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Pfleiderer starts up coating line in Leutkirch

Pfleiderer Deutschland GmbH, based in Neumarkt, Germany, officially commissioned a HotCoating plant at the Thermal site in Leutkirch, Germany that does business as Pfleiderer Leutkirch GmbH on 23 January. The first test board was made at the start of December. The transition to regular operations means that the new PrimeBoard and Duropal HPL Compact Exterior products developed by Pfleiderer will be made in Leutkirch. Since the production start in Leutkirch, PrimeBoard can also be provided in a full 2,800 x 2,100 mm size. For its market launch, Pfleiderer had supplied smaller-sized high-gloss and matte board last year. These products had been made by dekoraPUR GmbH, based in Barsinghausen, Germany. Laminates with a lacquered surface, which can be delivered in a size of 2,800 x 2,070 mm, will be offered with a supermatte and exterior matte surface.



(Photo credit: Pfleiderer)

The 165 metre-long HotCoating line was installed during the course of last year. Commissioning began in the fourth quarter. The project entailed an investment of approximately €12m. The Spanish company Barberán S.A., headquartered in Castelldefels, supplied the technology. Kleiberit provides the UV acrylic lacquer used for the multi-layer lacquer structure. □

Kastamonu purchases two Depalor short-cycle presses

The Turkish wood-based panel and building element manufacturer Kastamonu Entegre Agac San. ve Tic. A.S., based in Istanbul, acquired two short-cycle presses from the Depalor mill in Phalsbourg,

France, which closed back in 2013, from Swiss Krono Group in July 2017. Both machines, which were delivered by Siempelkamp Maschinen- und Anlagenbau GmbH and have a format of 2,200 x 5,800 mm, had started operating in 1995 and 2001. The presses were dismantled starting in August and are to move to existing Kastamonu sites. One short-cycle press is being installed at a particleboard mill in Reghin, Romania, which does business as Kastamonu Romania A.D. The second press is to be used to boost laminating capacity at a particleboard mill in Pomposa di Codigoro. This mill had been bought from Italy's Gruppo Trombini in an asset deal in March 2017. The new short-cycle presses are set to be commissioned in Reghin in July 2018 and in Pomposa di Codigoro by the end of 2019.

A new short-cycle press delivered by Wemhöner Surface Technologies GmbH & Co. KG is currently being installed in Pomposa di Codigoro in a first stage. This press had originally been earmarked for the Kastamonu site in Romania. Shortly before its delivery, the company decided to use this machinery in Pomposa di Codigoro instead. A resin production unit, a treating line and a new wet electronic filter are to be installed too in preparation for recommissioning in the second quarter of 2018. □

Dieffenbacher relocating and updating Darbo plant

The Turkish wood-based panel and construction-element manufacturer Kastamonu Entegre Agac San ve Tic. A.S. of Istanbul has commissioned Dieffenbacher Maschinen- und Anlagenbau to relocate and update the forming and press line purchased from the insolvent assets of the French particleboard manufacturer Darbo S.A.S. of Linxe in March 2017. The plant is to be used as part of the modernisation of the particleboard works trading under the name of Kastamonu Bulgaria A.D. in Gorno Sahrane, Bulgaria, and thereby replace the existing multi-opening unit.

The order placed with Dieffenbacher covers the dismantling and reassembly