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DOUBLE BRAUSSE ORDER Forza gluer and Bora die-cutter first in the UK

UK based Copypoll Print and Packaging of Wellingborough, Northants, has placed an order for two new Brausse converting lines that will ensure the company can keep up with demand for its printed sleeves and cartons, while simultaneously improving production efficiencies. The two machines, a Forza 110 folder-gluer and a Bora 1060 SE die-cutter, will be the first of their kind in the UK and will be installed at Copypoll's recently occupied new factory.

Nigel Tollman, Managing Director of Copypoll Print and Packaging said, "The Forza folder-gluer was a real surprise, as we had not considered Brausse before and the success of their existing UK installations gave us the confidence to partner with them. They match our customer focused philosophy and their equipment represents the best way to maximise efficiency and margins. We will install the machines in our new plant, which we moved into at the end of last year and where we have been able to consolidate and streamline processes, yet still have space for further growth."

The Forza 110 is the first of a new generation of folder-gluer which represent a step-change in Brausse technology. The line will process both straight-line and crash-lock cartons and features a side alignment unit for faster make-readies and higher quality of folding and gluing. The Bora 1060 SE die-cuts cartons and strips internal waste at speeds of up to 8,000 sheets per hour. The line features a quick locking system for quick changeover of tooling.

Mr Tollman said, "Our customers rely on us for fast reaction and quick turnaround, which means we have to be very efficient and also have sufficient capacity. These two additions to our

machine park will improve our operational efficiencies because of their quick make-ready and fast running speeds and will also give us substantial extra capacity that will help us keep up

with the growing demand from our customer base."

John Hall, Managing Director of ipack solutions, the UK & Ireland agent for Brausse, said, "Copypoll have recognised that the Brausse machines are not only about value for money; our new

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SIXTH RAPIDA FOR DTL POLAND

The current situation on the Polish print market is causing ever more commercial printers to seek specialisations and new areas of business. An increasing number are turning their attention to the packaging sector, even with their sheetfed offset presses in B2 format.

One such company is DTL in Porabka near Bielsko-Biala, whose half-format KBA Rapidas have contributed to a shift in the production profile. In May, for example, DTL started up a six-colour Rapida 75 with inline coater, three-section extended delivery and equipment for hybrid production for the alternating use of conventional and UV inks. This is already the sixth purchase of a KBA sheetfed press in the 15-year history of DTL. And thanks to this latest acquisition, the company has practically doubled its production capacity in sheetfed offset.

It was two years ago that DTL took its first steps into packaging printing with a five-colour Rapida 75 with a coater tower and perfecting after the second printing unit. Even though this was not a typical packaging press, its configuration permitted the economical production of short and medium-

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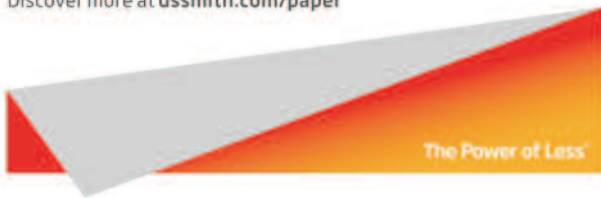

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generation machines are designed for the highest flexibility and productivity and can be specified for most applications. They further enhance the Brasse position as a real value proposition in the market."

WEPOBA EXPANSION

Wepoba Wellpappenfabrik in Wustermark, Germany has agreed an ambitious investment plan that will see the building of a new production hall and warehouse. Part of the Panther Group, the new premises will provide an additional 15,000 sqm of space for the expanding Wepoba site. The company states that the finished goods warehouse will have space for over 30,000 pallets.

NEW MANAGING DIRECTOR

Tullis Russell has confirmed the appointment of Niall MacDonald as Managing Director of its premium paper and board business based in Markinch, Scotland.

He brings considerable senior experience joining from print solutions specialists Oki Ltd where he has spent the last 26 years of his career.

