

Press release - 22 March 2012

PACKAGING, PROCESSING & LOGISTICS 2012

easyFairs, organisers of over 20 successful pan-European packaging exhibitions, has regrettably announced the cancellation of its PACKAGING, PROCESSING & LOGISTICS exhibition. The event, which was due to take place at Dublin's Citywest on 16 & 17 May 2012, has not received sufficient interest and backing from the market to support a high quality event.

Matt Benyon, Managing Director of easyFairs UK & Ireland, said: "Having just run an incredibly successful packaging exhibition at the NEC in Birmingham, we have noticed a marked difference between the take up for our shows in the UK and Europe compared to the response we have received for the PACKAGING, PROCESSING & LOGISTICS show in Dublin. There is no doubt that the economy is challenging at the moment, but we have had to make this decision to best support our customers.

"We pride ourselves on producing events of the highest quality, and would not wish to run a show that we felt would not deliver a high enough return on investment for our exhibitors. Our initial research into the industry indicated that there would be the demand for a full supply chain event, but this hasn't transpired to produce enough committed exhibitors to put on a successful event that will fulfil their needs."

easyFairs UK & Ireland will be holding PACKAGING INNOVATIONS London on 4 & 5 October 2012 at the Business Design Centre in Islington, London, and its Packaging & Print portfolio event (incorporating PACKAGING INNOVATIONS, ECOPACK, CONTRACT PACK, PACKTECH and PRINT INNOVATIONS) on 27 & 28 February 2013 at the NEC in Birmingham. The 2012 edition of the latter, which took place on 29 February & 1 March 2012, showcased over 350 exhibitors, with over 4,500 visitors attending across the two days. For more information about both events, visit www.easyFairs.com/UK, or call +44 (0)20 8843 8800.

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Notes to editors

Forthcoming easyFairs Packaging Events

- PACKAGING INNOVATIONS London 2012, will be taking place 4 & 5 October 2012 at the Business
 Design Centre, London, UK. For more information please visit: www.easyFairs.com/PI-LONDON
- The 2013 easyFairs Packaging & Print Portfolio event (www.easyFairs.com/PIUK) will take place on 27 & 28 February at the National Exhibition Centre, Birmingham, UK, incorporating:
 - o easyFairs PACKAGING INNOVATIONS 2013
 - o easyFairs PACKTECH 2013
 - o easyFairs ECOPACK 2013

- o easyFairs CONTRACT PACK 2013
- o easyFairs PRINT INNOVATIONS 2013

easyFairs® – Company Profile

easyFairs is Europe's leading organiser of time & cost effective trade shows. easyFairs make it easy for people to meet and do business in a professional environment. With headquarters in Brussels and an international network of offices, easyFairs runs shows in Austria, Belgium, Colombia, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Ireland, The Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Russia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland and the United Kingdom.

easyFairs brings sales-focused trade shows to the heart of buyer markets. For further information, please visit www.easyFairs.com

easyFairs® - At a Glance

Core business: Time & cost effective sales-focused trade shows

Headquarters: Brussels, Belgium

Where easyFairs do business: easyFairs currently runs shows in Austria, Belgium, Colombia,

Denmark, Finland, Germany, Ireland, The Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Russia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland and the United kingdom,

with exhibitors from these and other countries. The company

expands into new countries each year

Employees: 210

Sectors served: Agro, Automotive, Building & Construction, Business Services, Food

& Catering, Graphic & Print, ICT & Internet, Maintenance, Measurement & Control, Instrumentation, Motion Control, Packaging, Pumps & Valves, Retail, Solids, Transports & Logistics,

Welding

Shows: 100+ shows in portfolio

For a list of shows see calendar on website

Website: <u>www.easyFairs.com</u>