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**(CSL) Carlisle Acquires Wincanton Engineering, Ltd.**

Syracuse, New York, March 27, 2001 . . . Carlisle Companies Incorporated (NYSE:CSL) announces the acquisition of Wincanton Engineering Ltd. from its parent company Brunel Holdings plc.

Wincanton Engineering Ltd. designs and manufactures processing equipment for the dairy, food and beverage industries and is based in Sherborne, England. The company employs 120 people and has been a leading supplier of Cheddar and American Style cheese systems since 1925.

Tim High, President of Carlisle Process Systems, stated, "The acquisition of Wincanton consolidates our position as global market leader for cheese systems and provides a complementary range of equipment to the line already supplied by other Carlisle companies, Scherping Systems and Damrow. Wincanton will become the group's manufacturing and engineering base for Europe, enabling us to grow much faster than would be possible from the United States."

Carlisle Companies Incorporated is a diversified manufacturer of products serving construction materials, industrial components, automotive components and general industry markets.

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