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Dempson Crooke welcomes the Ambassador

British paper packaging manufacturer, Dempson Crooke, recently welcomed the British Ambassador to Bosnia and Herzegovina, Nigel Casey, to its factory in Bosnia. The visit was in recognition of Dempson Crooke's investment in Bosnia – it is one of only 14 British companies to have invested in the country, compared with some 4,000 German businesses.

Dempson Crooke opened its factory in Bosnia in 2004 in the town of Kozarska Dubica in the north of the country, close to the border with Croatia. An investment of around £2m, the facility was the first 100 per cent direct foreign investment in the town. Kozarska Dubica suffers from 50 per cent unemployment and Dempson Crooke provides much needed jobs for some 53 local people.

The 40,000 square feet factory is dedicated to the production of paper packaging products, including paper bags and money bands used by banks to batch up notes. Most of its production is sold in Western European markets, functioning as a back-up facility to Dempson Crooke's main factory located in Maidstone, Kent.

Managing director, Jon Katzauer, is delighted that Dempson Crooke is one success story for this part of Bosnia, able to make a positive contribution to the local community and economy. The location of the factory is also strategically important as it is located on the border between European Union states and the former Soviet Bloc states once Croatia joins the single market in July 2013. This in turn could open up further opportunities for the British business both to raise its profile and expand its business in overseas markets.

The Ambassador toured the facility and watched paper bags rolling off the production line. His eye was particularly taken by a British classic – Dempson Crooke’s fish and chip bags!

Ends



Dempson Crooke’s fish and chip bag



At Dempson Crooke in Bosnia

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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.