

## Ready Meals Auction

**Pro Auction are pleased to announce the sale of surplus plant and machinery at Cumbrian Seafoods Ltd**, The auction will take place at the closed factory site on Solway Trading Estate. Maryport, Cumbria. CA15 8NF, on March 4<sup>th</sup> 2010.

The auction live from the premises and broadcast worldwide on the [www.bidspotter.com](http://www.bidspotter.com) bidding portal, is expected to attract bidders from around the globe, interested in acquiring used food machinery at a fraction of the original purchase cost.

The entire contents of this modern food processor, following closure of the plant and assets surplus to on-going operations within the group are to include meat & fish processing equipment, ready meals processing, frying lines, CFS tray sealing lines and packing, multi - head weighers, Multivac thermoformers, refrigeration equipment, ancillary factory items such as tables, sinks etc. In total over 300 lots of quality machinery will go under the hammer on the day.

A wide range of versatile equipment that suits many applications from Marel, Carnitech, Fomaco and Stein are some of the lots offered in fish processing preparation. Whilst equipment from Multivac, Scanvaeght, CFS – Convenience Food Systems, Ishida and Mondini are offered from the packing halls.

Simon Rose, director at Pro Auction comments that the food and drink industry is the UK's largest manufacturing sector with an annual turnover of £70bn. The sector is continual evolving to cater for new demands from consumers and whilst the sector is not recession-proof, it is more resilient than other areas of the economy, as a result auctions where plant and machinery comes available contributes to the continual development within the sector.

Cumbrian Seafoods, the UK's leading independent seafood company based on the Solway Firth was listed by the Sunday Times with the fastest growing profits. Founded just 10 years ago by Peter Vassallo, the company provides fresh fish and seafood products to the majority of the supermarket giants.

In addition to the auction of the machinery, the former food production facility at Maryport is available for purchase, freehold offers are sought in the region of £900,000 for the building GIA – 7619.17m<sup>2</sup> (82,012 sq ft) total site area – 1.05 ha (2.6 acres) or thereabouts.

Open viewing for inspection of the equipment will take Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March between 08.30am until 4.00pm and on the morning of the sale.

During the live auction internet bidders can bid live, as if actually attending the auction they can competitively place bids against other Internet bidders as well as bidders on the auction house floor, the customers can see the catalogue images and descriptions and hear the auctioneers voice calling the auction. They can buy from the auction with the click of a button.

Pro Auction are Europes leading specialist auctioneers of plant and machinery within the food industry, with regular sales held in the meat, bakery and ready meals sector.

Mark Flynn, managing director of the firm said “we are planning our next events for March and April and the rest of the year, we welcome contact from manufacturers and consignment of lots for future sales, we offer a confidential no fee assessment of selling your surplus equipment or factory contents through our professional services”.

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