IMA SpA designs and manufactures automatic machines for the processing and packaging of pharmaceuticals, cosmetics, tea, coffee and foods. The Italian Group, headquartered in Bologna and has a US facility Leominster, Mass., features two main brands—IMA Industries and IMA Pharma. IMA Industries represents the non-pharmaceutical sector and includes six different companies and divisions: Tea & Coffee Division, Gima, Corazza, Stephan Machinery, BFB and Revisioni Industriali. IMA Pharma designs and manufactures automatic machines for the processing and packaging of pharmaceutical products, implementing high technology and leveraging on a strong capability to offer custom solutions. IMA Pharma includes three highly specialized divisions: IMA Active (Solid Dose Solutions), IMA Life (Aseptic Processing & Freeze Drying Solutions) and IMA Safe (Packaging Solutions).

At PACK EXPO 2012, IMA is showing a **Uniline tablet packaging mono-bloc system**, a cartoning machine, a labeling machine, a tube filling and sealing machine, a GIMA coffee packaging system, a case packer and a Stephan food packaging solution.

“We offer a wide range of packaging solutions; all of them are characterized by compact design and proven technology,” said Darren Meister, vice president of sales and marketing for IMA Safe North America. “Rapid changeover and flexibility are the two key issues, that make our machines unique on the market.”
IMA's automation and control systems, automated by Rockwell Automation, helps IMA provide customers with quick changeover and versatility.

“We selected Rockwell Automation for our machines because they offer a wide product portfolio, very efficient service and qualified customer acceptance,” Meister said. “Working with Rockwell Automation, IMA can rely on a high level technical and application support through every stage of the manufacturing cycle, from design and installation to operation and maintenance.”

IMA’s machines featured at PACK EXPO include CompactLogix programmable automation controllers (PACs), PowerFlex 4 AC drives and PanelView Plus human machine interfaces (HMIs). These Rockwell Automation products can be easily connected via EtherNet/IP and respond perfectly to IMA’s needs when it comes to simplicity and space saving.

In working with Rockwell Automation, IMA benefits from a reduced footprint as well as easier programming and configuration tasks and faster installation and start up time.

“Our technicians can program parameters and functionalities without any problems, using the existing programming standards,” Meister said. “This allows us to use modules which can be transferred from one machine to another providing significant design time saving.”

The user-friendly programming functions and common software environment shared by the CompactLogix PAC and the PowerFlex 4 AC drives, helps IMA simplify even complex engineering tasks.

When using Rockwell Automation solutions, IMA simplified troubleshooting, made easier with the electronic control system. In addition, motion data and alarms can be easily visualized, monitored and managed by the HMI.

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