



Constantia Opens a New Plant in India With Three Comexi Machines

One Comexi F2 MC flexographic press and two Comexi S2 DT slitters will allow Constantia to produce more sustainable flexible packaging at Constantia Ecoflex Ahmedabad

Girona, March 3, 2020.- Comexi, a specialist in solutions for the printing and flexible packaging industry conversion, and Constantia Flexibles, a top three global producer of flexible packaging, have strengthened their relationship with the installation of three machines at the opening of the Constantia Ecoflex Ahmedabad in India. The new plant will be focused on the production of more sustainable and fully recyclable flexible packaging material. The machines, one Comexi F2 flexographic press and two Comexi S2 slitters with double turret, will enable the Austrian company to delve deeper into a greener future.

At Constantia Ecoflex Ahmedabad, production focuses on the more environmentally friendly packaging family EcoLam, which is part of Constantia Flexibles' innovative product line Ecolutions. EcoLam is a lightweight Mono-PE lamination suitable for a great variety of packaging applications. Due to its mono-material structure it is fully recyclable, and its carbon footprint is approximately 32% lower than that of comparable products. The EcoLam family comes in different barrier grades (EcoLam, EcoLamPlus, EcoLamHighPlus) to deliver the barrier needs for a diversified range of products. The Ecoflex plant has an area of 24,500 square meters and currently employs 50 people. The plant will be supplying customers over the world.

“We at Constantia Flexibles, the 3rd largest producer of flexible packaging, are fully aware of our responsibility towards the environment and we understand the needs of our customers and end consumers. We want to be the driving force of positive changes in the packaging industry and therefore we constantly working hard to evolve in many fields of sustainable packaging. Opening the first plant focusing only on recyclable packaging is a major achievement not only for Constantia Flexibles but for the whole flexible packaging industry.” says Stefan Grote, EVP Consumer Division at Constantia Flexibles.

The relationship between the two companies began in 2003 with the installation of two slitters at Constantia Tobepal plant in Spain and was consolidated later with the acquisition of a Comexi flexographic press with central drum, which was installed at Constantia Jean d'Arc in France. After this purchase, the Austrian company reinforced its confidence in Comexi with the acquisition of an additional three flexographic presses, six slitters, and one laminator, which were installed in the various plants from Constantia around the globe. Furthermore, Comexi has supported Constantia challenge of becoming the world leading company in innovation and sustainability by offering Constantia employees several training workshops and courses in the Manel Xifra Boada Technological Center from Comexi, located in its headquarters in Girona.

“Comexi is really proud of being part of this step forward and I am sure that Ecoflex will be a game-changer in the flexible packaging industry. My sincere congratulation to all Constantia team for their vision and courage to push forward the environmentally friendly solution”, stresses Agustí Combis, Key Account Manager of Comexi.

The Comexi F2 MC family of flexographic printing presses machine has been designed to provide solutions to the demanding challenges of the flexible packaging market. The robust design along with state-of-the-art electronics minimize the impacts and vibrations and allow converters to achieve higher speeds without bouncing. The new drying system minimizes the necessary energy while ensuring a perfect drying of the substrate. Inking and doctoring, which are considered the core of the flexographic printing presses, have been optimized through three different patents in the design of the doctor blades and the inking system. The collaboration with the top suppliers of video and inspection systems adds in a fully automatic pressure and register set up system with minimum waste

The Comexi S2 DT, the group's best-seller slitter, slit most of the webs used in the flexible packaging market, at a very high production rate due to its double turret output. The integration of a laser-in-line processing system allows micro and macro perforations performance, among others finishing processes.

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Comexi, founded in 1954, has extensive experience in manufacturing equipment for the flexible packaging conversion industry. As a world leader, it operates five product lines, each specialized in a different conversion process: flexography printing, offset printing, laminating, slitting and digital services. Additionally, it has a Service and Technical Assistance Business Unit that offers service 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

The company has two production plants: one in Riudellots de la Selva (Girona, Spain) and another one near the town of Montenegro, in the State of Rio Grande do Sul (Brazil). Besides, has two local offices in Miami (USA) and Moscow (Russia). Moreover it has representation in more than 100 countries. This commercial network allows us to be close to our customers in order to give an optimal response to their needs.

Comexi includes the Manel Xifra Boada Technological Centre, Comexi CTec, where the company provides support and transfers its knowledge to the various groups involved in the flexible printing industry process.

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