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Fagus-GreCon takes over the majority of Improve Process Analytics and Control GmbH (Ipac)

Fagus-GreCon, international leading manufacturers of, among others, measuring systems for the wood based panel industry, take over the majority interest of Improve Process Analytics and Control GmbH (Ipac) located in Villach, Austria, effective from 15th September 2016. With this investment, Fagus-GreCon expand their competence especially in the area of visual measuring systems.

With the Advanced Color Measurement System ACMS™, the company Ipac is the technological leader for the colour measurement of decorative surfaces. ACMS™ replaces the subjective assessment of physical samples by human beings by objective measuring data.

„Through the future close cooperation between Fagus-GreCon and Ipac, synergistic effects arise that will be of great advantage for manufacturers of high-quality decorative surfaces“, says Harald Jordan, previous and future Managing Director of Ipac. The ACMS™ is the only colour measuring system that is accepted by both printing plants of decorative paper and the processing wood based panel industry for the reproduction of decors for the colour match and certification of the colour effects and contrast. The colour match allows the production of a defined quality while waste paper and scrapping steps are reduced.

With ACMS™ replacing the visual and subjective quality control by objective measuring data, the system provides the precondition for the introduction of the Digital Quality Management (DQM). With the introduction of the DQM, the sending and assessment of physical samples between printing plants of decorative paper and their customers is no longer necessary, resulting in the saving of process costs.

Leading printing plants of decorative paper and converters of decorative paper use ACMS™ as process tool for the colour match as well as the Digital Quality Management (DQM). With the Ipac know-how in the area of colour recognition and assessment, Fagus-GreCon resolutely expand their competence in visual measuring technology, image processing and process



automation. The Color Measurement System ACMS™ is a good completion of the visual measuring system GreCon SUPERSCAN for the inspection of raw and decorative panels that has been successfully used in the wood based panel industry for years.

„We are convinced that, by the specific combination of the fields of competence of both companies, we will develop and establish innovative solutions in the market that in the medium term will have the potential to integrate as new industrial standard in the production processes of our customers”, says Kai Greten, Managing Director of Fagus-GreCon and Member of the Management of Ipac.

Presently, 13 ACMS™ Color Measurement Systems are successfully in operation. As the first company of the wood based panel industry, Egger ordered three ACMS™ Color Measurement Systems for their plants in Gifhorn and Wismar/Germany and Gebze/Turkey immediately after the cooperation became known.