

RIGID SIGNS FOR SECOND MACHINE

Rigid Containers, the UK division of the VPK Group, used the recent SINO-Corrugated exhibition in Shanghai, China, to sign the order for a second Latitude four colour PP10-25 flexo casemaker. The deal was signed with Latitude's UK sales representative, GTS (Europe) Ltd. This top die-cutting machine will be installed at the company's Desborough factory during January 2012.

"We are running a similar machine at the Selby site," explains Richard Coward, Managing Director. "The new machine for Desborough, which will be equipped with pre-feeder and end of line palletiser and materials handling systems, is part of yet another multi million Pound investment project for our UK operations. Following on from the investment at

Selby during the final quarter of last year, this £2.5 million investment at Desborough in both machinery and factory renovations and extensions will create additional capacity for shelf ready packaging production at the Desborough site.

"Being a fixed unit machine allows operators to set-up 'on the fly' to maximise productivity and throughput," explains Les Swanick, Site Director — Desborough. "We are very excited about the arrival of the new machine and the structural developments of the site. It will mean that Rigid will have two of the most well equipped and modern production sites within the UK market."

The PP10-25 casemaker offers high quality print, with registration of +/- 0.5mm. It has a dual ink chamber blade system as standard. Due to its fixed architecture, quick

order changes can be undertaken; the die-cut section is a moveable unit and is equipped with anvil trimming and speed compensation control. A vacuum transfer unit that runs the length of the machine between print units and the final slotter allows for extended drying times for multi colour work.

VPK's President, Jean-Paul Macharis, was on hand at the contract signing, and commented, "This will be the fourth Latitude machine within the VPK Group. We have two in Romania and the new machine will be the second in the UK as well. They are well built and reliable machines, with realistic times for Return on Investment. We are delighted at Rigid's choice of new machine and this further endorses our own commitment to the growth of each of the business units within the VPK Group." ■

ANOTHER FOUR COLOUR LATITUDE CASEMAKER ON ITS WAY



David Williams (Managing Director of GTS (Europe) Ltd, Latitude's UK sales agent), Steve Roche (Site Director – Selby, Rigid Containers), Marc Van Damme (VPK Group Technical Manager) and Jean-Paul Macharis (President of VPK Group).