



**CARIBE**  
Industrial Systems Inc.

## *Your Packaging Needs...Our Priority!*

Caribe Industrial Systems, Inc. (CISI) was founded in 1977 by Warren C. and Donna E. Gundry. The company is celebrating 40 Years of being in business early next year. CISI's mission is to provide its customers with unique cost saving ideas and solutions with its high-quality and innovative Packaging Materials and Equipment. For over 40 years, the company has served all major manufacturing sectors of Puerto Rico and the Caribbean Islands from the Bahamas to Barbados and all Islands in between.

The company's clients include over 250 companies in the Pharmaceutical, Medical Device, Food & Beverage and Electronics Industries, among others. Its products include: hot melt and liquid adhesives, packaging and industrial tapes, cushioning material, air bags, tier sheets, corner boards, slip sheets, coding products, thermal transfer ribbons, labels, plastic pallets and containers, tape and label dispensers, desiccants, printed stretch sleeves, reclosable polyethylene and medical/bio hazardous bags, security seals, a wide assortment of poly bags, tamper evident shrink bands and shrink sleeves, stretch films, shrink and bundling films, propane gas tank stretch sleeves and plastic plugs, and more.

On the equipment side, CISI offers adhesive application equipment, stretch wrapping equipment, shrink film sealers and tunnels, semi-automatic and automatic strapping systems, hand tools for manual strapping applications, carton/product coding equipment, case tapers and case erectors, bag sealers, cartoners, labeling equipment, and more. Caribe Industrial is an authorized distributor for industry leading companies such as the Nordson Corporation, Henkel Adhesives, Intertape Polymer Group, and Sigma Stretch Films, along with many others.

CISI maintains its inventory in a 21,000 square foot warehouse strategically located at Bayamon, Puerto Rico, with daily scheduled deliveries to each of the island's municipalities. The company's primary goal is to offer its clients the highest quality products available at competitive prices, to surpass their expectations with superior service, and to conduct its business with its clients and supplier partners in an honest and ethical manner.

CISI stands for Creative packaging solutions, Immediate response to its customers' needs, Service with a smile and Industry-leading suppliers. Its dedicated employees are committed to excellence in all aspects of **their business**. Customer service personnel handle all orders efficiently and expeditiously. Its warehouse personnel assure that all orders are dispatched correctly and on time. CISI has a factory-trained technician for technical assistance.

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We are also actively in discussions with a company out of Trinidad and one out of Jamaica, and, hopefully, by the end of this year, we will also be co-packing for those two companies."

Should all of those partnerships come to pass, Phillip says that SKBC will likely have to increase its production schedule, and move from one shift per day to two. It will also have to improve its production equipment. "Our equipment is about nine years old and with any aging equipment, there would be the problems of breakdowns, obsolescence, etc.," he explains. "And so, in order for us to achieve what our projected goal is in terms of production, we will have to acquire certain upgrades in our equipment."

Another company goal is to become fully ISO-compliant. "We are working towards November of this year as the time that we would be ISO-22000-compliant," Phillip says. (ISO 22000 allows a company to show their customers that they have a Food Safety Management

System in place.) "We already are up to speed and we are doing all the 'heads-up checks,' etc. Had we been ISO-certified before, we would have already signed off on some of the co-pack arrangements that we are pursuing," he adds, ruefully.

Nonetheless, Phillip is justifiably proud of the company's products and the care it takes in making sure that they are pure and safe for its customers to drink. "We have a full, working lab staffed by three persons," he says. "All the products that leave our plant can only do so after our Quality Supervisor has stamped it 'Good to Go.' If not, the product will remain in our plant. We also have a good traceability program in place. And if, by chance, we have a problem with any of our products in the market, we can trace that product to its origin – either the date it was produced so that we can take samples, or the supplier of the raw material, so that they, too, can trace it back to the batch item that they sent to us."

Phillip is also proud of the company's transparency. "Our plant is open for anyone who wishes to visit us and see our processes. So, we regularly will have persons visit us," he declares. "Yesterday, we had persons from one of the government departments who wanted to come by and see our production methods and what goes into the producing of our water. And so,

