

FASTPAP AIMS AT INTERNATIONAL GROWTH

Fastpap, owned by Helvar Merca group, unites the paper industry knowledge of Fastems, Enfoplan and Retool. Helvar Merca invests in paper industry products and services with the new company that brings together solid expertise on machine building, automation and paper making.

Fastpap Oy Ab specializes in cleaning the rolls, wires and felts of paper machines. Also cross cutters are included in the product portfolio. Additionally, the company develops and manufactures scanner beams for Metso Automation's quality control systems and Dantec Dynamics's wire section measurement applications as well as lime kiln filter cleaners for Andritz's pulp production lines.

The headquarters of the new company is located at Ylöjärvi, Finland. The premises are being expanded and all of the company's development and manufacturing activities will be centralized there in the coming months. The company's activities are being made more efficient with research investments, IT-system upgrades and manufacturing equipment upgrades.

Large order backlog

Fastpap's modern online cleaning solutions are used by paper makers around the world. At the turn of the year UPM Kajaani factory started up its second Combosprint fabric cleaning device. The newest Linesprint roll cleaning devices have been taken into use in Germany, Italy and China.

"The large order backlog predicts high growth in the future as well", comments the CEO of the new company, **Pekka Kiiski**. "The common goal of our products is increasing the efficiency of paper making processes, which is crystallized in our motto: 8760 process hours a year."

Helvar Merca purchased the entire capital stock of the Ylöjärvi-based Enfoplan Oy and incorporated Fastems' Paper Quality Control (PQC) division into the new company. The arrangement was agreed upon on 1st November 2006. Helvar Merca owns Fastems Oy Ab, a leading industry automation supplier and a recognized partner of paper and plastic industries.

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