



NELA pleased with business

Oakdale, Minnesota - Tuesday, March 9, 2004. Nela is pleased to announce several new punch/bender installations. Customers include such renowned newspapers like the Grand Rapid Press, Kalamzoo Gazette and The Desert Sun.

Two BasysPrint CTPs into two NELA VCPs (Vision Controlled PunchBender) with cross conveyers between the CTP processor and the bender have been installed at **The Grand Rapids Press (Grand Rapids, MI)**. Press plates are getting traffic controlled, navigated and dynamically stacked into an 18-position stacker. With the NELA NPS (Nela Periphery Service) the customer can generate sorting and dynamic plate stacking programs with a very friendly operator software. No scratched plates, no panic plate sortation by hand close to the dead-line.

At **The Kalamazoo Gazette (Kalamazoo, MI)** two BasysPrint CTPs into one Nela VCP are installed since June 2003. Plates are getting sorted by printing tower.

Two BasysPrint CTPs into one Nela VCP are installed since January 2004 at the **Flint Journal in Flint, MI**. NELA transports the plate through the wall into the press room and sorts the plates with a multi-position stacker by press tower or job/color.

The **Daily Southtown (Chicago, IL)** connected two NELA VCPs with dummy-plate feeder attached to conveyer lines to their three AlfaQuest CTP. The dummy feeder allows to feed dummy plates during a regular production. The NELA VCP software automatically detects and separates a dummy plate from the imaged production plates and punch/bends the plate without operator interruption. The software switches automatically from vision mode into three-point mode to process the dummy plate. After the plate is punched and bend the software switches automatically back to vision mode. The dummy feeder holds up to 300 dummy plates. No man power is necessary to punch and bend dummy plates. The plates will be stacked in the separate stacker and ready for production.

The Desert Sun (Palm Springs, CA) received one NELA VCP for their two Agfa Advantage CTPs. This installation was successfully completed in January 2004.

Santa Barbara News Press (Santa Barbara, CA) has two Creo Trendsetter News into one NELA VCP. Installed in December 2003. Plates are getting transported through the wall into a four-position stacker and separated by color and job.

Two Creo Trendsetter News into one NELA VCP is the configuration **Bucks County (Levittown, PA)** decided on. A four position stacker is attached to sort the plates by color or job/ tower. A slip-sheet remover (ZPA) device will separate the slip sheets from the printing plates. The device holds up to 300 plates and removes up to 300 slip sheets per hour. No hassle with removing the slip sheets by hand and scratching of the plates.

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