Five Geoman presses to be installed at Liberty Times in Taiwan

Five, 64-page MAN Roland Geoman presses are scheduled to be installed and put into operation at the new printing centre of The Liberty Times in Taipei, the capital of Taiwan, in the near future. Two additional, identical presses are destined shortly to commence production at another location, the printing centre in Kaohsiung. Now the publishing house, The Union Enterprise Group, has ordered two further Geoman presses that are scheduled to be installed at a new printing centre in Taichung at the end of this year.

Today, with a circulation in excess of 1.2 million copies, The Liberty Times is Taiwan’s largest daily newspaper. It is published seven days a week with a page count between 48 and 56. Six sections are produced, each with colour jacket pages. Colour photos or ads are also frequently included on the inside. The Liberty Times attributes its success to a combination of seriousness and maximum level of topicality: thus the press start-up for the main print run is not before 2 a.m. By 5 a.m. production is finished and the copies are already distributed to subscribers and kiosks. During production, several plate changes are usually carried out in order to update the news content.

The configuration of the Geoman installation was tailored exactly to satisfy the requirements of The Liberty Times. The selected layout consists of six printing towers, including two H-type printing units. The folder superstructure and four, two-storeyed balloon formers as well as a 2:3:3 pin jaw folder, equipped with former fold and parallel fold, are installed in the middle of the configuration. The capacity of the Geoman is 64 broadsheet pages in non-collect and 80 broadsheet in collect production. The Geoman is designed for a performance of up to 35,000 cylinder revs./h with a cut-off of 578 mm and a web width of 1500 mm. Control of the installation will be via the PECOM system. The printer realises all the presettings for the press at the control console that is equipped with a monitor screen, with the presettings then carried out automatically at the flick of a switch. Supervision and control of all printing parameters, such as ink key setting, ink/water balance, colour and circumferential register, web lead elements and web tension control, are also carried out at the control console. The press is driven in accordance with the multi-motor concept, i.e. one motor per printing tower; synchronisation is realised by means of shafts.

The configuration of one of nine identical Geoman presses for The Union Enterprise Group in Taipei.

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