



First-rate film finishing

Atlas Converting Equipment, represented locally by Beswick Machinery, reported significant positive enquiries and numerous sales of Atlas and Titan slitting and rewinding systems.

Daily presentations of the new Atlas CW1040 Series primary slitter-rewinder for film, the main focus for the event, generated discussions with numerous converters with current film production investment projects.

Launched in 2012, the Atlas CW3600 and CW1040 Series has recently been complemented by the CW5000, available in widths from 3 600 to 5 400mm. The complete range of compact film slitting systems now covers widths from 2 500mm to 10 400mm at speeds up to 1 500m/min.

With more than 50 new CW Series machine sales recorded to date, key features include wireless rewind arm positioning, automatic knife positioning and direct drive web path rollers ensuring optimum web tension for films as thin as six µm and up to 125 µm. Electrical cabinets are now fully integrated into the machines to reduce the space required for installation.

Also presented were new-generation Titan SR9 secondary slitter-rewinders that provide outstanding levels of slitting productivity, design modularity and rewind reel quality in widths from 1 650mm to 2 250mm.

Fresh features include reduced power consumption, faster set-up time and improved sustainability. Typically, with high levels of machine automation, the SR9 slitter-rewinder stop-time is reduced to only 30 seconds between rewind reel sets, maximising productivity.

Mamata's universal appeal

Adex Plastics & Machinery's principal, **Mamata Machinery**, pulled the crowds with the launch of its Vega hot-glue patch handle bagmaker, available on 800mm and 1 000mm standard Vega platforms.

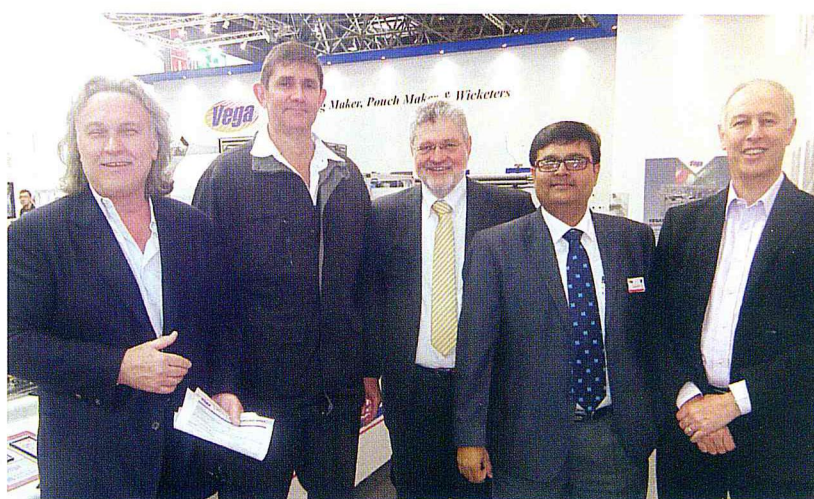
'We're one of the few companies in the world to offer machines for this application,' claimed export manager, Dipen Patel. 'Compared to heat sealing, the hot-glue patch handle process allows printing on the entire bag surface area and, importantly, renders the bag 100% recyclable.'

Also on show was the latest Vega pouchmaking system that has gained global success and a loyal following in South Africa.

'Currently, we have around 900 Vega pouch makers in Africa, including 200 in South Africa, with an average of seven to ten installations per year, so momentum is excellent,' added Dipen. 'Interestingly, we're delivering to a number of start-up companies in the region, especially in countries such as Zimbabwe and Zambia.'

Mamata's strength, Dipen maintained, is based on the variety and cost-effectiveness of its universal platforms in bagmaking, pouchmaking and wicketing.

Partnering with established market partners such as Adex Plastics & Machinery, he added, has ensured consistent customer relations and professional back-up and service outside his company's Indian base.



▲ Paul Clark (Adex Plastics & Machinery) and Mamata's Dipen Patel welcomed visitors from Transpaco Flexibles.

▼ The Mamata Vega hot glue patch handle bagmaker handled fully-printed bags with ease.

