

# News Release

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US subsidiary of Maruho Co., Ltd.

## **Markus Haid Joins Maruho Hatsujo Innovations as Chief Operating Officer**

***Industry Veteran Will Direct U.S. Operations for Medical Packaging Machinery Company, with Emphasis on "The Eagle" Blister Machine***

Norwell, MA – **Maruho Hatsujo Innovations (MHI)** – the U.S. subsidiary of Kyoto-based Maruho Hatsujo Kogyo (“MHK”), Japan’s second largest pharmaceutical packaging machinery manufacturer with over 60 years of experience – has hired longtime senior-level machinery professional **Markus Haid** as **Chief Operating Officer**. Mr. Haid will be responsible for leading, managing, and directing operations, developing sales personnel and sales channels, and strengthening technical resources of the U.S. operation.

Mr. Haid will focus on providing customer guidance and consultation for – and continuing to raise market awareness of – the **Eagle**, the company’s standout blister machine introduced in 2016. An Americanized version of MHK’s widely successful **PF-D1S**, the Eagle is a compact, servo-driven, high performance machine comprising the company’s first foray into the North American marketplace.

Capable of handling all commonly used forming and lidding materials, the competitively priced Eagle can produce up to 100 blisters per minute at a maximum index length of 90mm and maximum index width of 130mm. The machine features fast, tool-free changeover in less than 10 minutes, offers multi-zone pre-heating, recipe-driven format change, and is compatible with third-party feeders.

Featuring both platen forming and rotary sealing, the new Eagle blister machine promises to stand up well in the U.S. market. The machine’s attractive attributes include ease of operation, user-friendly HMI, and easy expansion of feeder area when required. MHI also

stresses its responsiveness and commitment to product support, providing U.S.-based installation, maintenance, spare parts and 24/7 technical support.

Before joining MHI, Mr. Haid was Strategic Accounts Manager for Mettler Toledo; prior to that, he was Managing Director for Uhlmann Packaging Systems.

"We believe Markus brings a depth of experience that will help the U.S. market better appreciate the quality, precision and performance that the Eagle offers in a compact footprint," said Gregory Zaic, President and CEO of MHI. "His expertise also will be an asset as MHI brings additional packaging innovations to the North American marketplace."

Mr. Haid earned a degree in Electrical Engineering from Handwerkskammer Reutlingen in Germany. He resides in Hackettstown, New Jersey.

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#### **About Maruho Hatsujyo Innovations**

Maruho Hatsujyo Innovations (MHI) the U.S. subsidiary of Kyoto-based Maruho Hatsujyo Kogyo (MHK), was created in 2014. With more than \$60 million in sales and 220 employees, MHK has over 60 years of experience in the manufacturing sector, including the design of high-performance blister machinery and high-precision metal components. Currently, MHK is Japan's second largest pharmaceutical packaging machinery company.

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