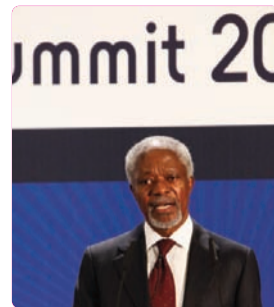



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Autocoro 8 revolution for Bangladesh

Bangladesh's biggest home-textile producer and exporter, **Noman Textile Group**, has ordered 18 units of the new Autocoro 8 rotor spinning system, being premiered at ITMA by **Oerlikon Schlafhorst**.

"Our goal is to produce with the best modern and future-oriented machines," said Nurul Islam, chairman of Noman Textile Group, which has an annual production capacity of more than 4,000 tons. "The new Autocoro 8 and its innovative technology, the totally integrated automation and the enormous potential in productivity for the full process line set the benchmark. This new rotor spinning machine generation will guarantee us a successful future."

The Noman Textile Group is active in spinning, knitting, weaving and finishing.

Described by Oerlikon Schlafhorst as the biggest innovation in rotor spinning in the last 30 years, the precision Autocoro 8 has a rotor that is driven entirely by electromagnetism instead of by the usual belt. The rotor motor in the new spinbox SE 20 is designed for speeds of up to 200,000rpm.

The new Autocoro 8 is shown on the Oerlikon Schlafhorst booth in live action. According to the company it opens the door to up to 25% more productivity



Major order: Mr Nurul Islam (front centre), of Noman Textile Group, is pictured with Oerlikon Schlafhorst sales director Angelo Bonacci (second left), Oerlikon Schlafhorst vice-president Ralph Knecht (third right), and Bangladesh agent Matin Choudhury (second right)

and even better yarns and packages. "With the new Autocoro 8, spinning mills are flexible as never before, and spinning costs can also be reduced. Thus the new Autocoro generation offers a variety of potentials, no matter whether yarns for mass production or yarns for special applications are produced."

The new rotor spinning machine is based upon an innovative machine concept with single drive technology. Every spinning position is autonomous and individually automated and Oerlikon Schlafhorst says single drives are the key to the system's increased capabilities.

"Top-level performances are

guaranteed, even if raw materials are used that challenge the automated machine by their high piecing frequency," says the company. "In addition there are rapid acceleration times, which are up to 80% shorter than with conventional rotor spinning machines equipped with belt drives.

"The consequence: down times during acceleration are dropped, as well as the energy losses involved. Reduced productivity, as has been typical for long machines up to now, is a thing of the past. Rotor speeds can be increased by up to 10%. Up to five lots can be

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Navis TubeTex celebrates sell-out

Masood Textile Mills of Pakistan has purchased the entire line of products on display from **Navis TubeTex** here in Barcelona. The company has bought the open width compactor, the all-new Pak-Nit e3 Gemini two station tubular compactor, and the newly-released CQC (Constant Quality Concentration) system.

Navis TubeTex is launching the CQC system in **Hall 6, Stand B126**, a new system to accurately control pad bath concentrations. The benefits are said to include cost savings through lower chemical and energy usage, as well as improved quality by applying the precise level of chemical required onto the fabric being processed.

Masood Textile Mills, based in Faisalabad, is the largest knitwear exporter in Pakistan, with a customer base including JC Penny, Kohl's, Macy's, Russell, Tommy Hilfiger, and Abercrombie & Fitch. The company says it selected the Navis TubeTex compactors due to the stringent shrinkage and quality requirements from customers. The

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produced simultaneously. Lot changes may even be 'flowing' - ie. without interrupting production."

Oerlikon Schlafhorst adds that for spinning positions to consume energy during lot changes, without production, is now a thing of the past. In addition, personnel and logistics costs are reduced, and in downstream processing – such as in the warping room or weaving mill – yarn breaks are reduced by up to 50%.

"The Autocoro 8 is one of the most important innovations of ITMA 2011 for the staple fibre spinning industry," says the company.



The Autocoro 8 is attracting keen interest on the Oerlikon Schlafhorst stand

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compactor offer shrinkage control for both tubular and open width knit fabrics.

Navis TubeTex is also introducing its Pak-Nit e3 Gemini tubular two-station compactor, developed to provide increased compaction, speed, and improved quality and lower overall energy consumption. According to the company, the Gemini is the fastest compactor ever manufactured with running speeds of over 80m/min.

Gary Morris, sales manager Asia and Jeff Dixon, senior director for international sales, celebrate the sale of the Navis TubeTex Pak-Nit

Diplomatic arrival

Swiss ambassador to Spain Urs Ziswiler is visiting ITMA today to further promote the strengths of Swiss companies.

"Swiss exhibitors are very happy here in Barcelona," says Dr Lukas Sigrist, secretary general of Swissmem. "There were some mixed feelings regarding business outlook and the Swiss Franc but it was quickly apparent that there was no need for any doubt. Our member companies have been pleasantly surprised with the level of interest they have generated here at the show.

"There have been some excellent discussions with customers, both existing and new, and exhibitors have been busy from morning until night.

"Many have reported particular interest from businesses based in Latin America, which is something we haven't experienced at an ITMA in Europe before, but is very encouraging."

The Swiss ambassador is hosting a cocktail reception for Swiss companies and local dignitaries this evening.

Cost manager service is a hit

World Textile Information Network (WTiN), publisher of *ITMA Daily News*,

has reported huge interest in its new online service, Textile Cost Manager. The service provides essential price data to decision-makers throughout the textile and clothing supply chain, from fibre, yarn and fabric prices to energy and labour rates, freight, subsidies and taxes.

The creator of Textile Cost Manager, Matt Robinson, is providing live demonstrations of the service in **Hall 4, Stand A155**.

Subscribers will receive a weekly report

containing comprehensive benchmark price data, analysis of market trends and indications of factors likely to influence manufacturing costs in the months ahead. WTiN plans to launch a second component to the service next year in the form of an online database of historical data.

"As raw materials prices are extremely volatile at the moment, our new service will keep people abreast of developments from across the globe so they can make fully-informed purchasing decisions," says Mr Robinson.

"The response to Textile

Cost Manager has been very encouraging," says Mark Jarvis, managing director of WTiN. "Its launch is very timely as it seems this is exactly what the industry has been looking for."



WTiN managing director Mark Jarvis demonstrates the new Textile Cost Manager service

Control order

India's new, upcoming textile-automation group, **Softech Controls Pvt Ltd (Hall 2, Stand C204)**, yesterday celebrated an order for two Cotmagic slub attachments. Cotmagic will be installed on a 1200-spindle LMW ring frame at a renowned spinner in northern India. The order was placed by Innovative Textiles Pvt Ltd, a 42,000-spindle-capacity spinner of cotton and synthetic blends. The sales agent involved was AM Innospin Systems Ltd.

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