

Uniprint settles for AVT

Having attained satisfying quality and production output from last year's investment in AVT equipment, Uniprint has now installed another two Helios S inspection systems, writes GILL LOUBSER.

IT'S just a year since we reported the commissioning of an AVT Helios S automatic inspection system with two WorkFlow Links for integration with two slitter-rewinders at Uniprint's Durban (KZN) plant (PPM February 2017). And now – having attained satisfying quality and production output results from that first investment – the latest news is Uniprint's further purchase of AVT equipment.

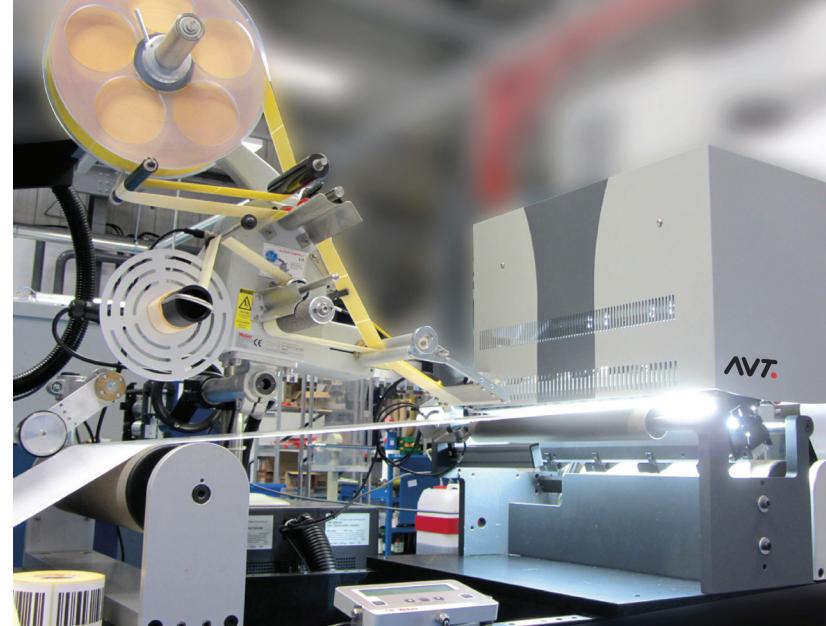
The most recently-installed systems, commissioned by AVT's local partner, Rotocon, during the last quarter of 2017, are Helios S units installed on two Nilpeter offset presses, complete with a WorkFlow Link on a rewinder.

As with the previous investment, Uniprint's Grant Hubbard, MD, and Lorne Andersen, production and technical manager, were involved in the purchase decision.

Says Grant Hubbard: 'The quick payback period on our first investment supported the decision to install further AVT inspection systems on other presses. And the professional training provided by AVT and Rotocon ensured that staff members were quickly comfortable with the system.'

Adds Lorne Andersen: 'Rotocon has always been a trusted supplier, offering outstanding service and support through its Durban office. The AVT Helios S systems are valuable extensions to our finishing capabilities, and we can rely on Rotocon to provide necessary support.'

Helios S is an automatic inspection system delivering 100% quality assurance. Its user-friendly design deploys dedicated, advanced algorithms designed to



detect any type of defect, including colour misregister or variations, misprints, text errors, spots, splashes, die-cut problems, barcode errors and missing labels. The system works seamlessly on any substrate including self-adhesive labels, embossed metallised substrates, highly-reflective holographic foils, and laminates.

The WorkFlow Link is an optional add-on module for Helios S that utilises information recorded on-press to automatically stop a rewinder, avoiding unnecessary stops on non-defective products and significantly improving overall production efficiency.

Comments Grant Hubbard: 'We're fortunate to have a forward-thinking, customer-minded business partner like AVT, continually leading the marketplace in innovation. As a result, we hope to instill similar confidence in our customers. Our commitment to leading-edge technology has huge benefits for our staff, our suppliers and most of all our customers.'

Rotocon's Michael Aengenvoort adds: 'When a world-class label printer such as Uniprint places trust in AVT by installing these systems on its presses, it's a testament to AVT's market leading position. They meet the need for high-volume printing yet provide high flexibility, absolute precision, faster run speeds and shorter dwell times. Helios sets standards in each of these areas.'

Thibault Dejaiffe, AVT's regional sales and marketing manager, sums up: 'We're delighted to extend cooperation with Uniprint with the support of our long-standing partner Rotocon. It's great to see our inspection systems helping Uniprint to increase profit and enhance its market position in the region.'

Avery Dennison is finalist in sustainability awards

AVERY DENNISON has been recognised by edie, an information resource for sustainability-oriented companies, as a finalist in the 2018 Sustainability Leaders Awards. Avery Dennison was named in recognition of its annual sustainability employee engagement campaign.

'We reach out to employees to encourage year-round sustainability,' explains Amy White, VP Communications at Avery Dennison Label & Graphic Materials, 'but Sustainable September is our most concerted effort. For a full month, we communicate to employees globally through a variety of channels, empowering them to share their ideas, efforts and enthusiasm with colleagues.'

The latest campaign theme, 'Together We Can', focused on moving from individual to collective action. The theme was a natural progression from the previous theme, 'Change Begins with Me'.

