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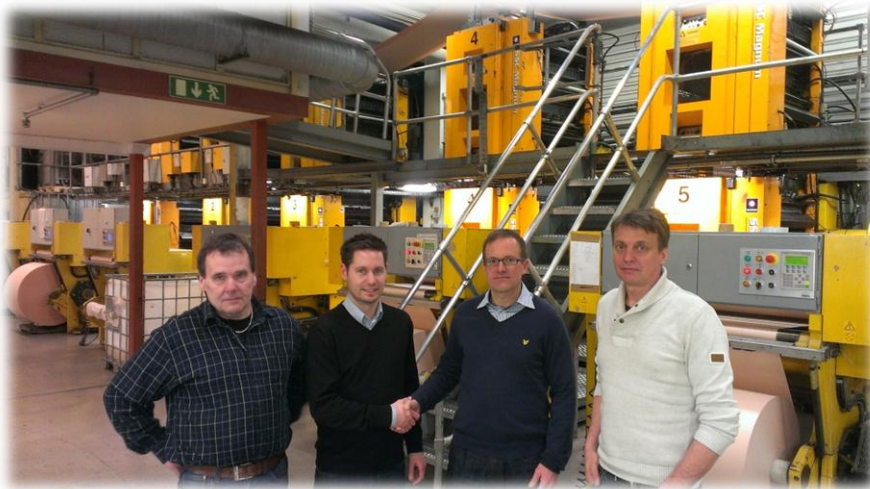
TWO PRINTING FIRMS COMBINE FUTURE-PROOFING WITH INVESTMENT IN QUALITY AND PRODUCTIVITY

KINNA, SWEDEN, 11 April 2013 – Mittmedia Print recently finalised a new printing contract with the evening newspaper, Aftonbladet, for its plant in Örnköldsvik. At the same time, an agreement was also reached to print Sweden's other national evening paper, Expressen. In addition, the production of own titles will help ensure a bright future for the plant.

For many years, Markbladet Tryckeri in Skene has been a stable and successful printing company. The company is run by the Hammarström family, in partnership with V-TAB. Now that the investment in a printing press in 2004 has been amortised, the firm is in a position to strengthen its competitiveness by increasing productivity at its plant and providing a high level of quality assurance.

The first part of the GOSS press was installed in Örnköldsvik in 1999, and it is now essential to review the control system to ensure reliable operation of the plant. DCOS and Mittmedia Print have jointly developed a stage-by-stage solution, with the existing drive and control systems being upgraded and spare parts from the original system freed up. Stage one involves a new main control system and the refurbishment of the drive & control system for one printing tower. This minimises the initial investment, while ensuring operational reliability, and enables future refurbishment to continue with a relatively short planning horizon by rebuilding printing towers as spare parts become available.

"We have had a close and fruitful relationship with DCOS for some considerable time. In 2009, they carried out a complete system upgrade at our plant in Falun, and we are very pleased with the result", says Jan Andersson, CEO of Mittmedia Print. "For us, DCOS were the obvious choice".



Ulf Thors (MMP), Mattias Andersson (DCOS), Jan Andersson (MPP) & Kenneth Jansson (MMP)

DCOS will also supply two new integrated control desks for the presses, and, at the same time, will replace and integrate the colour control system, which is independent at present. The resulting improvement in efficiency and saving in paper, in combination with improved quality assurance, will ensure a rapid pay-back on the investment.

Dan Hammarström, CEO of Markbladet Tryckeri, has just given the go-ahead for a similar investment in their Manugraph press. Dan says; *"We can see an excellent opportunity to further improve the efficiency of our plant. The colour control system which came with the press is no longer working optimally, and it is wasting an unacceptable amount of paper on start-up. A few years ago, we bought a new control system for our infeeds from DCOS, and this improved our registration. We are now determined to take another major step forward with a new colour control system"*.



Mattias Andersson (DCOS), Dan Hammarström (Markbladet)

At the printing works in Skene, DCOS will take over the control of the existing ManuColor inking system. As well as providing a stage-by-stage solution to replace existing control cards when they expire, the new control system includes a connection to pre-setting data from prepress, and a learning function in the system, which enables the system to learn the colour transfer capability of the print unit on a continuous basis, and adjust the pre-set values to the optimal level.

"We have gained a strong position in the control of quality functions, both open and closed-loop over recent years. Our scalable, stage-by-stage solutions are highly successful, and these two projects are further evidence of their popularity. Both Markbladet Tryckeri and Mittmedia Print are successful players in Sweden, and we are very proud to be part of their future and progress", says Mattias Andersson, CEO of DCOS.

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About DCOS

DCOS offers customised automations solutions which are user-friendly, efficient and reliable – all with the aim of maximising our customers' productivity. DCOS is dedicated to innovation in drive and control systems, operator interfaces and production monitoring, as well as camera-based inspection systems on both new press installations and on retrofit projects. Our customers include printworks operators all over the world, and DCOS has a strong service organisation and a network of carefully-selected agents and partners.

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