

SECOND ERGOSA PACKER INSTALLED

Impack Packaging pursues its development of the European market with an installation of a second line of a fully equipped Universal Packer Ergosa, including a Carton Turner IN-3 and an automatic counting/separating unit INTRO, at DS Smith in Rochechouart, France.

After the successful installation of the first packer line and thanks to "a very professional approach, good listening and seriously taking into account problems, hence demonstrating good reactivity to customer demands", DS Smith wished to continue this collaboration with the installation of a second line.

The Ergosa Universal Packer line ensures improvement to the production process "Through better ergonomics at the work station, we were able to increase our productivity by reducing our work force on the machine. We are very satisfied by the work accomplished together. Impack proves to have a high capacity of innovation for the packing of folded and glued boxes at high speeds," said plant management.

RENGO INVESTS

Rengo Co Ltd has confirmed it has acquired a 60 per cent stake in Kato Corrugated Paper Co Ltd and that it has become a subsidiary of Rengo. Kato Corrugated Paper is a corrugated packaging manufacturer with a total of four production sites in Noda-shi, Chiba Prefecture; Iwaki-shi and Iwase-gun in Fukushima Prefecture; and Kamakura-shi, Kanagawa Prefecture.

The company has said that following this move, it will send executives to Kato Corrugated Paper with a plan to increase the competitiveness of their corrugated packaging business, along with creating more plans to further increase the Rengo Group's corrugated packaging business in the Kanto and Tohoku regions by using connections with neighbouring plants directly managed by Rengo and with Rengo Group companies.

NEW CEO

Ammeraal Beltech, the manufacturer of process and conveyor belting, has confirmed the appointment of Prakash Iyengar as Chief Executive Officer. Mr Iyengar replaces interim CEO, Sven Ruder.

PAPER MACHINES RESTART

Smurfit Kappa's PM4 at its Sangüesa mill in Northern Spain, will now produce 30,000 tonnes per annum of high value Machine Glazed (MG) papers following its conversion from a 65,000 tonne per annum containerboard machine. It's PM1 machine at the Roermond mill in the Netherlands, has been completely rebuilt to produce 260,000 tons per annum of recycled containerboard. This is an increase of 40,000 tons per year. This machine has the capability to produce lighter weight papers, serving current market trends at a reduced cost per tonne.

Laurent Sellier, COO Paper & Board Smurfit Kappa Europe, commented, "The operational teams in both Sangüesa and Roermond did an outstanding job ensuring these machines restarted on time and within budget. Within Smurfit Kappa we continue to focus on cost reduction per tonne produced and specialisation of products produced on each of the machines within our system. These completed projects fit perfectly in this strategy."



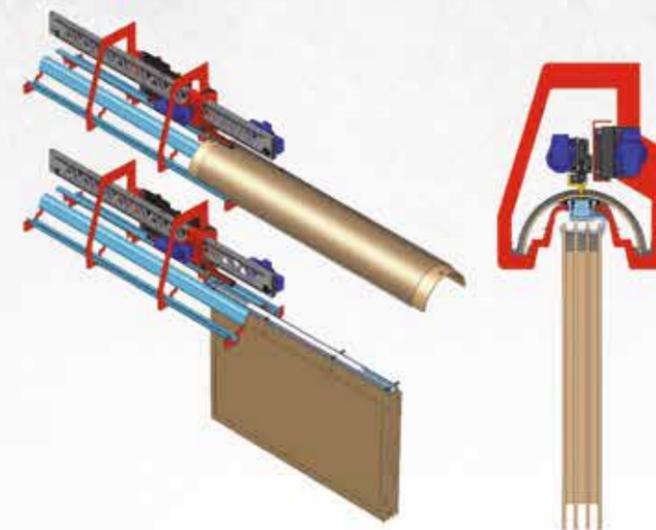
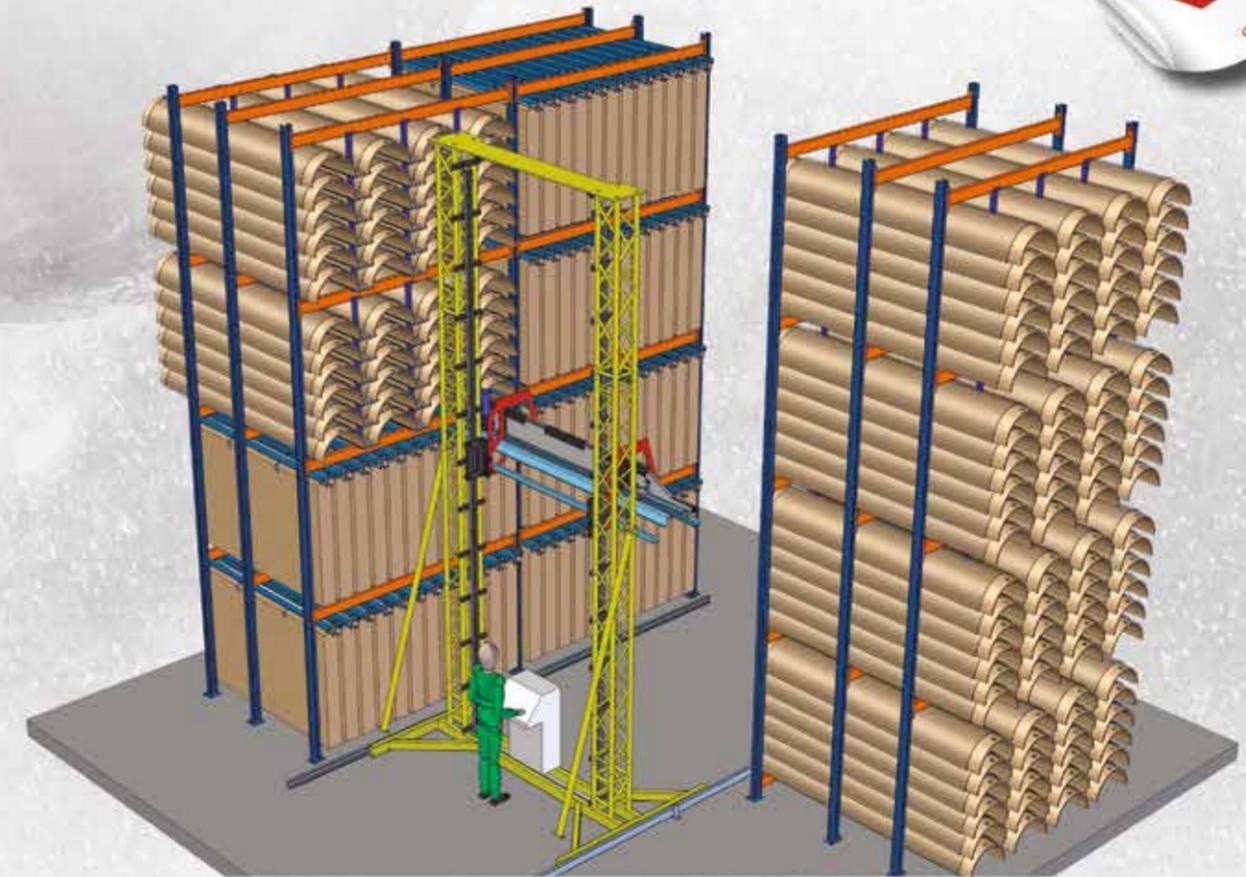
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