



▲ Rotocon's Durban branch manager, Akhmuth Sayed (left), and sales director, Pascal Aengenvoort (right), with GTV Label Master operator, Neil Nundlal, and co-owner, Ravi Pillay.

► The compact Erhardt + Leimer (E+L) web guide offers accurate and reliable support on a variety of substrates, using integrated infrared or ultrasonic edge sensors.



Value proposition does double duty

In a continuing quest for uncompromising quality, Durban-based GTV Label Master has replaced two existing rewinders with one Rotocon Ecoline RCSI 330 finishing machine, reports Nici Solomon.

SINCE their father, Thangvaloo Pillay, died in 1992, GTV Label Master has been run by his three sons, Ravi, Ricky and Vernon, on the company's founding principles of good printing practices and uncompromising quality.

The brothers recall helping their father in the print shop with slitting jobs and learning about the industry from a very young age.

Michael Aengenvoort assisted them in financing their first top-quality rewinding machine, which helped the brothers grow the business and keep up with the country's top label printers. 'This has played a very important part in our company's success, cemented the relationship between the two teams and is expected to continue doing so in the future,' they report.

Rotocon director, Pascal Aengenvoort, says it has always been a privilege dealing with the GTV team because they take excellent care of their machines and deep pride in the quality of their work.

The brothers first saw the Rotocon Ecoline RCSI 330 finishing machine at Propak Africa 2015 and were impressed by its features and versatility compared to their existing rewinders. 'A test in Rotocon's Durban branch followed,' Ravi explains. 'And once we saw how the machine worked and performed, especially in terms of tension control, we were instantly sold. The Ecoline's automated tension control, including acceleration and deceleration, allows tension to be set at any required level.'

Last September, GTV Label Master traded in the existing rewinders and Rotocon's technician, William White, installed the Ecoline RCSI 330 finishing machine and had it running within a few days. The brothers are happy to endorse their choice: 'After 10 months in operation, we have not had any complaints or returns from customers.'

Ravi describes it as a value for money offering, designed for operator ease and reduced maintenance time. 'It was easy for our operator, Neil Nundlal, to



migrate from a manual to a fully-electronic machine, featuring an S-drive servo/software control system on unwind, rewind and draw stations, and self-explanatory icons on the moveable operator console. These are simple for him to follow because they're based on smartphone navigation tools,' Ravi explains.

Only one small problem has occurred – a brake fuse blowing. But Ravi was impressed that operation could continue until the spare part arrived from Germany. 'Not having our production delayed demonstrated how good the machine's tension control system really is,' he asserts.

Other features include a vertical inspection zone with a LED strobe light, dual rewind, waste rewinder, splice detector, and a cartridge slitting system with an accuracy of around 0.2mm on web widths up to 340mm.

The RCSI 330 is now the company's primary narrow-web finishing machine, managing all high-quality slitting work.

The brothers have already started speaking to Rotocon about their next rewinder, an upgrade to a larger model.



The LED strobe light in the vertical inspection zone, automated tension control and self-explanatory icons on the moveable operator console, make the Rotocon Ecoline RCSI 330 finishing machine simple to operate.

Ed's note: GTV Label Master also purchases its flexible dies and tooling through Rotocon Consulting & Service.

Italian slitter-rewinders from Sareltech

THE team at Sareltech is proud of its continually-enhanced role as a key supplier to South Africa's printing and packaging sectors. The latest line to be added to its growing collection of equipment is a series of slitter-rewinder machines from Italian company, Temac.

Founded in 1999 by experts in electronics and mechanics, Temac has gained a leading global position in the production of slitter-rewinders, offering both standard machines as well as custom-made machines to suit specific requirements.

'As Temac's core values are based on similar lines to ours – such as customer satisfaction, and offering high-efficiency machines that contribute to reduced energy costs – this latest relationship is a no brainer,' comments Sareltech's owner and MD, Sarel Oosthuizen.

'These Italian-made slitter-rewinders are Temac's answer to growing demands for reliability and productivity, guaranteeing high efficiency and continuous innovation,' Sarel adds.

'Temac slitter-rewinders can work with paper, plastic films, laminates and other materials used in



packaging. They're user friendly and CE approved, operate at high speeds and reduce downtime. Together with the specialised support we can offer converters, this is a win-win combination.'

