

STAUF focuses on sustainability



STAUF has developed three new adhesives which contribute to greater sustainability in construction chemistry. STAUF M2A 910, STAUF SPU 510 and STAUF PUK 410 allow significantly more square meters of parquet to be installed per kilogram of adhesive. In addition, the low-density adhesives are significantly lighter than conventional adhesives. The lower weight saves resources, has a favourable effect on transport costs and emissions, and above all is easy on the craftsman. The higher range of up to 35%, depending on the adhesive, ensures correspondingly lower consumption.

The buckets of ProForce adhesives are made from 100% recycled plastic – which is post-consumer recycled (PCR) plastic. This material is derived from plastic packaging from consumer waste. Because PCR is made entirely from waste, it contributes to a reduction in CO2 emissions, unlike other plastics. Specifically, it saves 36% CO2 per bucket! Since STAUF has also replaced the metal handles with handles made of PCR, the recycled buckets can be easily recycled 100% after use.

Wintersteiger acquires German machine builder HEMA



Ried i.L./Frickenhausen. Wintersteiger AG is taking over the majority of Heermann Maschinenbau GmbH, in Frickenhausen near Stuttgart, Germany, with effect from January 1, 2022.

HEMA has around 50 employees and develops, produces, and sells band saws for almost all materials and applications. Their portfolio also

specializes in solutions for cutting lightweight materials and insulating materials. The products are shipped worldwide from their headquarters in Swabia, with an export ratio of around 90% depending on the particular business year. In 2020, turnover amounted to approximately 8.5 million euros. Like Wintersteiger, HEMA is also a specialist and a technology and quality leader in a niche sector.

The technically sophisticated solutions from HEMA enhance the Wintersteiger product portfolio in the Woodtech Division [thin-cutting saw machines, saw blades, mobile and stationary sawmills, automation solutions, and timber repair systems]. HEMA will significantly expand the Division in regard to skills and applications – other materials, besides timber, will now come to the fore for Wintersteiger. Lightweight foam, aramid honeycomb, construction and insulating materials, and technical plastics are particularly important in this regard.

“With this acquisition, Wintersteiger is pursuing further growth. Firstly, there is opportunity for growth for the HEMA products in markets where Wintersteiger has a mature sales structure – such as geographically in the USA as well as regionally with automation projects. Secondly, Wintersteiger can benefit from HEMA’s sophisticated technology for its own products. Wintersteiger will retain the Frickenhausen site and the strong HEMA brand,” explains Dr. Florestan von Boxberg, CEO of Wintersteiger AG.

Markus Bleher and Christoph Heermann, Managing Partners of HEMA, will also remain involved in the 100-year-old company. Christoph Heermann commented on the reason for selling the shares: “Wintersteiger and HEMA have been partners in regard to our saw bands for many years. The time has now come, for us as a family, to drive forward our global expansion more quickly and aggressively. Having Wintersteiger on board puts us in a better position to focus on our specializations and to become part of an existing structure. In addition to the complementary nature of each firm’s products, we both share a similar corporate philosophy. Mr. Bleher and I will continue to remain on the Management Board.”

Mannington Introduces TimberPlus™ Hardwood Collection Featuring Välinge Technologies



Välinge Innovation is pleased to announce that its long-term licensing partner Mannington is launching a collection of real wood flooring branded TimberPlus™ with Woodura® surface technology and 5G® Dry™ in North America.

Mannington, partner and licensee for Välinge’s click flooring technologies since 2010, is launching a collection of hardened wood flooring based on the Woodura and 5G Dry technologies, invented and patented