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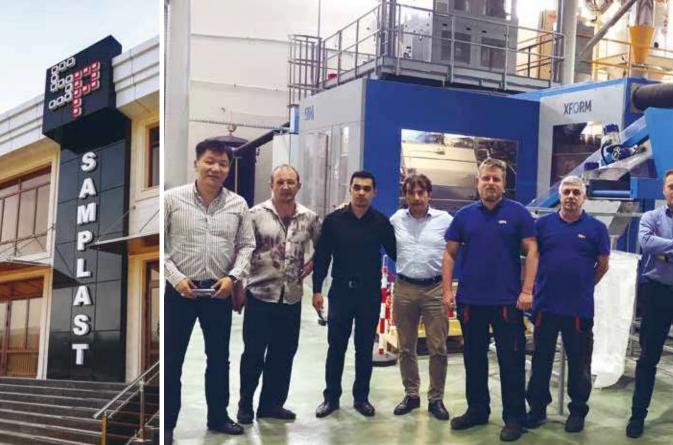
In a village just outside Samarkand, one of the major cities of fast-growing Central Asian country Uzbekistan, SIPA is helping Samplast progress in PET packaging.

Samplast, part of the SIYOB group that has interests ranging from food and drink through to car tyres, recently bought a SIPA XFORM 350 GEN3 PET processing system, including molds for producing preforms in no fewer than 27 formats. Tooling included complete molds with 24, 48 and 72 cavities, as well as cold-halves with 48 cavities, together with various sets of cores. The preforms end up in diverse applications: edible oils, carbonated soft drinks, and dairy products. Samplast also took two stretch-blow molding systems — an SFR6 EVO3 and an SFL4/3 XL, for production of oil bottles in various sizes. Says Leonid Nim, SIPA's local representative: "SIPA came to Samplast with the business solution that best met its requirements. Samplast was particularly impressed with the proven preform designs we recommended. That is the main reason why



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we won such a large order for tooling – which can also run on equipment from other equipment suppliers if necessary.

"Samplast is really satisfied. Installation and start-up went very smoothly, and the equipment is now running faultlessly. The customer appreciates the speed, flexibility, and reliability of our equipment, as well as its ease of use."

Nim points to the strong partnership between the SIPA and Samplast teams. "We are providing strong commercial support, and we have Russian-speaking field engineers on hand, should the case arise for any intervention from our side," he says.