

Press Release

DuMont and Koenig & Bauer continue partnership

MZ Druckereigesellschaft mbH purchases a further Commander CL

- Modern newspaper press technology
- Successful partnership for more than 180 years
- Now 27 presses sold worldwide since its launch

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DuMont and Koenig & Bauer are set to continue a successful partnership which has already lasted for more than 180 years. Halle-based subsidiary MZ Druckereigesellschaft mbH is purchasing a further Commander CL from Koenig & Bauer. It is a little over two years ago that the company's last investment, likewise a Commander CL, came on stream. "Our current press offers all the essential prerequisites for success: A high level of automation, reliability, exceptional flexibility and fast makeready. It was clear that we would continue along the chosen road with Koenig & Bauer at our side," says MZ managing director Bernd Preuße. The new Commander CL will enter production in the fourth quarter of 2019. Since the initial market launch just a few years ago, Koenig & Bauer has now sold 27 presses of this type to users in Germany, France, China and the USA, and it is currently the most frequently ordered newspaper press.

Alongside the Mitteldeutsche Zeitung, with a circulation of almost 200,000 copies, the 115 employees at MZ produce advertising supplements, brochures, booklets and other print products in the Rhine and half-Rhine formats. Further activities include extensive mailing and logistics services.

DuMont: Successful for almost 400 years

The DuMont group is counted among the most innovative media enterprises in Germany and looks back over long traditions. It operates in three main areas of business: Regional media, business information and marketing technology. In the regional media segment, a strong portfolio of newspaper titles such as Kölner Stadt-Anzeiger, Berliner Zeitung, Mitteldeutsche Zeitung, Kölnische Rundschau, EXPRESS, Berliner Kurier and Hamburger Morgenpost is augmented by numerous regional ad supplements and local radio stations.

Automated, flexible and reliable

With a maximum web width of 1,400 mm and a cylinder circumference of 1,020 mm, the new Commander CL can print up to 45,000 full-colour newspapers per hour with 32 pages in Rhine format or 64 pages tabloid. It comprises two four-high towers, a KF 5 jaw folder and two Pastomat reelstands with Patras A reel logistics. Like the existing Commander CL, the new press incorporates a raft of automation features such as pagination changes, inking unit and cylinder washing, fan-out, colour measuring and control systems, colour and cut-off register controls, and fully automatic plate changing. Together, they reduce job changeover times, waste and maintenance to a minimum. The press is controlled via an ErgoTronic console with EasyTronic for optimised press start-up and

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automated run-down. A comprehensive software package for maintenance and service simplifies work planning and supports transparency across all technical processes.

Photo 1:

The new Commander CL will be entering production at MZ Druckereigesellschaft mbH in Halle in the fourth quarter of 2019

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About Koenig & Bauer

Koenig & Bauer is the world's second-largest printing press manufacturer with the broadest product range in the industry. For 200 years, the company has been supporting printers with innovative technology, tailor-made processes and a wide array of services. The portfolio ranges from banknotes, via board, film, metal and glass packaging, through to book, display, coding, magazine, advertising and newspaper printing. Sheetfed and webfed offset and flexo printing, waterless offset, intaglio, simultaneous perfecting and screen printing or digital inkjet – Koenig & Bauer is at home in virtually all printing processes and is the market leader in many of them. In the financial year 2017, the approximately 5,600 highly qualified employees worldwide generated annual sales of more than EUR 1.2 billion.

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