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C&T are thrilled to welcome our new Production Planner Jeff Berkshire to the team.

Jeff has held various positions as stock planner, material planner and production planner in businesses such as Astra Zeneca and for the last 16 years, at Scott Bader - A producer of Gelcoats, Resins & Adhesives. Jeff lives locally and is married to Cheryl with two children - Matt, who is currently at Northampton University in his third year and Libby who is at Six Form at Wrenn. Jeff is a keen Park Runner and Shotokan Karate practitioner.



C&T are also delighted to welcome Steve Sennett to the team as Group Operations Director.

Steve has a degree in mechanical and electronic engineering and subsequently completed an MBA. He started his career at Toyota UK in the production team before moving to Aston Martin where he was a Black Belt 6 Sigma expert. Steve then moved to Fairline Yachts as Engineering Manager before transferring to Kab Seating as Plant Director. He is married with two grown up children and his hobbies include playing and watching sports such as football, golf, cycling and cricket.

Clear acquisition – one year on...

In January 2022, the C&T Group made a strategic investment in Clear, a leading manufacturer and distributor of die making components based in Spain. Clear boasts market-leading manufacturing technology in areas such as rubber conversion, laser cutting and injection moulding.

The first 12 months have seen an important increase in cooperation between Clear and the other companies within the C&T Group. All Group companies are now able to offer a much wider portfolio of products to their customers thanks to the breadth of range manufactured by Clear.

Rubber conversion is a key focus for Clear and the business has the ability to convert buns to sheets and sheets to cut parts thanks to advanced inhouse cutting technology. All businesses within the C&T family are now purchasing sheet and cut rubber from Clear and we expect this trend to continue increasing throughout 2023.

The market for steel cutting plates has been an area in which C&T has been increasing its presence for several years. Now considered as a market leader in this field, C&T now enjoys in-house laser cutting capability thanks to the investment in Clear. Not only does this allow us to control availability and quality more closely, our cutting capability also allows us to offer customer specific plate profiles, made and developed to order. Plastic components used in the manufacture of die tooling is the other key area of expertise offered by Clear. Thanks to the modern injection moulding equipment located within Clear's Valencianbased factory, all C&T companies are able to offer more than 50 different plastic components, including items such as nuts and bolts, edge protectors, distance spacers and pertinax pins.

The investment in Clear has been a huge success for all parties and we are delighted with the progress made to date. Moving forward, we will be taking advantage of other product opportunities offered by Clear such as the fantastic range of rubber cutting tables (the XPRO range) and the Perfoffset range.

DIE-NAMIC Formes



DIE-NAMIC Formes Ltd, order the ClearTech X-PRO OC1311 machine.

From humble beginnings, DIE-NAMIC Formes Ltd, Bradford have quickly established themselves as a leading manufacturer of high quality cutting formes, within the North of England. With over 75 years of die making experience, they provide cutting formes to a wide variety of industries, including carton, corrugated and thermoforming.

Making key investments over several years in latest technology equipment, including high speed laser cutting and automatic rule bending machines. Complimented by a powerful CAD design system, it has allowed the company to grow and service the growing needs of its wide customer base.

Therefore, it was no surprise when **Scott Thompson**, Director made

contact with C&T Matrix to enquire about their need for a new machine that would allow the company to offer, an increased range of product services, covering pen plotting for layouts and make ready, sample making on solid carton board and corrugated boards as well as the potential to cut rubber on site and provide bespoke pieces of die ejection rubber to suit the individual needs of each cutting forme.

Scott commented "I have known and worked with Steve Fear for more than 20 years on other equipment needs and therefore, he was the perfect person to help with our enquiry.

A quick discussion resulted in the proposal to look at their CLEARTECH XPRO OC1311 machine, which covers all 3 application areas in just the one machine." Scott further went on to mention "We realized that this machine appeared to be the perfect product for our needs and following a full machine demonstration a day later, we were convinced that this was going to be our next investment and the order was placed with C&T Matrix within hours of the demonstration".

"Knowing that C&T Matrix are part of the growing C&T International group of companies, with global networking and influence, it was an easy decision to continue working with such a reputable company that continues to innovate, service and support the needs of die makers like ourselves.

We are very excited about this machine investment and look forward to utilising all the features offered which will provide our customers with a greater range of services and product enhancements"

Cortemex Mexico



At C&T, we are always eager to share success stories with our loyal distributors and readers alike. One such success story is that of our partner in Mexico, Corporacion Tecnica Mexicana (Cortemex), ably managed by our long term partner and friend, Mr Hamid Mobramaein. Cortemex and C&T have been working together for many, many years and in such time we have been delighted to support Hamid and his team in a key global market. Such has been the success of Cortemex efforts, Hamid and his team recently re-located to a new, much larger facility in order to support their ever-growing range of vital supplies for the local die-cutting and diemaking industries.

As the C&T range of manufactured consumables and machinery increase, we look forward to ensuring that the requirements of the local industries are met by Hamid and his super team in Mexico City. The C&T acquisition of CLEAR in Spain will underpin these endeavours as we look to introduce un-paralleled quality of 1mm thin plates, die-making consumables and machinery (such as the X-Pro rubber cutter/plotter see below).



Finally, now that our Spanish speaking member of the C&T team, Jordi Casals, has returned to C&T from paternal leave,

we are confident that the growth trend will continue and we look forward to visiting Cortemex in the very near future.



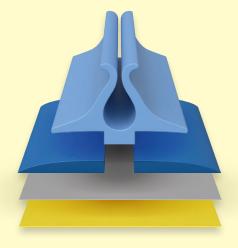
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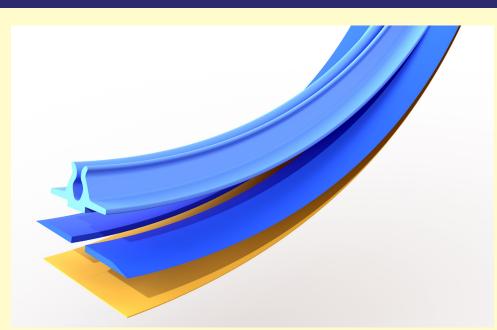


Standardising Locator and Matrix colours

All XTC, Corrugate and Reverse Bend matrix strip will become blue. We will no longer produce each different base thickness in a different colour. The base strip and locator will therefore now both be coloured blue. The base will be a darker blue and the locator a lighter blue – in keeping with the two blue colours of the C&T logo.



One of the principal drivers behind these changes is the drive to manufacture our products as



efficiently as possible in order to counter the rise in raw material and energy costs that we have been experiencing over the last 2 years. Our objective is to reduce scrap, improve productivity and ensure quality whilst continuing to offer all our customers a competitive product which is best in class.

The changes outlined in this communication will go some way to stabilise the impact of continuing rising costs. Please note that the change to the blue strip will take several months to fully conclude as we work through the stock which is already available from our warehouse.



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