



DEVELOPING AUTOMATION: David Wollants, Renoud Pijpops and Erwin Vanspauwen on the Texfinity stand: The company was showing the Texcontrol laundry automation system



FIRST VISIT: UK-based textile specialist Richard Haworth made its first appearance at Texcare. Seen here MD Raj Ruia (left) and business development director Alan Saunders (second from right)

was becoming optimistic and visitors had been interested in the software's ability to increase efficiency.

It was introducing several modules at the show including production management, bonus management, mobile consignment and updated modules for workwear and for managing customer service.

Tomer Poliner, vice president marketing at **Polytex Technologies** of Israel, was pleased with the show. Polytex has developed a system for the dispensing, retrieval, and management of folded textiles, including uniforms, towels and garments and has carried out over 200 installations.

Its dispensing unit for folded uniforms, which provides over 1,000 uniforms in a two square metre footprint, was on view.

At **Micross Automation Systems** Nick and Janet Nelson said that attendance at Texcare was a worthwhile investment. The company

has developed the Tracknet suite of products for monitoring operators, machines and utilities. It was demonstrating enhancements to Tracknet PEM, an integrated management system for reviewing, costs, profitability and productivity.

Tagsys demonstrated its complete workflow management system for textile rental service provider. Based on UHF RFID technology, the modular system includes applications such as soiled-work check in, order preparation and check out, which can be monitored from a single location.

Recent additions included the LINTRAK UHF tag, a discreet woven label, that can withstand pressures up to 60bar and is guaranteed for 200 cycles or up too three years.

Angeline Fraud, marketing communications manager said Tagsys was extremely pleased to see the growing interest in RFID.

Datamars presented its latest

innovations in RFID transponders and reading systems. It was introducing the Novo transponder, the latest addition to its range of LaundryChips.

The Novo has been developed for developed for high-volume, bulk-read applications, where reading ranges of over one metre are required. It is said to be ideal for use with pooled linen stock in applications such as hotel and restaurant work or hospital linen. There are two versions, one for workwear and one for linen.

Fritz Ulrich Eckert, who was representing Germany's **Hohenstein Institute** spoke to *LCNi* about his organisation's ongoing research into linen losses. He said that at a time when laundries were looking to reduce costs by pressing for cheaper detergents, operators were overlooking the fact that the costs of linen replacement were far higher. Hohenstein was preparing a report into prolonging the life of linen. ■

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