

Press Release

26th Koenig & Bauer Commander CL goes to Münster

Druckzentrum Aschendorff invests again in Commander CL

- Member of the world's best newspaper printers' club
- Premium print quality for high-quality print products
- 26 of these presses sold worldwide since market launch
- Commitment to the printed newspaper

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The Aschendorff Group is the leading media supplier in Münster, Germany, and the surrounding region. With another investment in a Commander CL newspaper press from Koenig & Bauer, the company is continuing its successful growth course, having already fired up its first Commander CL two years ago. "We are truly satisfied with our press, especially as it can print up to 100,000 copies per hour. We are also particularly impressed with how little waste it produces. This is incredibly important as we print 18 different local editions," says Thilo Grickschat, managing director of the printing centre. The company's technical director Thomas Wenge adds: "We carried out a comprehensive selection process before our first investment three years ago. For the current investment, everything went much faster – we are delighted with Koenig & Bauer." The new press is scheduled to come on stream in spring 2020 and it will be very highly automated. Since its market launch a number of years ago, Koenig & Bauer has now sold 26 presses of this type to Germany, France, China and the USA, and it is currently the most frequently ordered Koenig & Bauer newspaper press. "Our high-end newspaper presses are still very much in demand on the market. Our customers are very satisfied with the quality, productivity, cost-effectiveness and new features of our presses," says Stefan Segger, sales director at Koenig & Bauer Digital & Webfed.

Company leads WAN-IFRA Star Club with 15 stars

Print media has been the core business of the Aschendorff Group for more than 250 years. The company publishes nearly 20 different local editions and is known for its outstanding print quality. It is a member of the exclusive International Newspaper Color Quality Club and leads the WAN-IFRA Star Club with 15 stars. With the Westfälische Nachrichten and the Münstersche Zeitung – the daily titles belonging to the Münster newspaper group – Aschendorff prints the region's highest-circulation dailies. Together with frees and the supplements distributed by Anzeigenblattgruppe Münsterland, Aschendorff's daily newspapers serve a large proportion of the Münsterland region. Since the beginning of 2019, the company has pooled its media activities in a joint holding with the Westfalen-Blatt Group from Bielefeld. The business with daily newspapers, radio, advertising supplements and printing facilities is now managed under the umbrella of Westfälische Medien Holding AG.

Premium print quality for high-quality products

The Commander CL ordered comprises two four-high towers, a KF 5 jaw folder and two Pastomat reelstands with stripping station and Patras A reel-transport system. Just like the existing press line, the new Commander CL will feature an extensive package of automation modules. RollerTronic roller

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locks, inking unit and cylinder washing systems, fan-out compensation, colour measuring and control systems, colour and cut-off register controls, and automatic plate changing maximise operating convenience and keep makeready times, waste and maintenance efforts to a minimum. The Commander CL will be controlled from an ErgoTronic console featuring EasyTronic software for optimised start-up.

Photo 1:

The new Commander CL is scheduled to come on stream at Druckzentrum Aschendorff in spring 2020

Photo 2:

The project team from Aschendorff and Koenig & Bauer (left to right): Mustafa Ugan, project manager Koenig & Bauer Digital & Webfed; Thomas Wenge, technical director Druckzentrum Aschendorff; Thilo Grickschat, managing director Druckzentrum Aschendorff; Stefan Segger, sales director Koenig & Bauer Digital & Webfed; Markus Schrubba, production processes coordinator Druckzentrum Aschendorff; Herbert Kaiser, head of project management Koenig & Bauer Digital & Webfed; Georg Fleder, sales manager Koenig & Bauer Digital & Webfed

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