

Muntons PRESS RELEASE

Muntons focus on supply chain

Muntons plc based in Stowmarket Suffolk has announced the appointment of Ivan Bishop to the newly created position of Supply Chain Development Manager.

Ivan brings with him a wealth of experience in the agricultural supply industry after 40 plus years in the grain trade, specialising in Malting Barley.



Nearly all of the cereals that Muntons use to make their malt and malted ingredients are sourced from within a fifty mile radius of each of their two Maltings, one in Stowmarket and the other in Bridlington, Yorkshire – both prime malting barley growing regions in the UK. As buyers of well over 200,000 tonnes of cereals annually, and with nearly a quarter of Muntons products sold overseas, improving control over the supply chain will bring benefits to company and local community alike.

The main challenge that Ivan faces is to develop stronger cultural ties between customers, Muntons themselves and their suppliers. His main role will be to look at ways to improve communication links, and build strong relationships. Much of

this will be achieved through the use of shows, exhibitions, direct contact and events such as supply chain initiatives.

As Ivan puts it "Muntons move a large amount of product over considerable distances, from suppliers through to distributors and final customers and I have been tasked with developing relationships so that all involved parties can contribute to improvements in the supply chain." He continued "My aim is to evaluate the supply chain and bring a common sense approach to solving problems to make each link that much stronger for the long term."

The malt and malted ingredients that Muntons make are used in a wide variety of food and beverages, from beer, whisky and malted milk drinks to bread, confectionery, cakes and sauces. Muntons are also one of the world's largest producers of home beer and winemaking kits, which are proving particularly popular with consumers looking to take up this interesting and rewarding hobby.

Background information

The headquarters of Muntons plc is based in the county of Suffolk on the outskirts of the market town of Stowmarket, strategically located near to their main raw material, premium quality malting barley, and ideally positioned to access the UK's major port of Felixstowe and the major road route into the heart of England.

Additionally Muntons have a second manufacturing plant in Bridlington, Yorkshire, also located in one of the prime malting barley growing areas in the UK. Muntons purchase over a quarter of a million tonnes of UK assured grains annually and have a combined output of over 220,000 tonnes of malted products per year. Malted ingredients are used in a wide variety of applications within the food and baking industries and malt is the primary raw material in brewing and distilling.

Muntons export malt and malted ingredients to over 50 countries worldwide, are the largest malted ingredient producer in the world and one of the five largest sales maltsters in the UK.

Each year their Stowmarket headquarters produces in excess of 70,000 tonnes of malt and 27,000 tonnes of malt extract, with a capacity to manufacture 6,000 tonnes of Spray and Band dried extract per year and supply over 3,000 tonnes into the home beer-making market. They also have a 10,000 tonne malt flour milling and malted cereal flaking operation.

Muntons are committed to maintaining the highest standard for hygiene. Their Stowmarket plant is certified to the British Retail Consortium (BRC) global food standard (grade A) and all the malt sold is produced under the independently audited Assured UK malt scheme. They are certified under the ISO 9001/2000 quality assurance, ISO 14001: 2004 environmental scheme and ISO 22000:2005 Food safety management system.

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