Jan Thoele, Head of Sales  
Phone: +1 (630) 270-1100  
Email: [contact@sternmaid-america.com](mailto:contact@sternmaid-america.com)

**Further information at:**

[www.sternmaid-america.com](http://www.sternmaid-america.com)  
[www.sternmaid.de/en/](http://www.sternmaid.de/en/)