

Kurz acquires Steinemann finishing to expand digital foiling solutions in Australia

Sydney, 9 July 2019: Kurz, a leading supplier of metallised foil based solutions for security and surface decoration, has acquired the print finishing division of Switzerland-based Steinemann Technology, an international leader in industrial print finishing systems. Kurz intends to run the division as an independent subsidiary and plans to use the Steinemann brand alongside its own digital metal product family. The company will support the full range of Steinemann print finishing machines, supplementing them with complementary services. Stephen Pratt, Kurz Australia Managing Director, said the incorporation of Steinemann is the next step of Kurz's pioneering work in digital foiling technologies. "Steinemann's dfoil machines deliver exceptional product quality, and digital foiling results of a high industrial standard that we consider to be market leading. "They offer flat or raised foil with embossing effects at speeds up to 5,000 sheets per hour, and up to 40 metres/130 feet per minute. Their embellishing is of the highest quality with perfect surfaces and the finest structures, and allows digital foiling and varnishing in one run for maximum productivity. "By extending our product offerings we are expanding the range of available print finishing solutions in Australia and New Zealand, and Kurz will work together with Steinemann to add further value for our extensive customer base," said Pratt. Steinemann's current offerings include the Colibri full surface varnishing unit with roller coater for UV varnish, as well as the dmax digital inkjet varnishing unit for spot and relief varnishing, which can be extended with the dfoil module for digital metallisation. For more information visit <http://www.steinemann.com/en/print-enhancement/> Kurz already offers two solutions for digital metal effects: the DM-Jetliner series for in-line print enhancement, and the DM-Luxliner for independent, sheet-fed off-line metallisation before or after colour printing. This acquisition will allow it to extend its portfolio to include offline systems for finishing B1 and B2 format sheets. For more information on Kurz graphics, please visit <https://www.leonhard-kurz.com/graphics/> Press Contact: For further information or to speak with Kurz please contact: Jeffrey Coote, Senior PR Manager, Filtered Media d: 02 8188 3616 | m: 0404 275 665 | e: jeffrey@filteredmedia.com.au About KURZ: The KURZ Group is a global leader in hot stamping and coating technology. KURZ develops and manufactures decorative and functional layers applied to carrier foils for a large variety of applications. The range includes metallized, pigmented and holographic stamping foils for packaging or print products, surface finishes for electronic devices or automotive parts, protective and decorative lacquers for furniture or household appliances, authenticity features for brand name items, metallic applications for textiles, and different types of coatings for many other applications. With over 5,000 employees in 14 production plants in Europe, Asia and the USA, 24 international subsidiaries and a global network of agencies and sales offices, the KURZ Group manufactures and sells a comprehensive range of products for surface finishing, decoration, marking and counterfeit protection, rounded off by an extensive range of stamping machines and stamping tools. KURZ also continuously invests in new technologies, and is developing innovative solutions for integrating functionality into surfaces.

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