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Lakhdatar implements FlexiBiz ERP to enhance manufacturing efficiency



New CEO Angshuman Mukherjee charts a bold course for Yansefu



Landa launches next generation BI digital presses – SII and SIIP

trim extraction system, prioritizing a safer and more comfortable work environment.

"Moreover, our automatic off-loader with a secondary pusher enhances workflow efficiency, enabling continuous operation. Lastly, our machine boasts robust safety features, such as area scanners, doors, guard interlocking, and CCTV cameras, ensuring a secure work environment." In addition to these features, the machine will incorporate all the hallmark features of the company's standard range, cementing SP Ultraflex's reputation for excellence.

"A standout feature, the Automatic Job Setup, is set to revolutionize operations, especially for visitors managing frequent size changes on their slitter rewinders. Our machine dramatically cuts down setup time and material usage, leading to notably increased output and decreased operator reliance. The automatic job setup technology entails precise alignment of machine sections to the package design through servo-driven pick and place mechanisms, ensuring unmatched precision and efficiency," explained Kohli.

With its 1000 mpm speed, dual turret rewinds, and automatic job setup, the Roboslit Plus Series delivers output levels two to three times higher than standard slitter rewinders, optimizing efficiency across all production facets and bolstering sustainability efforts.



SP Ultraflex will introduce its newest breakthrough – the Roboslit Plus Series 1000 mpm dual turret slitter rewinder at drupa 2024. Photo: The Packman

"drupa 2024 presents an invaluable opportunity for us to showcase our latest technology on a global stage, engage with customers and prospects, and drive growth through collaboration and innovation within the flexible packaging and converting industry,"

concluded Kohli. "In conclusion, our participation in drupa 2024 aims to attract new inquiries, secure projects, and strengthen relationships with our valued customers. We remain committed."

– Manash Das

#### MESSE DÜSSELDORF – 28 MAY TO 7 JUNE

# UFlex's CI flexo printing machine takes the spotlight at drupa 2024

uring the inaugural IntraPac 2024 exhibition at the India Expo Mart (IEML) in Greater Noida, UFlex presented the technological strides and prowess of its advanced machines. IntraPac marked its debut as a comprehensive showcase, featuring a spectrum of packaging solutions, machines, and related products, spanning plastic, metal, glass, and paper packaging, as well as filling, capping, sealing, biodegradable options, automation, robotics, tube packaging, mono cartons, traceability systems, logistics, films, molding, and

a plethora of other offerings within the packaging industry domain.

Sanjay Malik Sabharwal, joint president and COO, UFlex Engineering Business, during our exchange at IntraPac, said, "We were excited to be part of the inaugural IntraPac. We commend the quality of participation in this event, meticulously organized by IPAMA. Our approach to participating in this event was to invite interested customers to visit our manufacturing facilities in Noida to witness our machines in action firsthand."

Looking forward, Sabharwal discussed UFlex's plans for drupa 2024, the premier event in the printing and packaging industry. Along with the engineering business, other businesses of UFlex including holography, packaging films, and chemicals will also be participating in drupa. The company is set to display its CI flexo printing machine live at the event, alongside other innovative solutions such as a combi laminator and a recycling machine. He said, "The anticipation surrounding drupa is palpable, especially after an eight-year hiatus. Its reputation as

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Sanjay Malik Sabharwal, joint president and COO, UFlex Engineering Business, at IntraPac 2024. Photo: The Packman

the premier event in the printing industry is unparalleled. We are looking forward to our participation and meeting our customers and industry associates at our Stand C30 in Hall 9."

In the evolving landscape of sustainability, Sabharwal stressed the importance of catering to customer preferences for single polymer families and the consequent shift in printing trends toward stretchable materials. "Printing trends are shifting toward stretchable materials, necessitating a realignment in printing equipment. With this evolution in mind, and considering our expertise in producing CI flexo press over the past four or five years, drupa is one of the ideal platforms to showcase our capabilities," Sabharwal said.

"We are going to present an 8-color CI flexo printing machine with gearless technology, with a print repeat of up to 1200 mm − a substantial machine that requires meticulous preparation for live demonstrations. It is worth noting that we will be utilizing water-based printing, aiming to demonstrate speeds reaching close to 400 meters per minute at our stand, a testament to our commitment to innovation and efficiency in the printing industry," Sabharwal concluded. ■

- Mahan Hazarika

#### POLY-CONDENSED POLYESTER CHIPS IN PANIPAT

## UFlex commissions CPP line in Russia

Flex, India's largest multinational flexible packaging and solutions company, has achieved a significant milestone in its global journey of expansion and innovation. As of 31 March 2024, the company has successfully initiated the commercialization of poly-condensed polyester chips at its manufacturing plant in Panipat, India. In addition, it announced the commissioning of a 6.5-meter-wide Cast Polypropylene (CPP) Film Line with an installed capacity of 18,000 metric tons per annum (MTPA) in Russia through its subsidiary Flex Films Rus, Russia.

UFlex's polyester chips manufacturing plant has an impressive installed capacity of 168,000 metric tons per annum (MTPA) and reaffirms the company's commitment to expanding its vertical integration footprint. The Panipat plant will primarily manufacture poly-condensed polyester chips, which is a key raw material required to produce BOPET packaging films. In addition to catering to its in-house packaging film production, the facility will cater to third-party cus-

tomers, contributing to the growth and sustainability of the packaging film industry in India. The Panipat facility complements the company's packaging films India footprint in Noida, the National Capital Region, and Dharwad, Karnataka, further solidifying UFlex's presence and capabilities in serving its packaging film customers across the country.

The CPP packaging film line in Russia will complement the existing capacity of one 8.7-meter-wide Biaxially Oriented Polyethylene Terephthalate (BOPET) Film Line with a capacity of 30,000 TPA and one 2.85-meter-wide plasma enhanced avant-garde metallizer with a capacity of 8,000 TPA.

Ashok Chaturvedi, chairman and managing director, UFlex, said, "We are extremely buoyant about the commissioning of our polyester chips plant in Panipat, and the CPP line in Russia. Now more than ever, our customers are interested in reliability, speed, and quality in their supply chain, and this expansion will allow us to deliver on those expectations. We



are relying on our vertical integration strategy to meet the ever-increasing demand of the packaging industry and are betting on new capacities, expanded global footprint, and the ability to deliver quality, innovation, and customized solutions that the industry expects from UFlex. Leveraging advanced technology and sustainable practices, the company remains dedicated to delivering superior products and solutions that address the dynamic needs of the packaging market."