

■ **CZECH REPUBLIC**

Challenge the future

SOMA ■ The Open-House held on May 28 was to officially celebrate the opening of the company's Globe Technology and Training Centre. The event ran concurrently with a flexo conference organised by Soma at Lans-kroun themed »Challenge the Future« followed by live demonstrations in the afternoon at Soma Globe. The event attracted over 170 visitors from over 21 countries and featured theory and practice sessions with the focus on the demands of the end-user rather than production equipment.

Together with partner companies that form the »Soma Globe Alliance«, Soma introduced its new, easy-to-use spot colour management system with re-use of ink and 100% »in spec« colour guarantee offering the main benefits for printers.

»We wanted to demonstrate on real jobs how our innovative engineering technology can be of benefit in the daily business of our customers«, said Marketing Director PETR BLASKO.

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■ **GREAT BRITAIN**

MBO

CO-SPEC ■ The company owned jointly by PHIL MEADOWS, PENNY THORNE and Tri-Q Group Ltd has purchased the entire share capital of Tenza Technologies (manufacturer of self-adhesive products for the global laminates, packaging and stationery markets) and their sister company Advanced Coated Products Ltd from their parent company Tri-Q Group Ltd in a management buyout.

MEADOWS and THORNE already

■ **GERMANY**

High service quality wins repeat orders

DETTMER VERPACKUNGEN ■ For more than 50 years, major companies and makers of popular brands have been supplied by the Lohne-based company. The 300-strong company manufactures wrapping film and film packaging for the food sector (fresh and frozen products) and the non-food sector, in the form of rolls and bags made from PE, OPP and multi-layer films. The films can be provided with specific barrier properties, and are designed for use in vertical and horizontal automatic packaging machines.

Dettmer tailors its production to meet the current needs of the marketplace. These trends are constantly changing, with varying requirements for films in terms of barrier and sealing properties, punct-



ure resistance, sizing requirements, and demands for a distinctive, »eye-catching« appearance.

The company is able to offer top quality and flexibility with a continuously high standard of support services with its extensive array of modern machinery. Nine extrusion lines (one 7-layer, six 3-layer, and two mono-layer), 13 printing presses (eight 10-colour and five 8-colour) and three laminating lines cover a comprehensive range of applications. The Lohne plant now produces more than 600 million metres (1968.5 million feet) of printed film and more than 400 million bags every year, with a turnover of around EUR 100 million.

The film rolls are cut using slitter rewinders manufactured by *Kampf Schneid- und Wickeltechnik*, a long established supplier to Dettmer. »Our experience with *Kampf* has been excellent. The machines are very high quality and are therefore very reliable«, says MARTIN HOFFMANN, Dettmer Technical Manager responsible for laminating, slitting and extrusion. »They also provide good customer support – just a little while ago we were able to hire a *Starslit* from at a week's notice because we needed extra capacity for a short time«, adds HOFFMANN.

Dettmer's first *Kampf* slitter was acquired in 1996 and is still fully operational. Meanwhile Dettmer's machinery (not including the hired machine) has now expanded to include six slitter rewinders for film widths of up to 1750 mm (68.9"). The sixth machine was installed recently (early June 2013). The machines installed thus far have been duplex machines.

■ **GERMANY**

A decade of bioplastics

FKUR ■ »Remembering the past to imagine the future« was the slogan for the celebration attended by employees, customers and business partners whom all enjoyed an evening together reviewing the history of the bioplastics specialist and looking ahead into the future.

What began with only a few employees and a laboratory extruder in Willich/D has now become an important company in the bioplastics industry. With premises encompassing more than 7000 sqm

Dettmer has now decided, for the first time, to acquire a four-spindle turret machine from *Kampf*.

»The *Autoslit* will allow us to significantly increase our production yet again«, explains HOFFMANN. »With extremely short change times of about half a minute, the machine will hardly stop moving. The machine is also equipped with an automatic core feed and positioning system, and automatic unloading with roll sealing. This saves even more work for the machine operator, who can concentrate on all the essential tasks around the machine«, HOFFMANN says.

»Investing in an *Autoslit* – which is to say, in a turret slitter – always means much more than just the machine itself, in isolation«, adds OLIVER CONRAD, Sales Manager at *Kampf*. »A whole array of data needs to be analysed first to ensure that a turret machine will indeed provide the expected productivity. If there are too many set-up changes per shift, that will defeat the main advantage of a turret machine. So an *Autoslit* always means for me a certain amount of organisational development with our customer. This collaborative partnership work is very valuable.«

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