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PAKOMAK becomes member of PRO EUROPE

Brussels, 20 May 2011 - The Macedonian non-profit organisation PAKOMAK, founded by Macedonian private companies, today officially becomes a member of the umbrella organisation for European packaging and packaging waste recovery and recycling schemes, PRO EUROPE, active in 32 European countries and Canada.

“Joining PRO EUROPE is a natural step for PAKOMAK. We are glad to be part of this big family that is caring for packaging recovery. We look forward to working in collaboration with our sister organisations, to use their expertise in order to reach our aims which are also national goals of the Ministry for the environment of the Republic of Macedonia” said Filip Ivanovski, Managing Director at PAKOMAK.

Joachim Quoden, Managing Director PRO EUROPE, welcomes PAKOMAK into the producer responsibility network. “Growing membership is proof of PRO EUROPE’s efforts in this area. It demonstrates that PRO EUROPE’s principles are shared across Europe. All PRO EUROPE members are committed to support our colleagues from PAKOMAK to bring the concept of producer responsibility to F.Y.R. Macedonia.”

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About PRO EUROPE

PRO EUROPE s.p.r.l. (PACKAGING RECOVERY ORGANISATION EUROPE), founded in 1995, is the umbrella organisation for European packaging and packaging waste recovery and recycling schemes which mainly use the "Green Dot" trademark as a financing symbol. In its primary role, PRO EUROPE is the general licensor of the "Green Dot" trademark. It also acts as the authoritative voice and common policy platform representing the interests of all packaging recovery and recycling organisations founded and run by or on behalf of obliged industry.

About PAKOMAK

PAKOMAK was founded by 11 leading manufacturing companies in F.Y.R. Macedonia (Brewery Pivara Skopje AD Skopje; Prilep Brewery AD Prilep; Vitaminka AD Prilep; Pelisterka DOO Skopje; Magroni DOO Skopje; Koding Dooel Kavadarci; Kozuvcanka; DOO Kavadarci; Vivaks Dooel Skopje; Blagoj Gorev AD Veles; VV Tikves AD; VV Stobi AD). The company PAKOMAK is the first in F.Y.R. Macedonia which got permission from the Ministry of Environment and Physical Planning for packaging waste recovery and recycling. PAKOMAK's main aim include decreasing the wild waste fields, extending the life span of the existing waste fields and recycling and recovering above 60% of the packaging material.