

Uhde Inventa-Fischer reorganises service business

Uhde Inventa-Fischer has announced the reorganisation and extension of its service business, which, the company says, now extends its scope throughout the entire lifecycle of industrial plants. Key services include capacity boosting through optimisation of polyester and polyamide plants; changing from DMT to PTA as feedstock for polyester production in order to adapt plants to market requirements; and the revamping of polyamide 6.6 plants to include an integrated continuous process for the production of feedstock AH salt from hexamethylenediamine and adipic acid within the plant. The company offers pilot plants for PET, PBT, copolyesters and PLA, to enable customers to become familiar with Uhde Inventa-Fischer's proprietary processes through plant trials, as well as the production of product samples and development of new additives and catalysts. Its FTR (flake-to-resin) polyester recycling technology can be integrated into existing polymerisation plants and can use up to 50% recycling material without adverse effect on the quality of the end product. Uhde Inventa-Fischer also says that it provides experienced service specialists to assist customers with their maintenance and repair work on a local basis, wherever customers are located.

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Sipa strengthens packaging development

Sipa continues to strengthen and enhance its packaging design and engineering capability at its headquarters and principal manufacturing facility in Italy. In addition, it has recently opened an R & D centre in Luxembourg for the development of new technologies. The principal activities of this new centre will be advance engineering works and technical sales support.

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PE Labellers striving for sustainability

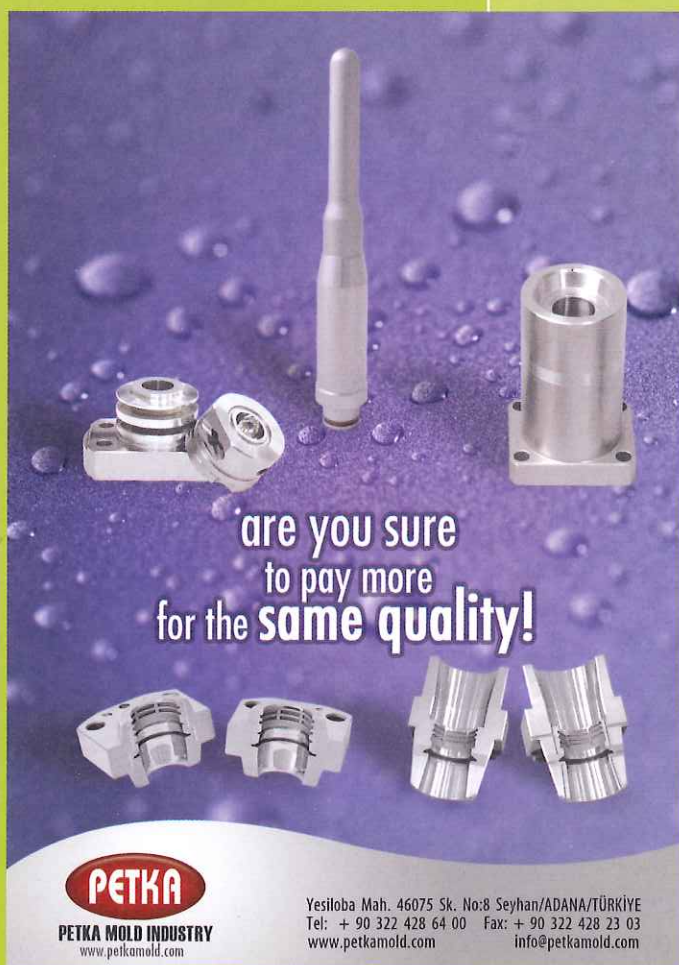
PE Labellers has described how its 12-strong R & D Department has been leading its drive for sustainability and environmental responsibility. Its labelling machines and labelling stations have been redesigned in order to save energy and to reduce the environmental impact of bottling and packaging lines. The company's Adhesleeve technology is designed to decrease energy consumption and reduce environmental impact. Its glue does not require heating for label application, nor does it use solvents or other chemicals for normal cleaning operations. Water-based paints have been used on all painted parts of the labelling machines for some years. This change has made internal coating operations of various components much easier and also enabled the installation of a spray booth inside one of the company's manufacturing plants. PE Labellers claims that its improvements have reduced pollution, contribute to a cleaner work environment and help maintain the health of machine operators.

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CCL buys Scottish labeller

Canadian speciality packaging company CCL Industries Inc., has announced that it is to acquire privately owned label converter John Watson & Company Ltd., which is located in Glasgow, Scotland. The acquisition will be achieved by the purchase of all shares in the company and will be completed in early 2014. The final terms of the contract will be based on John Watson's financial performance in calendar year 2013 and specific details of the transaction will be released following completion of the acquisition. In the intervening period the two companies have said that they will cooperate to serve common customers and seek to leverage combined supplier relationships. The coordination will be led by Guenther Birkner, President, Food & Beverage Worldwide, together with the management teams of John Watson & Company and CCL Label Wine & Spirits business units. John Watson, principal shareholder of the company, will remain associated with the business in an advisory capacity. On completion, John Watson & Co will change its trading name to CCL Label and become a part of the global Wine & Spirits network.

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