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Anker Andersen A/S has signed a contract with RetuRO for setting up the first regional beverage packaging counting and sorting centers in Romania

The national Deposit Return System (DRS) in Romania is entering a new development phase as RetuRO, the company responsible for managing DRS in Romania, signed the equipment acquisition agreement with Anker Andersen A/S.

During the initial phase, The Deposit Return System will run with 17 centers nationwide, gradually opened and equipped by the middle of next year, where RetuRO will transport beverage packaging collected from over 80,000 retailers and count and sort them for resale to recycling companies. RetuRO operates on a not-for-profit basis, meaning that the company's profits will be reinvested exclusively in the operation and development of The Deposit Return System.

The first wave of equipment is expected to arrive in late September, and Anker Andersen A/S will provide RetuRO with 20 counting machines for this phase, each capable of sorting around 6,500 units per hour. These machines will handle glass, PET, and aluminum containers and rejecting items outside the DRS scope. As the scheme expands to 17 sites, Anker Andersen A/S will directly supply 94 of these counting machines and oversee the manufacturing and distribution of all other necessary equipment for comprehensive scheme functionality.

"RetuRO's needs are quite specific when it comes to equipment and the set-up of the counting and sorting centers. And precisely in this regard, efficiency and speed have been our way of doing things. Finding a capable and experienced partner who can provide not only the necessary state-of-the-art equipment but also ensure on-site installation and testing, specialized training, maintenance, service, and the provision of spare parts, has been an important step for us. This comprehensive and customized approach to services offered by Anker Andersen A/S in the implementation of Deposit Return Systems worldwide played a significant role in choosing the technical partner for Romania", said Gemma Webb, CEO of RetuRO.

Anker Andersen A/S has extensive experience in developing high-performance industrial installations for counting and sorting returnable packaging, producing equipment either at their Danish factory or in collaboration with international partners. We have installed over 400 such fast systems in countries

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around the world. Our global network of experts, suppliers, and organizations is ready to complement technical expertise with advice and guidance on organizing an efficient Deposit Return System. Based on these foundations, Anker Andersen A/S has been chosen as the supplier for all Romanian DRS regional counting and sorting centers.

The use of high-performance industrial installations from Anker Andersen A/S, capable of scanning and sorting over 300 beverage containers per minute, contributes to recycling billions of packaging units and reducing thousands of tons of CO2 annually for the benefit of the environment and future generations.

"As we unite with RetuRO to pioneer a new approach to the Deposit Refund Scheme (DRS), we take pride in being part of Romania's most extensive circular economy initiative. Anker Andersen A/S is excited to contribute our technical prowess to the establishment of the first regional beverage packaging counting and sorting centers. This collaboration not only echoes our commitment to environmental responsibility but also symbolizes our shared dedication to shaping a sustainable future for generations to come", stated Anders Topp Daugaard, CEO of Anker Andersen A/S.

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Anker Andersen A/S was established in 1945 and is located in Ølholm near Vejle. We have a global market leading position when it comes to the development, production and servicing of high-performance counting and sorting systems. Our systems are used for counting and sorting of returnable beverage packaging. We are proud of our active contribution to the efficient management of the enormous amounts of empty beverage packaging, which around the world constitute a massive environmental problem.

RetuRO Deposit Return System S.A. (www.returogr.ro) was established by a consortium of three private shareholders: the Romanian Brewers Association for the Environment (30%), the Association of Soft Drink Producers for Sustainability (30%), the Association of Retailers for the Environment (20%), and a public shareholder, the Romanian state, represented by the central environmental authority, the Ministry of Environment, Waters, and Forests (20%).

RetuRO, as the administrator of DRS, will ensure transparency regarding the quantities of beverage packaging placed on the market and returned by consumers, contributing to Romania's sustainable development by responsibly managing packaging waste to achieve recycling targets set by the European Union.