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NOMACORC EXPANDS GLOBAL PRESENCE, OPENS NEW FACILITY IN ARGENTINA

ZEBULON, N.C. (March 6, 2013) – Nomacorc, the world’s largest producer of alternative wine closures, in cooperation with Insumos Andinos, Nomacorc’s exclusive distributor in Argentina, has opened a manufacturing site located in the San Juan province of Argentina. This is the first phase in a multi-year expansion plan that aims to provide Argentina and regional export markets with locally-produced, co-extruded wine closures, the first of its kind in Latin America.

“The rapid growth of the Argentinian wine industry and wine exports to markets like the United States have made the timing right to establish a local operation,” said Lars von Kantzow, president and CEO of Nomacorc. “This site underscores our support for the expanding South American wine industry.”

Nomacorc currently serves more than 200 wineries in South America and sold roughly 115 million closures in the region in 2012. This is the fourth Nomacorc facility established since the company’s inception in 1999, with additional sites located in North Carolina, USA; Thimister, Belgium; and Yantai, China.

An opening ceremony was held on February 14, 2013 with an official ribbon-cutting and reception. Important regional officials, including the Governor of San Juan, Ing. Jose Luis Gioja, and national representatives, including the Secretary of International Trade, Lic. Beatriz Paglieri, attended the event. Also in attendance were wine industry experts, journalists and other dignitaries, as well as representatives from Nomacorc and its other South American distribution partners.

“We have received an overwhelmingly positive response from both our customers and the government in the region,” said Eduardo Casaubon, general manager of Insumos Andinos, Nomacorc’s Argentinian distribution partner. “Not only are we investing in our customers’ success and improving quality, but we are providing opportunities for jobs and growth within the South America market.”

Nomacorc produces nearly 2.4 billion closures annually and represents roughly 13 percent of the still wine closure market. The company is the second-largest closure manufacturer in the world and has sustained growth in leading wine regions across the globe including Europe, the Americas and China.

Visit www.nomacorc.com for more information.

About Nomacorc

Nomacorc is a worldwide leader in wine closures and the No. 1 closure brand for still wines in many countries including France, Germany and the United States. Dedicated to technological innovation, Nomacorc manufactures its portfolio of products using a patented co-extrusion process. As a result, Nomacorc closures provide consistent, predictable oxygen management and protect against off-flavors due to oxidation, reduction or cork taint. Nomacorc's 100 percent recyclable products are available through a vast network of distributors and sales agents on six continents. With 500 employees worldwide and state-of-the-art manufacturing facilities in the United States, Belgium, China and Argentina, Nomacorc produces more than 2 billion closures annually. Working with renowned wine research institutes worldwide, the company leads the wine closure industry in fundamental and applied research into oxygen management in wine. For more information, visit nomacorc.com or follow Nomacorc on [Twitter](https://twitter.com/Nomacorc) (@Nomacorc) and [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/Nomacorc) (Nomacorc).

About Insumos Andinos

Created in December 2005, Insumos Andinos is an Argentinian capital company that provides wine closure solutions for the local wine region in Argentina. Led by Eduardo Casaubon, the company is the exclusive distributor for Nomacorc in South America and serves more than 150 wineries in Argentina. Headquartered in Buenos Aires, Argentina, the company currently employs 25 people.

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