



Press Release

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Extensive investments at MM Packaging for more efficiency and a broader range of business activities

- **Efficient print finishing in size 7 and large format**
- **More possibilities in color design**
- **Highest security and hygienic standard - HACCP – will be implemented all over Europe**

MM-Packaging Europe GmbH consequently implements the strategy to specialize its production facilities. **Investments of 9 mio €** are made in trendsetting equipments as well as in the infrastructure of its German facilities.

MMP-Behrens, situated **in Alfeld**, is specialized on large orders in the food industry. With a new UV-varnishing machine in size 7 (1120x1620), MMP Behrens is able to meet the increasing requirements for varnish finishing - especially UV-varnish - for both branded articles as well as for private labels. Using the size seven even big folding boxes like the ones for pizza or cereals can be converted efficiently with matt-, gloss- and spot-varnish.

These days a new printing machine, type "KBA Rapida 142-7+L" has been installed at the **MMP-Caesar** plant **in Traben-Trarbach**. This plant is specialized in the food-business as well. The newly installed machine is designed for the printing format 1020x1420 (Format 6) and has seven inking units and a chamber type doctor blade system. Until recently printing similar to this new type could be done only in the 3b format which is designed for small and medium-sized orders only. The combination of four inking units for the euro-scale and three inking units for special colors gives our customers more possibilities in the color design. Furthermore, the implementation of 7-color-systems is possible.

Another plant which has been made fit for the future is **CP Schmidt in Kaiserslautern**. CP Schmidt is focused on producing folding boxes for upper-scale market segments like the pharmaceutical industry, sweets and cosmetics. Besides enlarging the plant in order to optimize the logistics a new printing machine, KBA 105-6+L, has been installed. The special feature of this printing machine is the electronic in-process-control especially constructed in order to comply with the high security standards of the pharmaceutical industry.

In all MMP-plants producing for the food industry the implementation of the HACCP-concept following the British BRC-Standard is in progress. By implementing this concept MM-Packaging complies with the highest security-and hygienic standards in Europe.

MM-Packaging, part of the Mayr-Melnhof Group, is Europe's main producer of folding boxes. In its 15 plants in Europe MM-Packaging manufactures folding boxes out of 330.000 tons of carton per year. The main customers of MM-Packaging are multinationals. The success of MM-Packaging is due to its innovation, its broad range of services and its efficiency. The Mayr-Melnhof Group has 6800 employees and realized total sales of 1.3 billions of euros in 2002.

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