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received PAS 2050 certification by the Carbon Trust for its AWPTM-DEF/DEW CleanPrint water-washable flexographic plates. This certification is the starting point for Asahi to implement a carbon management plan in order to drive product development in harmony with the environment.

The ultimate goal is to achieve PAS 2060 Carbon Neutral certification soon. These efforts are in line with the carbon neutrality policy of Asahi Kasei Group with the ambition of the entire corporate operation becoming carbon neutral by 2050.

ASEPTO FROM UFLEX SHOWCASES FOIL STAMPING GLOBAL INNOVATION



UFlex, the first Indian manufacturer of aseptic liquid packaging

material and filling lines under the brand name Asepto, showcased its never-seen-before revolutionary foil stamping innovation for the beverage industry at the Gulfood Manufacturing Expo 2021 in Dubai, being held on 7-9 November 2021..

Asepto has a strong presence in the Indian market already and is rapidly growing into international geographies. It has established itself as a distinct brand for its strong technology-oriented innovation to deliver unique packaging features to

beverage manufacturers all over the world.

This makes it possible to print high-quality labels on a wider choice of substrates, including clear-on-clear facestock, which requires a high-quality opaque white to make the design stand out. Both presses can be configured with a fifth print station for white ink and can print on a wide range of self-adhesive media in addition to clear-on-clear, including coated paper, vinyl, PP, PE, PET, and metalised.

MONOTECH SYSTEMS LAUNCHES TRACK AND TRACE AUTHENTICATION SOLUTION

Monotech Systems has launched a track and trace authentication solution called Tracesci.

The Tracesci features high-level authentication and tracking which enables both brand owners and consumers to grab on counterfeiting more effectively. It is a SaaS platform powered by blockchain that provides brand owners, deep consumers, and supply chain insights regarding their products like real-time GPS location, scanning pattern, and suspicious activity alerts.

The Tracesci can be adapted on a free trial and can be upgraded to the next levels based on requirements. Both IOS and Android mobile applications are available for effective live tracking, authentication, and supply chain management.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

FUJIFILM REPORTS ON FIRST HALF



Fujifilm's materials division, which includes graphic communications, has posted sales up 13% in the first half of the financial year.

The overall group posted sales up nearly 21% at Yen 1,205bn in the six months to 30 September, boosted mainly by a strong performance at its healthcare wing.

Operating profits jumped by 91% to Yen 107.9bn.

The Japanese manufacturer reorganised its operations this financial year into four business divisions, from three.

Document solutions became business innovation, while the new materials segment includes production services that previously fell under document solutions as well as the graphic systems business.

DESPITE SUPPLY CHAIN ISSUES, AGFA ANNOUNCES STABLE Q3 SALES



Belgium-headquartered Agfa has commented on its results in the third quarter of 2021.

The company saw a "decent recovery" of market demand

for most of its activities, but on the other hand all divisions somehow suffered from the surging cost inflation and supply chain issues.

As the company's broad cost reduction programme continues to bear fruit, selling and general administration expenses were 12% below the level of the third quarter of 2019. R&D expenses decreased from EUR 25 million in the third quarter of 2020 to EUR 22 million. Adjusted EBITDA increased from EUR 16 million (3.9% of revenue) in the third quarter of 2020 to EUR 21 million (4.9% of revenue).



Japanese manufacturing industry to convert to 100% renewable electricity for all its

domestic sites. As a result, Epson will reduce its annual carbon dioxide emissions by approximately 2,50,000 tonnes.

Epson has established and is pursuing a new long-term environmental management policy called Environmental Vision 2050. To achieve the decarbonisation goal set forth in the Paris Agreement, Epson has positioned renewable electricity use as a priority action in its 2025 Science Based Targets achievement scenario.

In March 2021, intending to fulfill its responsibility to society, Epson announced

that all global Epson Group sites would meet their entire energy needs with 100% renewable electricity by 2023. This will enable the Epson Group to eliminate the approximately 3,50,000 tonnes of carbon dioxide arising from its electricity production globally every year.

ITC commits to AWS certification



Multi business conglomerate ITC claimed that it is the first company in India to announce its ambitious target for

2025 to certify all its owned factories and hotels operating in areas of high-water stress to the International Water

Stewardship Standard (AWS Standard).

Alliance for Water Stewardship (AWS) certification is considered as the global benchmark for water stewardship. The international standard acknowledges companies for responsible water use, leading to positive environmental, social, cultural and economic impacts.

AWS is a global membership collaboration including businesses, NGOs and the public sector. Its members contribute to the sustainability of local water-resources through their adoption and promotion of a universal framework for the sustainable use of water – the International Water Stewardship Standard, or AWS Standard – that drives, recognises and rewards good water stewardship performance.