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## **Grade A pass for Dempson Crooke from BRC**

Following a lengthy audit, manufacturer of paper packaging products, Dempson Crooke, is delighted to announce that the company has been upgraded to the highest possible BRC certification – Grade A.

Dempson Crooke achieved BRC certification 12 months ago for its manufacturing facility in Maidstone, Kent. To follow that with an improved certification just one year later is a remarkable achievement, as BRC auditor, Brian Peckett, explained: “I have seen many companies achieve an initial pass and then take years to actually implement any further improvements. Some never do, some even lose their certification. For Dempson to go from achieving certification to a Grade A pass in one year is very unusual. It demonstrates the commitment of everyone in the organisation to this Standard.”

Dempson Crooke’s quality manager at the Maidstone site, Paul Simmons, was delighted with the award: “Last year we won certification with a B/C pass. With all that has happened in the last year, we simply hoped to be able to pass again and to improve the standard a bit,” he said. “As long as we maintain this standard and keep looking to improve, we are doing things properly.”

Dempson Crooke manufactures a range of paper bags for retail and foodservice markets from its Maidstone factory, including the innovative Dempson Bag with its energy-efficient paper carrier bag technology, the Box Bag, the patent-protected PortaBag and the Heritage branded range. It also manufactures disposable paper car mats for the automotive industry, patient tidy bags for the NHS, BioKraft compostable caddy bags, window bags, sandwich and tortilla bags and takeaway food bags.

“Everyone has played an important part in this achievement,” said managing director, Jon Katzauer. “It has been a brilliant team effort.”

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Picture shows a bag from Dempson Crooke

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### **Company Background**

- Dempson Crooke Ltd is one of the UK's leading paper bag manufacturers, serving branded high street retailers and the food-to-go, catering and food processing sectors.
- Founded in 1948, the company has grown to become one of the country's largest and most innovative bag manufacturers, with one of the widest product ranges in the industry.
- We produce a vast range of plain and printed paper bags, paper carrier bags, sheeted paper wrapping products and serviettes.
- We manufacture more than 25 million paper bags in our factories each week and sheet a further 6000 reams (almost 3 million sheets) of papers for the catering and retail sectors.
- We offer custom printing across our full range of products and have recently upgraded to an eight-colour printing press.

### **About BRC**

BRC Global Standards is a leading safety and quality certification programme, used by over 20,000 certificated suppliers in 90 countries.

BRC certification guarantees the standardisation of quality, safety and operational criteria and ensures that manufacturers fulfil their legal obligations and provide protection for the end consumer.