

ABB modular press control retrofit in production in Bordeaux

Baden, Switzerland, May 31, 2016 – ABB, one of the leading suppliers of automation solutions for the newspaper industry, has announced the successful commissioning of the control systems of a first printing tower on one of the manroland COLORMAN presses at the print site of Groupe Sud Ouest in Bordeaux, France.

The printing tower is already in use in the night productions. This is a significant milestone as the ABB control systems for the tower have been completely integrated with the existing PECOM press control system without requiring any support from the press manufacturer. It therefore proves ABB's modular retrofit concept for manroland presses.

The integration of the ABB tower controls with the PECOM system is so complete that the press operation from the PECOM control consoles can continue as normal – no changes were required at the console level, or, indeed, in any other PECOM systems.

This milestone is just the first step of a longer retrofit project at Groupe Sud Ouest. The controls on five further printing towers will now be replaced, followed by those on the three folders and six reelstands. At the same time the obsolete and proprietary Interbus Loop devices will be replaced with standard components.

The whole project will be completed in the course of 2017.



ABB controls in operation alongside PECOM units in Bordeaux

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