



Roll-out of 500th NELA VCP

St. Paul, MN / Lahr, Germany, February 18, 2003 – The staff at the NELA headquarter in Lahr, Germany had a good reason for celebration. On January 30, 2003 the 500th VCP was leaving the facility in Lahr. The NELA Vision-Control-Punch benders are built since 1994.

It was a historical moment for the Neumeister family which owns and runs the company now in the 3rd generation. Employees and friends celebrated that day with some typical German snacks and champagne. 500 VCPs are now at printing facilities all over the world and perform their daily (& nightly) duties. But the total of all NELA machines out in field are more than a thousand, since NELA is not only manufacturing VCPs. There is a wide variety of punching, bending & transport equipment for plate processing.

The VCPs for the US market are now build at the US facility in St. Paul, MN. A vivid knowledge transfer between the two continents and companies ensure to meet the high quality and top performance standard of their equipment.

Recent installations have proven that they are also very capable of manufacturing high end devices:

New York Times, College Point Print site:

One VCP2002/E+D connected to one WL Diamondsetter CTP line was installed. The VCP punches & bends plates for a Goss Colorliner press and is the second bender VCP delivered to the College Point facility, and the third in total to the New York Times. The Edison plant has one VCP2002/E installed and NELA Ternes has also sold (2) VPI-N Vision Plate Inspectors for single- and doublewide plates to the NY Times in November. These units will be used to help track the source of potential register problems at both print sites.

Staten Island Advance, NY:

Here, a VCP2002/E+D was installed, which is currently used off-line. Conveyors to connect the VCP to two basysPrint UV Setter 57Z CTcP units will be installed in the first quarter of 2003. The VCP punches & bends plates for the brand new MAN Roland Geoman press.

The Clarion Ledger, MS:

At the Clarion Ledger; a VCP2002/E+D was installed, which is currently connected to one Creo Trendsetter News CTP line. Conveyor connections to a second Trendsetter line and a sortation stacker will be added in the first quarter of 2003. The VCP punches & bends plates for a Goss Metroliner press. NELA Ternes supplied this bender for a 6 months trial period, which was successfully concluded in November, 2002.

NELA Ternes Register Group, Inc. based in St. Paul, MN forms one of the largest register equipment manufacturer in the printing industry. The products range offers a wide variety of register systems including punch and bending systems for offset plates, plate handling systems as well as clamps and locks on press.

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Production Manager Albert Beck with his staff next to the 500th VCP