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Kotkamills adds a new member to its family of plastic free consumer boards

Kotkamills' family of AEGLE® consumer boards is complemented by the freshest member of the family. AEGLE® Barrier Plus promotes the wider use of non-plastic packaging solutions. Easily recyclable AEGLE® Barrier Plus packaging board is especially suited for packaging greasy food, sandwiches, bakery products and frozen foods.

The packaging industry is one of the key players in preventing litter ending up in the oceans and nature. Traditionally, packaging industry uses plastic barrier layer on packaging board in order to prevent grease and fluids from absorbing into the packaging material. Alternatively, organic fluorochemicals can be used as grease barriers but they might be harmful for the health. Degradation of plastic can take up to hundreds of years in natural conditions which means they are a burden for the environment for a long time, even ending up in the food chain.

Kotkamills AEGLE® products do not contain plastic, harmful fluorochemicals or waxes. The barrier layer of AEGLE® consumer boards is a water-based polymer dispersion which enables easy recycling since no plastic needs to be separated from the wood fibre. AEGLE® products can be recycled with normal paper and board waste. Easy recyclability guarantees the precious material to remain in circular economy.

“AEGLE® consumer board family got its first family member as AEGLE® Barrier Light was launched this spring. We are proud to announce that the product family is now one family member richer. Our plastic free packaging boards answer to a number of societal challenges, for example preserving the precious materials in circular economy and the prevention of added litter in the environment.” Kotkamills CEO **Markku Hämäläinen** states.

“Food industry demands packaging solutions now and in the future. Our job is to create sustainable solutions that offer consumers a pro-environment choice with small everyday choices. Conscious consumers choose a solution that is sustainable and better for the environment when it is made easy to access and use.” Hämäläinen ends.

Kotkamills is strongly involved at the forest and packaging industry's PulPaper fair from 29th to 31st of May at Helsinki Messukeskus. On Wednesday May 30th **Niilo Pöyhönen**, Senior Vice President, Consumer Boards and **Saila Kettunen**, Director, Barrier Boards are giving a presentation on Kotkamills' new products and solutions at the fair's Future Square stage. On May 31st an excursion from the fair to Kotkamills' factory will be arranged. Kotkamills' new products are on display at PulPaper on stand 6g91.

Kotkamills is a responsible partner that delivers renewable products and performance to its customers' processes via product innovations created from wood, a renewable raw material. Our product range includes fully recyclable consumer board products AEGLE® and ISLA® and one of the key brands of the company is Absorbex® an innovative laminating paper product for the laminate, plywood and construction industries. Moreover, Kotkamills offers ecological, technically sound and visually attractive wood products for demanding joinery and construction.

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The AEGLE® has landed.

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