



# AS HOOD AS IT GETS

Colorful history sets the stage for a promising future

**N**ot many packaging companies in business today can trace their roots all the way back to the 19th Century, but **Hood Packaging Corporation** is not your ordinary packaging company.

Originally incorporated in Montreal as **Canada Jute Company** in 1882 and later amalgamated into **The Canadian Bag Company** in 1906, the privately-owned firm is a unique embodiment of ageless corporate longevity and reinvention.

After forming a joint-venture company with the U.S. based **Bemis Corporation** in 1937, the new entity—specializing in but jute, cotton and sewn bags—was acquired in 1941 by the U.K.-based **Thomas Bonar Company**, which proceeded to modernize the purchased facilities to meet growing demand for the then-groundbreaking paper bags.

During the 1960s, **Bonar & Bemis/Thomas Bonar Company Ltd** carried out a series of acquisitions to grow and consolidate its market share—ultimately moving its headquarters to Burlington, Ont., in 1973.

During that period, Bonar added new manufacturing facilities in Calgary and Guelph, Ont., while upgrading its central plant in East Angus, Que., with modern high-speed production equipment.

South of the border, meanwhile, **Southern Bag Corporation, Ltd.** (which changed its name to **Hood Packaging Corporation**) was going through a period of rapid growth and expansion during the 1990.

In 2000, it purchases Bonar, Inc. to become a true binational leader in the packaging industry.

With headquarters in Burlington, Ont., and Madison, Miss., Hood Packaging Corporation today operates 23 manufacturing facilities in 16 states and provinces across North America.

Employing about 2,350 people in total, the company serves a highly diverse range of industries, including cement, grout and mortar; bakery and flour, dairy, foodservice, frozen food, animal feed, lawn and garden, insulation, and shingle and roofing.

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**HOOD PACKAGING CORPORATION®**

“We are focused on low-cost manufacturing, organic growth, and careful acquisitions to develop our operations with the skills and equipment necessary to be an innovative packaging business,” says company president Robert Morris.

“We provide a complete range of flexible packaging materials, packaging formats, and printing capabilities,” says Morris, citing the company’s expansive product portfolio comprising multiwall paper packaging, flexible plastic packaging, woven polypropylene bags, liquid packaging, and specialty coated materials.

“With 23 plants across North America and a wide variety of paper, plastic and poly-woven packaging products, we are proud to offer our clients a true ‘one-stop shopping’ advantage.”

According to Morris, the company highly values its ongoing membership in **PAC Packaging Consortium**, which it joined under the Bonar name right from the outset back in 1950.

“As a progressive corporate leader, we see it as a good way to show leadership and also to give back to the industry we are a part of,” says Morris, lauding the extensive range of valuable training and educational programs initiated by PAC year after year.

“These programs provide exceptionally good value for us,” Morris states. “We have a number of employees attending PAC courses, conferences and seminars each year.”

Moreover, Morris says the PAC is doing “an outstanding job” in respect to industry advocacy on issues related to sustainability, environment and government regulations.

“This is a very valuable service both to our company and the industry at large,” Morris states, “and we are proud to be part of an organization that spares no effort in serving its members as well as it does.”

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