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NatureFlex™ film used for compostable barrier lidding structure

Italian flexible packaging converter, Corapack, has used Futamura's renewable and compostable NatureFlex™ cellulose films for compostable lidding for trays. The lidding material is a proven compostable structure that is an ideal alternative to conventional plastics that often end up in landfill.



To supply the best technical solution and functionality the high barrier NatureFlex film is laminated to an internal sealing bio-polymer so that the final structure, certified compostable, can be heat sealed to compostable base trays made from bio-polymers or wood pulp.

NatureFlex films are produced from sustainable wood pulp harvested from managed plantations and are certified to both EU (EN13432) and US (ASTM D6400) composting standards. In addition to industrial composting, the product has reached the standard required for home composting. NatureFlex provides high barrier to moisture, aroma and gasses, has excellent transparency and high gloss; making it an ideal solution for a compostable lidding structure.

Giorgio Berton, Futamura's Italian regional sales manager, said: *"This application is another great example of a successful collaboration where renewable and compostable NatureFlex films have been selected as a real alternative to conventional plastics; this means the brand owner can be happy that they are providing an environmentally responsible solution without compromising on functionality"*.

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Note to Editor

Futamura Chemicals Company Limited is a major producer of plastic and cellulose (NatureFlex™ & Cellophane™) films. Following the acquisition of Innovia Films cellulose business, Futamura has a global footprint with production sites in the UK, USA and Japan. It holds a leading global position in the markets for renewable and compostable packaging films and cellulose casings. Worldwide Futamura employs some 1500 people, with a focus on safety, high quality speciality products, R&D, customer service and ethical, sustainable partnerships.

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